

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

REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONERS

DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

**REGARDING: RESOLUTION AMENDING LAND DISPOSITION POLICY FOR HRA OWNED
REAL ESTATE.**

Requested Board Action

The specific actions being requested of the HRA Board in the Resolution **Attachment A** are as follows:

1. Approve the amended Land Disposition Policy as shown in **Attachment B**.
2. Direct Staff and legal counsel to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

Background

The HRA adopted a Policy for Disposition of HRA-owned real estate in 2003, and amended the policy in 2009 which applies to conveyance of most land owned by HRA. From time to time, the City of St. Paul determines it has surplus land and decides to dispose of such land to an end user for a price and use negotiated and determined by City staff and approved by the City Council after a public hearing. Chapter A-11 of the City's Administrative Code requires that the City Real Estate Department provide ENS notice at least 45 days prior to a public hearing to consider a petition to vacate the public interest in a street, alley or other public land. To facilitate such transfer to the end user, the City of Saint Paul conveys the land to the HRA (under City Administrative Code Chapter 51) to act as a conduit and immediately transfers the land to the City approved end user. Since the City has its own process and council approval and must provide the same ENS notice as the HRA, it is not necessary for the HRA's Land Disposition Policy to apply to such lands. The resolution for approval will exempt these transactions from the requirements of the HRA Land Disposition Policy and set a fee for the transfer. While this proposed revision will simplify these conduit dispositions, each acquisition and conveyance by HRA for these transfers must nevertheless be approved by the HRA Board. .

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 Designation

N/A

Public Purpose/Comprehensive Plan Conformance

N/A

Recommendation:

The Executive Director recommends approval of the Amendment to the Disposition Policy.

Sponsored by: Commissioner Dave Thune

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Attachments

- **Attachment A -- Resolution**
- **Attachment B – Land Disposition Policy with proposed amendment**