

Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

Meeting date: August 5, 2014

For the Community Development Committee meeting of August 18, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 25, 2014

Subject: Release the draft *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* for public comment and set public hearing date

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minn. Stat. 473.147

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Division/Department: Community Development, Regional Parks and Natural Resources

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

- Release the draft *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* for public comment;
- Authorize a public hearing to be conducted regarding the draft *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* at 5:00 p.m. on October 20, 2014 as part of the Community Development Committee meeting;
- Keep the public record open until 5:00 p.m. on October 30, 2014; and
- Direct staff to publish public hearing notices and distribute copies of the draft *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* for public comment under the Council's administrative procedure for public hearings.

Background

The Council is required by Minnesota Statute 473.147 to prepare and adopt a long-range system policy plan for regional recreation open space as part of the Council's Metropolitan Development Guide. The Council has consulted with the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission, regional park implementing agencies, other partners and stakeholders, and the general public as part of the development of the draft *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*, which builds from the policy direction provided in *Thrive MSP 2040*.

Rationale

The public comment period and public hearing will offer partners, stakeholders and the public the opportunity to formally comment on the draft *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*.

Funding

N/A

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to releasing the draft *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* for public comment or conducting a public hearing.