

RESOLUTION # 22-10

Recommending to the Saint Paul City Council approval of the Lease Agreement between the City and Como Friends for portions of the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory Gift Shop.

WHEREAS, the City is the owner of the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, located at 1225 Estabrook Drive Saint Paul, MN 55103; and

WHEREAS, Como Friends has worked closely with the City since 2000 to promote and advance the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory; and

WHEREAS, Since incorporation, Como Friends has raised and invested more than \$46 million into Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, including proceeds from Garden Safari Gifts. Each year these proceeds help support annual investments in program and improvements to benefit animals, gardens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Como Friends has established an endowment fund, with a current balance of over \$6 million, for future investment into Como Park Zoo and Conservatory; and

WHEREAS, the City and Como Friends wish to enter into an agreement for retail and storage space; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that the City Council of the City of Saint Paul authorize the appropriate City officials to enter into the attached Agreement.

Adopted by the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission on September 8, 2022:

Approved:	Yeas 5
	Nays 0
	Absent 4

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Attested to by:

D'Marie Weddington
Staff to the Parks and
Recreation Commission