

**HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA**

REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONERS

DATE: March 28, 2012

REGARDING: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT OF EASEMENT TO DISTRICT COOLING ST. PAUL, INC. ACROSS THE ROBERT STREET PARKING RAMP, 95 EAST 7TH STREET, DOWNTOWN, DISTRICT 17

Requested Board Action

Authorize granting an easement to District Cooling St. Paul, Inc. (“District Cooling”) to provide cooling services to a neighboring building known as 81 on 7th.

Background

81 on 7th is a current heating customer of District Cooling. The owners have now asked District Cooling to provide cooling services to the building as well. In order to reach 81 on 7th in the most cost effective manner, District Cooling has requested an easement through the Robert Street Parking Ramp. District Cooling would run two, four-inch pipes through the HRA owned-Robert Street Parking Ramp (95 East 7th Street), entering on the main floor level and running along the second structural beam to the west side of the building. This will allow District Cooling to keep rates low and stable for all customers on the system.

District Cooling has agreed to pay the HRA \$2,500 for the HRA’s costs for administration and engineering review.

Budget Action

N/A

Future Action

N/A

Financing Structure

N/A

PED Credit Committee Review

N/A

Compliance

N/A

Green/Sustainable Development

N/A

Environmental Impact Disclosure

N/A

Historic Preservation

N/A

Public Purpose

The granting of the easement through the Robert Parking Ramp to District Cooling will benefit the City of Saint Paul by minimizing costs in generating and supplying energy to the customers which enhances development potential of the Downtown District 17 area.

Recommendation:

The Executive Director recommends approval of granting an easement to District Cooling.

Sponsored by: Commissioner Dave Thune

Staff: Cynthia Carlson Heins (266-6608)

Attachments

- **Attachment A -- Resolution**
- **Attachment B -- Map/Address of Project**
- **Attachment C -- Census Facts**