

SUBJECT

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 25-551

Pertaining to a Permit Agreement with Urban Roots MN for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a community garden on Board property.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: Stakeholder Understanding and Support

Urban Roots MN, a Nonprofit Corporation (“Urban Roots”), is requesting entering into a permit agreement with the Board allowing Urban Roots to use portions of the premises addressed as 1585 Maryland Ave East in the City of Saint Paul for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a community garden for non-commercial purposes only.

A community garden located at this site has been operating for more than fifteen years under an agreement between the Greater East Side Community Council and Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Department. In 2024, the Greater East Side Community Council stepped away from their agreement. With continued interest from gardeners, the Parks and Recreation Department, realizing their error of managing a garden located on Board property, contacted Board staff with a new non-profit organization to manage the community garden.

Staff have prepared a new permit agreement naming Urban Roots MN as the permit holder.

See attached agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval