

RESOLUTION # 20-17

Recommending to the Saint Paul City Council approval of one-year term extension to Magnolia Blossom's License Agreement and a partial reallocation of the 2020 License Fee.

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

WHEREAS, the City and Licensee entered into an Agreement on May 24, 2019 to locate and operate the riverboat Magnolia Blossom at Watergate Marina which terminates on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, that agreement requires Licensee pay the City a \$6,000 annual License Fee; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota's Emergency Executive Order 20-01 Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Coordinating Minnesota's Strategy to Protect Minnesotans from COVID-19 severely impacted Licensee's operations; and

WHEREAS, Licensee wishes to amend the Agreement to allow for a one-year term extension and a partial reallocation of the 2020 License Fee payment to City; and

WHEREAS, Parks has reviewed year-over-year revenue and projections from Licensee and believes the proposed amendment to be in the public good; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that the Magnolia Blossom is a valuable Saint Paul business, allowing patrons to explore and enjoy the Mississippi River, and is experiencing financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and that supporting it during this difficult time serves a public purpose by helping to ensure it can continue to serve the Saint Paul community into the future and recommends approval of the amendment.

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 Amendment.

Adopted by the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission on October 8, 2020:

Approved: 10/08/20	Yeas	7
	Nays	0
	Absent	2

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Attested to by:

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Staff to the Parks and Recreation Commission