

WHEREAS, the City, through its Department of Parks and Recreation has an interest in certain real property situated in the western portion of the Board's Hillcrest Reservoir property; and

WHEREAS, the Board will consider leasing the Hillcrest Reservoir property to the City to replace the park land that is being diverted; and

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted a resolution authorizing the will lease at the Highland Reservoir No. 1 to the City to be used as park land if excess property is necessary after evaluation of the Hillcrest Reservoir location in order to replace the park land that is being diverted and leave the City with no net loss of park land and satisfy the requirements of Section 13.01.1 of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Community Organization, formerly known as District One Community Council, voted to recommend approval of said Lease Agreement at its February 1, 2021 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission recommended approval of said Lease Agreement and recommended approval of said park land diversion via Resolution No. 21-02 at its February 11, 2021 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board adopted Resolution No. 21-338 at its March 9, 2021 meeting which approved said Lease Agreement and which also requested that the Honorable Council of the City of Saint Paul likewise approve said Lease Agreement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Lease Agreement and diversion of park land between the City of Saint Paul and the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Saint Paul to lease said Property to the Board for construction, maintenance, and operation of a soils recycling and storage site is hereby approved contingent upon approval of the Hillcrest Reservoir lease by both parties in substantially the form submitted, and the proper officers are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Lease Agreement on behalf of the City and to divert park land following the requirements of Chapter 13.01.1 of the City Charter.