

Resolution # 19-03
Purchase of 1298 Arlington Ave E

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The property at 1298 Arlington Ave E is for sale. This property was identified as an inholding in the 2011 Phalen-Keller Regional Park Master Plan. A Parks Acquisition Opportunity Fund grant from the Met Council will pay 75% of eligible purchase costs.

STAFF COMMENTS:

A purchase agreement has been executed for this sale. The sellers accepted the offer of \$240,000 that was determined by an independent appraisal contracted by the City. The property is a significant inholding in Phalen Regional Park and its purchase and demolition will allow for the future possibility of constructing a restroom facility on the east side of Phalen Lake and/or realigning East Shore Dr to improve safety. The house on the property is in very poor condition and likely would be demolished by other potential buyers. Purchase of the property is contingent on City Council approval.

REQUEST OF THE COMMISSION:

Recommend City Council authorization to purchase 1298 Arlington Ave E.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

No community concerns have been received on the purchase. Several community members have contacted the City to alert us that the property is for sale.

