

**Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission**

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RESOLUTION #14-11

**Verizon Fiber Optic Line in
Summit Avenue and John Ireland Boulevard Parkways
Governor’s Mansion to Capitol**

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 the Department of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, Section 13.01.1 of the City Charter requires that the Commission review any diversion or disposal of park property and present a recommendation to the Saint Paul City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul, Department of Parks and Recreation, owns City parkway land, known as Summit Avenue and John Ireland Boulevard Parkways; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota is requesting parkway land diversion within Summit Avenue and John Ireland Boulevard Parkways, from the approximately the intersection of Summit Avenue and Chatsworth Street to John Ireland Boulevard and Kellogg Boulevard in the vicinity of the Minnesota Historical Society, as shown on the attached engineering plan, for the purpose of installing approximately 15 handholds for pulling cable that are flush with grade, and a 1 inch diameter, underground, direct bored, cable with fiber optic line inside, comprising a licensed area totaling approximately 611 square feet, in total area, to provide enhanced communications between the Capital and the Governor’s Mansion; and

WHEREAS, there is no other location which is not on parkland for installation of this utility; and

WHEREAS, said diversion would be granted as a license to use the land for fiber optic cable purposes only, and associated operations and maintenance to support the facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation has determined that the park lands to be diverted are of adequate sizes, shapes, and locations for their intended underground fiber optic cable purpose and associated maintenance; that additional existing park land and related facilities will not be disturbed; and recommends Commission support for the request; and that the State of Minnesota further warrants that it will restore any damaged facilities, including maintenance of any plantings, including tree and turf grasses, on and around parkway lands impacted by construction and maintenance, until healthy and thriving, and accepted by city staff; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission concurs with the request to divert approximately 611 square feet of parkway lands, as shown in the attached drawing, known as Summit Avenue and John Ireland Boulevard parkway lands in the center area of the City, and in accordance with City Charter Section 13.01.1, and recommends approval by the Saint Paul City Council.

Adopted by the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission on June 11, 2014:

Approved:

Yeas 8
Nays 0
Absent: 1

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Attested to by:



Staff to the Parks and Recreation Commission



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