



Legislation Text

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Accepting an Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Grant administered through the Minnesota Humanities Center and establishing a financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$50,000 for the Chinese Garden project at Phalen Regional Park.

WHEREAS, an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution increased the sales and use tax rate by three-eighths of one percent on sales and uses taxable under the general state sales and use tax law dedicated for the benefit of Minnesotans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul is committed to opportunities to make Saint Paul one of the most livable cities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Paul's Department of Parks and Recreation wishes to preserve and promote the cultural heritage of Minnesota and develop a Chinese Garden in Phalen Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota China Friendship Garden Society has been working with the City for many years in the promotion of this concept at Phalen Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Humanities Center, Heritage Grants Program, provide grants to preserve and promote the cultural heritage of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, 2015 Minnesota Session Laws, Chapter 2--S.F.No. 1, Article 4, Section 2, Subd. 8, (c) Heritage Grants Program, appropriated \$50,000 to the City of St. Paul to plan and design a garden to commemorate unrepresented cultural gardens in Phalen Regional Park in the City of St. Paul; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council fully supports receipt of the grant by the Department of Parks and Recreation and does hereby authorize the proper City officials to execute contracts and grant agreements, which may include an indemnification clause, as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the City of St. Paul; and, be it

FUTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor, pursuant to Section 10.07.1 of the Charter of the City of Saint Paul, does certify that there are available for appropriation, funds of \$50,000 in excess of those estimated in the 2015 Capital Improvement Budget; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Saint Paul, upon recommendation of the Mayor and the advice of the Long Range Capital Improvement Budget Committee, that \$50,000 is available for appropriation in the 2015 Capital Improvement Budget, and said 2015 budget, as heretofore adopted by the Council, is hereby amended as attached.

See Attachment

The Saint Paul Long-Range Capital Improvement Budget Committee received this request on September 14, 2015 and recommended approval.