

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: November 18, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 11, 2013

Subject: City of White Bear Lake Request to Extend the Term for the “BoatWorks Commons” Livable Communities Act Grant

District(s), Member(s): District 11 – Sandy Rummel

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statutes Section 473.25

Staff Prepared/Presented: Deb Streets Jensen, Livable Communities Grant Administrator (651-602-1154)

Division/Department: **Community Development / Livable Communities**

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve an extension to the grant term for the City of White Bear Lake’s project known as “BoatWorks Commons,” to February 28, 2014.

Background

The City of White Bear Lake was awarded \$1,385,036 in Livable Communities Demonstration Account funds to assist with the City’s project known as “BoatWorks Commons,” which replaced the abandoned Johnson Boat Works. The grant-funded activities included assisting with the public portion of a shared parking structure.

In April of 2011, the Council approved a revision to the Livable Communities Act Grant Amendment Procedures allowing a five-year maximum grant term length for Livable Communities grants. The five-year grant term for “BoatWorks Commons” expires December 31, 2013. The City of White Bear Lake is requesting an extension of two additional months to complete the grant funded activities for the project.

Rationale

Project work began in late October with formal groundbreaking ceremonies. Although work on the shared parking structure will be among the first project activities, winter weather may delay completion of the grant-funded activities beyond the end of the current grant term. A brief extension will mitigate timing pressure.

Funding

There are no funding implications.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.