

**SUBJECT**

**BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 18-444**

Pertaining to the future use of land located just south of the historic Highland Water Tower, currently the site of an eighteen million gallon reservoir.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In July of 2017, the Board directed staff to solicit public and private proposals for the future use of the property. Letters of intent were received and the Board invited all entities to submit full proposals in November. In October, the Board affirmed their intent to retain ownership of the property and directed staff to inform all the proposers that would require transfer of ownership that their proposal would not be considered.

In December of 2017, five proposals were heard by the Board which included proposals from City of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation and Ramsey County Parks and Recreation for construction of public use facilities.

A meeting was held in February of 2017 with City leaders from several departments and City Council to solicit their input on the future use of the property. The information gathered was shared with the Board President and the attached resolution was drafted to provide direction to staff moving forward.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval is recommended.