



Legislation Text

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Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into a Joint Use Agreement with Keystone Community Services to enhance joint utilization of the Merriam Park Community Center.

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul (hereinafter "City") is the owner of real property on which is situated a Facility known as Merriam Park Community Center (2000 St. Anthony Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104); and

WHEREAS, in 1950 the City granted consent to Keystone Community Services, (formerly known as St. Paul Community Services, Merriam Park Community Center, and Merriam Park Community Services) a Minnesota nonprofit corporation (hereinafter "Keystone"), to construct a recreation and community center on parkland owned by the City, with the building to be transferred to the City subject to the reservation of free and exclusive occupancy, management, control, use and maintenance to Keystone; and

WHEREAS, Keystone raised funds and built Merriam Park Community Center in 1952. The Center was transferred to the City of St. Paul in 1958 and the City granted Keystone the right to manage, operate and control the facility into the future in accordance with the 1950 agreement; and

WHEREAS, Keystone constructed a gymnasium in 1958, which was conveyed to the City, with Keystone retaining free and exclusive occupancy, management, control and use of the gymnasium; and

WHEREAS, by Agreement dated August 21, 1970, Keystone was authorized to construct an addition to the building, and transfer ownership of the addition to the City reserving to Keystone free and exclusive occupancy, management, control, use and maintenance of Center Addition. At the same time the City constructed a warming house addition, management and operation of which stayed with the City; and

WHEREAS, the City and Keystone desire to enhance joint utilization of the Facility and the parties agree that the costs of operating and maintaining the Facility will be shared as detailed in the attached agreement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Saint Paul hereby authorizes the appropriate City officials to enter into the attached Joint Use Agreement between the City of Saint Paul Department of Parks and Recreation and Keystone Community Services.