



August 2, 2011

Council President Kathy Lantry  
320-C City Hall  
15 Kellogg Blvd., West  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Shari Moore, City Clerk  
310 City Hall  
15 Kellogg Blvd., West  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Re: Application for Site Plan Approval with Modification of a Condition  
Southport Barge Channel Improvements at 637 Barge Channel Road

Dear Council President Lantry,

The Saint Paul Port Authority requests the modification of a condition to approve a site plan and variance for Southport Barge Channel Improvements at 637 Barge Channel Road imposed and set forth in City Council Resolution #08-1033 on August 20, 2008. The information in this request provides support for the modification to line item 332 of the attached resolution (Attachment #1) where the Port Authority was to donate land to City which included an approximate 2.3 acre site known as Barge Terminal #2. In exchange for the donation of Barge Terminal #2, the Port Authority proposes the donation of alternate parcels totaling approximately 16 acres represented in the attached spreadsheet matrix with aerial photographs (Attachment #2).

The donation exchange is a proposed transaction that has taken nearly a year of involvement with the Port Authority staff, Parks staff, community members, the Riverfront Corporation, and interested citizens. The deal has been reviewed and has the support of the West Side Citizens Organization, Riverfront Corporation, and the Friends of the Mississippi River. The donation exchange has also been formally approved by the Port Authority Board (Attachment #3) and the Parks and Recreation Commission (Attachment #4).

In 2008, the City Council resolved that as a condition of approval to build a new dock wall at Southport, the Port Authority would donate certain lands, including Barge Terminal #2 to the city for park land. In 2008, Upper River Services, the Harbor Operator, was operating out of Barge Terminal # 2 and was planning to move to the new dock wall at Southport after construction was complete. In 2010, the Port Authority decided to explore continuing Upper River Services operations at Barge Terminal #2. By allowing Upper River Services to continue operations at Barge Terminal #2, the new dock wall at Southport will be available to lease to other river shippers to increase tonnage in the harbor. Shipping is an important part of the economic diversification of Saint Paul and also has a positive impact on the state and regional economy. Letters of support for

the continued use of Barge Terminal #2 as an industrial terminal and the exchange parkland donation are attached (Attachment #5).

We respectfully request that our request be considered by the Saint Paul City Council on Wednesday, August 17, 2011 or as soon as it is practical for the City Council to hear and decide the Port Authority's application to modify the Southport site plan and variance parkland donation condition.

I thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kelly Jameson, Vice President of Property Development, at 651-204-6240.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis Jambois", written in a cursive style.

Louis Jambois, President

Index of Attachments:

- Attachment #1 – City Council Resolution #08-1033, August 20, 2008, Southport Site Plan Approval
- Attachment #2 – Spreadsheet matrix of donation exchange parcels with aerial photographs
- Attachment #3 – Port Authority Board Resolution, June 28, 2011
- Attachment #4 – Parks and Recreation Commission Resolution, July 13, 2011
- Attachment #5 – Letters of support

cc: Paul Williams, Deputy Mayor  
Michael Hahm, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Jerry Hendrickson, Deputy City Attorney  
Peter Warner, Assistant City Attorney  
Donna Drummond, Planning Director, PED  
Tom Beach, Zoning Inspector, Zoning Department  
Elena Gaarder, Executive Director, West Side Citizens Organization  
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Patrick Seeb, Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation