



Legislation Text

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Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$125,000 to reflect 2017 funding expected from Como Friends.

WHEREAS, Como Friends is a registered not-for-profit organization formed to promote, support, preserve and enhance the Como Zoo and Marjorie McNeely Conservatory; and

WHEREAS, the Como Friends' mission is to inspire generosity to advance Como Park Zoo and Conservatory as a destination where people from all walks of life can gather, learn and enjoy the natural world; and

WHEREAS, since forming in 1999, Como Friends has reinvested more than \$30 million in programs and projects at Como Park Zoo and Conservatory; and

WHEREAS, Como Friends is expected to donate \$125,000 to support and enhance the Como Zoo and Marjorie McNeely Conservatory in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation wishes to establish new budgets in the Grant Fund to receive the projected contribution and donation revenues of \$40,000 for Brand Development, \$7,500 for Website Development, \$3,500 for the St Francis Restoration, \$54,000 for the Cat Building Project and \$20,000 for the Conservation Champs Program; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation wishes to thank Como Friends for their continued support for allowing Como Park Zoo and Conservatory to accomplish their mission to inspire the public to value the presence of living things in our lives; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, pursuant to Section 10.07.01 of the Charter of the City of Saint Paul, does certify that there are available for appropriation, funds of \$125,000 in excess of those estimated in the 2017 budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Saint Paul approves these amendments to the 2017 budget.

See attachment