

City Council Members,

I want to encourage support of the Parklands Dedication Ordinance to bring Saint Paul's investment in its parks to a reasonable level of funding. The relatively small, investment in Mears Park immediately paid for itself by dramatically increasing surrounding property valuations. It now impacts the surrounding twelve block area of Lowertown and beyond. Our parks generate increased investment, unlike our use of Tax Increment Financing which removes an ever increasing amounts from our city tax base.

Thank you,

John Mannillo
Chair, Friends of Mears Park