Business Item 2019-228

Blakeley Bluffs Parks Reserve Acquisition Master Plan Amendment and Boundary Change – Scott County

September 5, 2019

Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission
Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve
Boundary Adjustment

- Add 7-acres
- Remove 145-acres
- Reducing 2,545-acres to 2,407-acres
Parkland Addition

- Protection of the Minnesota River Valley flood plain
- Future hiking trail
- Flexible space for signage and birding
- Conservation easement held by the Minnesota Land Trust
Rationale

The proposed acquisition master plan amendment and boundary adjustment is consistent with the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan and other Council policies.

• Planning Strategy 1
• Chapter 4 Siting and Acquisition
Proposed Actions

• Approve Scott County’s Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve Acquisition Master Plan Amendment.
• Approve the boundary adjustment adding 7-acres of high-quality, natural resource land along the Minnesota River in Blakeley Township.
• Inform Scott County that it must submit the Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve Development Master Plan for Metropolitan Council approval prior to requesting funding for development.