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Mayor Christopher B Coleman
Council President Kathy Lantry
and Members of the City Council
City Hall
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Dear Mayor Coleman, Council President Lantry and Councilmembers:

It is my pleasure to transmit to you a recommendation to amend the *St. Anthony Park / District 12 Community Plan Summary* to add acknowledgement of the "Creative Enterprise Zone" as a new community initiative and priority in District 12. The Proposed Amendment, to be placed on page 11 of the District 12 Plan Summary, reads:

Creative Enterprise Zone. *The Creative Enterprise Zone in South St. Anthony Park is bounded by Interstate 94 on the south, Prior Avenue on the east, the railroad tracks south of Energy Park Drive to the north and the boundary of Minneapolis to the west.*

78. *District 12 will work with the City of Saint Paul and other partners to stabilize and advance conditions in which creative enterprises – light industry, artisans and artists -- can thrive in this area, including:*

- *Consideration of a special designation for the zone, such as a development district, to help advance job retention and creation for workers in light industry, artisans and artists.*
- *Project support through site preparation, zoning, cleanup, design standards, financial incentives, tax credits and/or financing, as available and appropriate.*
- *Consideration of infrastructure improvements that encourage a livable, mixed-use transit oriented neighborhood recognized and sustained as a center of creativity and enterprise such as pedestrian friendly corridors, pocket parks, greenways and facade improvements.*

The proposed language is compatible with the Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan and does not conflict with any current City policies.

The Planning Commission reviewed the amendment and held a public hearing at which four persons spoke in support. After review and consideration, the Saint Paul Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the amendment for adoption by the City Council.

Sincerely,



Barb Wencil
Chair, Saint Paul Planning Commission

Enclosure