

**RESOLUTION # 21-03**

**Authorizing the City of Saint Paul to approve the amendment to allow Saint Paul Yacht Club to establish, maintain, and utilize dredging and sedimentation infrastructure at the Upper Harbor.**

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission ("Commission") is an appointed body established to advise the Mayor and City Council on long-range and city-wide matters related to Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the City and SPYC entered into an Agreement on June 3, 2004 for lease of real estate on Harriet Island commonly known as "Lower Harbor" and "Upper Harbor" in order to operate two small boat harbors which terminates on April 30, 2030; and

WHEREAS, annual flooding of the Mississippi River causes sediment deposits into the harbors that requires periodic dredging; and

WHEREAS, SPYC intends to secure and maintain all necessary permits, permissions, and equipment to conduct on-site dredging operations; and

WHEREAS, SPYC wishes to establish dredging and dewatering infrastructure within the leased property for the purposes of dewatering dredge spoils before they are permanently removed from the property; and

WHEREAS, the City believes the SPYC capable of managing dredging and dewatering spoils and believes frequent dredging to be increasingly necessary due to flooding trends; and

WHEREAS, Saint Paul Administrative Code requires that any lease of parkland or recreation facilities which will be for a period of more than one year be approved by the City Council following a hearing before the Parks and Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission finds that dredging and sedimentation at the Upper Harbor has a public purpose and recommends approval of the amendment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that the City Council of the City of Saint Paul authorize the appropriate City officials to enter into the attached Amendment.

Adopted by the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission on March 11, 2021:

Approved:	Yeas 6
	Nays 0
	Absent: 3

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Attested to by:

*Elizabeth L McDonald*

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Staff to the Parks and Recreation Commission