

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

REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONERS

DATE: JUNE 26, 2019

**REGARDING: RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF
LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SAINT PAUL DOWNTOWN ALLIANCE
FOR TEMPORARY USE OF 355 MINNESOTA STREET, DISTRICT 17,
WARD 2**

Requested Board Action

Approve a license agreement with Saint Paul Downtown Alliance for the temporary use of 355 Minnesota Street.

Background

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota (“HRA”) owns a .22-acre parcel at 355 Minnesota Street, at the corner of Minnesota Street and Fifth Street, adjacent to the METRO Green Line Central Station. The property will be included in the future redevelopment of the Central Station block in partnership with Metro Transit.

The HRA and Metro Transit supported positive activity on the vacant parcels surrounding Central Station, led by The Musicant Group in 2017, and a partnership between the Saint Paul Downtown Alliance (“SPDA”) and The Musicant Group in 2018.

For summer of 2019, SPDA launched its Streets of Summer pilot stewardship program. Activities include music, art, and full-time staff providing a welcoming, safe environment. Activities are centered around two priority zones – Central Station and the area around Rice Park.

Guidelines for Temporary Use of HRA Parcels (Res No. 95-5/3-2) require HRA board approval for temporary use agreements in excess of 30 days. Staff has executed a 30-day license agreement allowing SPDA to use 355 Minnesota Street for its Streets of Summer programming,

expiring July 3, 2019. SPDA proposes using the property for the remainder of the summer. The subsequent license agreement will cover dates of July 4, 2019 through September 30, 2019.

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/Comprehensive Plan Conformance

Supporting a vibrant, safe, and attractive downtown environment.

Statement of Chairman (for Public Hearing)

N/A

Recommendation:

Executive Director recommends approval.

Sponsored by: Commissioner Rebecca Noecker

Staff: Laura Haynssen, 266-6597

Attachments

- **Map**
- **District 17 Profile**