

city of saint paul  
planning commission resolution

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***Saint Paul for All: 2040 Comprehensive Plan***

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statute Chapter 473.145 requires the Metropolitan Council to: 1) prepare a comprehensive development guide for the metropolitan area; and 2) adopt long-range comprehensive system plans for transportation, wastewater treatment, parks and water resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Council adopted *Thrive MSP 2040* as the region's comprehensive development guide in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the policy direction in *Thrive MSP 2040*, and the regional systems and policy plans that followed, guide local governments to create consistent, compatible and coordinated local comprehensive plans that together strive to achieve local visions within the regional policy framework; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statute Chapter 473 also requires all cities, counties and townships within the 7-county region to prepare a comprehensive plan every 10 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Comprehensive Plan is required to contain the following plan elements: land use, transportation, water resources, parks and trails, housing and implementation, but may also include other chapters relevant to a particular city; and

**WHEREAS**, the Comprehensive Plan is required to show how each city will fulfill its role in the regional policy framework, and help ensure efficient and cost-effective regional infrastructure, in addition to guiding local physical development decisions and investments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Comprehensive Plan is to have a 20-year planning horizon; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Saint Paul's current Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2010, with a planning horizon of 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff began working on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan in 2015, with significant public engagement in 2016 that reached over 2300 people at nearly 70 events; and

moved by Mouacheupao

seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

in favor Unanimous

against \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, public engagement, focus groups, Open Houses and even radio call-in shows helped identify priorities, themes, issues and ideas that shaped the Plan's contents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee of the Planning Commission oversaw the plan preparation process, guiding staff work, maintaining a city-wide perspective, and ensuring that the plan addresses the key issues and opportunities facing Saint Paul; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff regularly engaged the Transportation Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Heritage Preservation Commission in framing issues and policies, providing feedback on draft policies and implementation strategies, and setting timelines and priorities for implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Saint Paul requested and was granted an extension by the Metropolitan Council to submit its completed plan by June 30, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Saint Paul 2040 Comprehensive Plan has seven city-wide chapters: 1) Land Use; 2) Transportation, 3) Parks, Recreation and Open Space; 4) Housing; 5) Water Resources Management; 6) Heritage and Cultural Preservation; and 7) Implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Saint Paul 2040 Comprehensive Plan also has a Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area chapter, which pertains only to the Critical Area within Saint Paul city limits; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff sent a preliminary draft of the seven city-wide chapters of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan to the Metropolitan Council and adjacent and affected jurisdictions in March 2018, met with all district councils from June-August 2018, and held two public open houses in June 2018 to get additional feedback; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff incorporated comments from all these parties into an official public hearing draft; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission released the official public hearing draft of the seven city-wide chapters on November 2, 2018 and set a public hearing for January 11, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area chapter will be released for public hearing in March 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission held its public hearing on the seven city-wide chapters on January 11, 2019, and kept the public record open until January 14, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, staff reviewed and responded to all the comments received during the public comment period; and recommended changes to text, maps and figures in the seven city-wide chapters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee reviewed the staff responses and forwarded recommended changes to the seven city-wide chapters to the full Planning Commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Planning Commission hereby:

1. incorporates the changes recommended by the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee for the following chapters: 1) Land Use; 2) Transportation, 3) Parks, Recreation and Open Space; 4) Housing; 5) Water Resources Management; 6) Heritage and Cultural Preservation; and 7) Implementation;
2. recommends approval of the seven city-wide chapters, as amended;
3. forwards the amended version of these seven city-wide chapters of *Saint Paul for All: 2040 Comprehensive Plan* to the Mayor and City Council for their consideration and adoption prior to submittal to the Metropolitan Council; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Planning Commission will follow this same process for the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area chapter, and forward it to the Mayor and City Council in May 2019.