

RESOLUTION # 20-12

Recommending to the Saint Paul City Council approval of reduction of Liz Miller Investment's 2020 contractual payment to City.

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 Manager entered into an Agreement on July 1, 2019 for the management and operation of the Covington Inn which terminates on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, that agreement requires Manager pay the City the greater of 5% of gross revenue generated by room rentals at the Covington Inn over \$200,000 or \$5,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota's Emergency Executive Order 20-01 Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Coordinating Minnesota's Strategy to Protect Minnesotans from COVID-19 severely impacted Manager's operations; and

WHEREAS, Manager wishes to amend the Agreement to allow for a one-year reduction in payment to City; and

WHEREAS, Parks has reviewed year-over-year revenue and projections from Manager and believes a payment reduction to be in the public good; 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 Commission finds that the Covington Inn is a valuable and one-of-a-kind Saint Paul business experiencing financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and that supporting it during this difficult time serves a public purpose by helping to ensure it can continue to serve the Saint Paul community into the future 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 September 10, 2020:

Approved: Yes

Yeas 7

Nays 0

Absent 2

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Attested to by:

Elizabeth L McDonald

Staff to the Parks and Recreation Commission