

February 28, 2024

TO: Melvin Carter, Mayor  
Jamie Tincher, Deputy Mayor  
Mitra Jalali, Council President  
Cheniqua Johnson, Councilmember  
Nelsie Yang, Councilmember  
Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember  
Anika Bowie, Councilmember  
Saura Jost, Councilmember  
Hwajeong Kim, Councilmember

FROM: Jazmin Glaser-Kelly, Chair  
Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission

RE: Parks and Recreation Commission – Transmittal of Resolutions:

- Res 24-02 River Balcony Long-Range Plan Addendum

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On February 8, 2024, the Parks and Recreation Commission passed the following resolution(s):

- Res 24-02 River Balcony Long-Range Plan Addendum
  - Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission recommends the adoption of the Saint Paul River Balcony Long-Range Plan Addendum as the principal planning document for the development of the signature project.



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**RESOLUTION #24-02**  
**River Balcony Long-Range Plan Addendum – Basis of Design Report**

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission (“Commission”) is an appointed body established to advise the Mayor and City Council on long-range and city-wide matters related to the Department of Parks and Recreation (“Department”); and

WHEREAS, the City’s Comprehensive Plan and the Great River Passage Long-Range Plan have identified a River Balcony as a publicly accessible pathway that will connect the community to and along the bluff as well as to the Mississippi River, activate the bluff edge, and stimulate economic development; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2017, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission approved RES 17-07 which recommended adoption of the River Balcony Long-Range Plan; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2017, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution #17-32, finding that the River Balcony Long-Range Plan is consistent with the Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan and recommending minor changes to the document to respond to public comment; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2017, the Saint Paul City Council approved RES PH 17-170 which gave conditional approval for Metropolitan Council adoption of the Long-Range Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul River Balcony Long-Range Addendum was prepared by the City of Saint Paul Department of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, a Project Review Team comprising property owners along the River Balcony route, Capitol River Council representatives and other key stakeholders advised the consultant team and City staff throughout the process; and

WHEREAS, the City hosted roundtables, design team workshops, and public open houses in 2022 to engage the public in preparation of the Long-Range Plan Addendum; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission endorsement and Saint Paul City Council adoption of the plan is a prerequisite for Metropolitan Council adoption of the Long-Range Plan Addendum;



RESOLVED, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission recommends the adoption of the Saint Paul River Balcony Long-Range Plan Addendum as the principal planning document for the development of the signature project.

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Adopted by the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission on February 8, 2024:

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| Approved: | Yeas    | <u>7</u> |
|           | Nays    | <u>1</u> |
|           | Absent: | <u>3</u> |

Resolution #24-02

Attested to by:

*Elizabeth Lee McDonald*

Staff to the Parks and Recreation Commission