Scope of Work

Langford Park Bandstand Evaluation of Historical and Architectural Significance Langford Park, Saint Paul, Minnesota



Submitted to the

City of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Department 25 W 4th Street, St Paul, MN

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1.0 PROJECT SCOPE

Langford Park, totaling about 9.5 acres, is located in North Saint Anthony Park between the street named Langford Park and Knapp Street. It is one of the city's oldest parks. The Saint Paul Board of Park Commissioners began planning in 1888, with improvements apparently underway in 1893 (*Saint Paul Globe* 23 Sept 1888:18; 11 April 1893:2). In 1904 Superintendent Frederick Nussbaumer called Langford Park a "most effective and much patronized neighborhood park" (*Annual Report of the Board of Park Commissioners 1904*:25).

In 1912 the city spent \$768.58 to construct a "frame stucco bandstand" (*Report of Park Commissioners of the City of St. Paul* for 1912:20). The other primary park feature at the time was a small, shallow lake that was later lined with concrete. The flat-roofed, stucco-clad structure measuring 16 by 16 feet was placed on the south side of the park and was electrified at the time of construction. The interior surfaces, in addition to stucco and concrete, were apparently limited to a bead-board ceiling.

The small bandstand is part of the park's earliest development. It is located in the middle section of the park, which has retained its grove of trees and open space between the Langford Park Recreation Center and Saint Anthony Park Elementary School. It appears to be among the earliest surviving park structures in Saint Paul. The history of past improvements to the structure is unknown.

The Parks and Recreation Department intends to determine the historical significance of this property by preparing an evaluation report. The report will detail the bandstand's history and historic integrity and recommend if the property is eligible for Saint Paul Heritage Preservation designation. In order to be considered for local designation a structure must meet criteria for designation as outlined in the Heritage Preservation Ordinance Sec. 73.05.

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED

The study will be conducted by Carole Zellie M.A., M.S. of Landscape Research LLC. It will include background research at the Minnesota Historical Society and Parks and Recreation archives. The illustrated report will include description and significance sections as well as evaluation using Saint Paul Heritage Preservation designation criteria. The budget includes up to two meetings with Parks and Recreation and Heritage Preservation Commission staff.

3.0 PROJECT BUDGET

Evaluation of Historical and Architectural Significance

\$ 3,200.00

4.0 PROJECT TIMELINE

Preparation of background research and a draft report will require approximately six weeks to complete. The final report will be submitted following review by City of Saint Paul staff.

Submitted by:

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