

RESOLUTION # 18-18
Pedro Park Design Implementation

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission is an appointed body established to advise the Mayor and the City Council on long-range and city-wide matters related to the Department of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul (City) is the owner of Pedro Park which was donated to the City in 2009 by the Pedro family; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the donation agreement with the Pedro family, the City demolished the building located at the donation site, and made efforts to obtain financing for construction of park improvements as envisioned during a community process; and

WHEREAS, the City approved \$100,000 from the 2010-11 Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) for preliminary design, including creation of a community design advisory committee to determine a design direction for the park; and

WHEREAS, the City held four Design Advisory Committee meetings from October 2011 to September 2012, resulting in two concept plans with phased buildouts to solicit financing for the construction of the park; and

WHEREAS, the City requested \$1,542,000 to construct Phase 1 of the park from the CIB committee in 2012 for 2013-2014 funding; and

WHEREAS, since the attempt to obtain funding was unsuccessful, the City partnered with Public Art Saint Paul in 2014 to create a temporary art installation, Urban Flower Field, to create public park space at Pedro Park; and

WHEREAS, the City was again unsuccessful in a 2014 funding request of \$1,542,000 to construct Phase I of the park using funds from the 2015-16 CIB budget; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the City Council, acting as the Housing Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Board, voted to explore the sale of the building, formerly the Public Safety Annex (PSA), adjacent to Pedro Park; and

WHEREAS, in May and June of 2018 the Department of Parks and Recreation engaged the community in a design process to seek input for the creation a conceptual design for improvements to the existing Pedro Park if the PSA building is sold for redevelopment. This process resulted in a final conceptual park design; and



