



Legislation Text

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Amending the District 9 Area Plan summary.

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul City Council approved the *District 9 Area Plan Summary* as an addendum to the Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan in July 2010; and

WHEREAS, in May 2011, at the request of the City Council, the Planning Commission initiated the *District 9 Commercial Zoning Study* for the area bounded by Grand/Ramsey, Leech, Goodrich, W. 7th and Smith; and

WHEREAS, the study resulted in the rezoning of several parcels in the study area from B3 General Business, B2 Community Business and VP Vehicular Parking to T2 Traditional Neighborhood in order to address a wide range of urban design issues of concern to adjacent residents; and

WHEREAS, there was lingering concern by neighborhood residents that the T2 design standards would not go far enough to fully address their concerns; and

WHEREAS, in response, the Planning Commission requested that PED staff continue to work with neighborhood, business and District 9 representatives and property owners to explore the best way to "codify" design guidelines for the gateway area; and

WHEREAS, PED staff met with a neighborhood working group convened by the W. 7th/Fort Road Federation and Little Bohemia Neighborhood Association from January 2012 through July 2012, exploring a range of planning and regulatory techniques to address outstanding urban design concerns in the gateway area and along W. 7th Street' and

WHEREAS, the group: 1) determined that amending the *District 9 Area Plan Summary* would be the most effective way to ensure that design issues were addressed; 2) prepared a set of proposed amendments; and 3) recommended them to the W. 7th/Fort Road Federation for submittal to the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013, the W. 7th/Fort Road Federation Board approved the proposed amendments for submittal to the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2013, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed amendments, notice of which was published in the St. Paul Legal Ledger and sent to the City's Early Notification System list; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2013, the Planning Commission approved a revised set of proposed amendments to the *District 9 Area Plan Summary*; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered the proposed amendments to the *District 9 Area Plan Summary* as recommended by the Planning Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council hereby adopts the proposed amendments to the *District 9 Area Plan Summary*, subject to final review by the Metropolitan Council.