



Highland District Council
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Resolution for Ford Zoning and Public Realm

WHEREAS the Ford plant in Highland Park was decommissioned in 2011, and includes 122 acres of land above the bluff situated in the middle of one of the premier neighborhoods in Minnesota, and

WHEREAS the City of St. Paul has held community meetings totaling hundreds of residents over multiple years to discuss future use of the site, and

WHEREAS the Ford Task Force, which includes Highland Park community members, has met publicly for nearly a decade to study the feasibility of various future uses on the site, and

WHEREAS the Highland District Council (HDC) has been engaged with both the city and Ford Task Force since the plant was decommissioned, held three large community meetings with over a hundred people in attendance at each, received ongoing feedback from the community, and spent significant time as a Board learning of the feasibility of options for development on the site, and

WHEREAS the HDC believes future use of the Ford site will have significant, large-scale impact to the surrounding neighborhood and must be completed in a manner that respects and enhances the surrounding area,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the HDC supports the city's proposed zoning and public realm plan for the Ford site released on March 7th, 2017, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the HDC also believes that the city needs to continue to work to address neighborhood concerns about development on the site, including:

- Maximize green space on the site as much as possible, including connecting the site to the Mississippi River and surrounding community, as well as ensuring that all green space, including recreation space, is available to all community members.
- Address traffic concerns on all surrounding streets, as well as implement traffic calming measures where traffic will increase with the Ford site development.
- Work to ensure that the site is seamlessly integrated into the surrounding neighborhood with human scale and architectural features.
- Create design guidelines for the site to ensure high quality, sustainable, construction and design, following national standards.
- Adopt standards in construction to accommodate bird safety in the Mississippi River Flyway.

Adopted on June 1, 2017

By the Highland District Council Board of Directors

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The Highland District Council's mission is to foster opportunities for the people that live, learn, work, and play in Highland Park to engage and connect with neighbors, businesses and local government and to help build a more vibrant, welcoming, and safe neighborhood.

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