

Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

Meeting date: October 7, 2014

For the Community Development Committee meeting of: October 20, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 12, 2014

Subject: Amend Project Scope of Park Grants SG-2011-106 and SG-2011-118, Carver County

District(s), Member(s): MPOSC District B: Robert Moeller

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statute Section 473.315

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

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve an amendment to grant agreement SG-2011-106 to add to the project scope the design, engineering, construction of roads, parking lots, boat access, landscaping and fencing at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park.
2. Approve an amendment to grant agreement SG-2011-118 to add to the project scope the design, engineering, construction of roads, parking lots, boat access, landscaping and fencing at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park, and to extend the term end date to June 30, 2016.

Background

Carver County requests the Metropolitan Council's approval of two proposed amendments to parks grant agreements SG-2011-106 and SG- SG-2011-106 (Attachment 1). The County requests the amendments because the grant-funded projects are complete and grant funds remain.

Agreement SG-2011-106 initially provided \$257,000 to Carver County to complete a 2.6-mile internal trail and a grade-separated trail crossing at TH 41 in Lake Minnewashta Regional Park. This 2011 grant is financed by fiscal year 2012 Park and Trail Legacy funds with a term of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014.

In 2013 the Metropolitan Council amended the agreement (business item 2013-062, 02/27/13) to expand the project scope to add the construction of 5.5 miles of Dakota Rail Regional Trail and trailhead to match a federal grant, to acquire, engineer and construct 0.8 miles of Southwest Regional Trail to match a federal grant, and to extend the term end to June 30, 2016. To date, Carver County has requested no reimbursement of these grant funds, but will do so when closing out this project. .

The County completed the internal trail and separated trail crossing in Lake Minnewashta Regional Park, the Dakota Rail Regional Trail, and the Southwest Regional Trail projects primarily using the federal funding, and grant funds remain in SG-2011-106.

Therefore, the County requests an amendment to SG-2011-106 to add to the project scope the design, engineering, construction of roads, parking lots, boat access, landscaping and fencing at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park. The work will include construction and paving 1.25 miles of roadways, an entrance bypass lane, landscaping, electrical utilities, a boat access parking facility and parking for the off-leash dog area.

Parks grant agreement SG-2011-118 provided \$208,000 to Carver County to design, engineer and construct 1.6 miles of internal trail, construct a trail underpass at TH 41, and connect the trail along TH 41 in Lake Minnewashta Regional Park. This 2011 grant is financed by 2011 State Bonds (\$187,000) and Metropolitan Council Bonds (\$21,000), with a term of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2015, and to date, has not been amended. The County has requested no reimbursement of these grant funds, but will do so when closing out this project.

Carver County has completed the project and built the trail and underpass, and the grant funds remain in SG-2011-118. Therefore, the County requests an amendment to SG-2011-118 to add to the project scope the design, engineering, construction of roads, parking lots, boat access, landscaping and fencing at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park, and to extend the term end date to June 30, 2016.

With these two grant amendments, the County plans to complete the construction and paving projects in the 2014 construction season (Attachment 3).

Rationale

The Metropolitan Council must consider and approve the proposed grant amendments because each represents a substantial revision to the existing grant agreements and the projects they fund. The grant agreements address amendments and indicate that amendment must be in writing, and changes are effective upon execution of written amendments signed by authorized representatives of the Council and the Grantee.

Carver County's request is consistent with both grant agreements since the County submitted a written request to amend the existing grant agreements, and provided the background and rationale for the needed amendments and the proposed projects.

The proposed projects are consistent with the Lake Minnewashta Regional Park Master Plan (Attachment 2), which the Metropolitan Council approved on February 11, 2004 (business item 2004-001). The master plan discusses the paved parking areas in the primary development zones, such as the boat launch and vehicle/trailer parking area.

The proposed amendments are consistent with the *2030 Parks Policy Plan* policies regarding minor amendments to grant agreements. The amendments do not change or increase the approved grant amounts.

Funding

Agreement SG-2011-106 is financed by fiscal year 2012 Park and Trail Legacy funds, and SG-2011-118 is financed by 2011 State Bonds and Metropolitan Council Bonds. These funds are available to reimburse Carver County for any funds it expends on all of these projects, as identified in the grant agreements' project scope through the agreement term.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to Carver County's proposed grant amendments or to the proposed construction and paving projects.



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Dear Ms. Dupre:

Carver County is requesting to amend SG-2011-106. Work is nearly completed on the current deliverables of construction of the internal trail at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park and work is completed on constructing the 5.5 miles of the Dakota Rail Regional. The grant has unspent funds.

In addition to the existing deliverables, it is proposed that the scope be broadened to include design, engineering, construction of roads, parking lots, boat access, landscaping and fencing at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park. Proposed work includes the construction and paving of 1.25 miles of roadways, entrance bypass lane, landscaping, electrical utility, construction of boat access parking facility and a parking lot for the off-leash dog area.

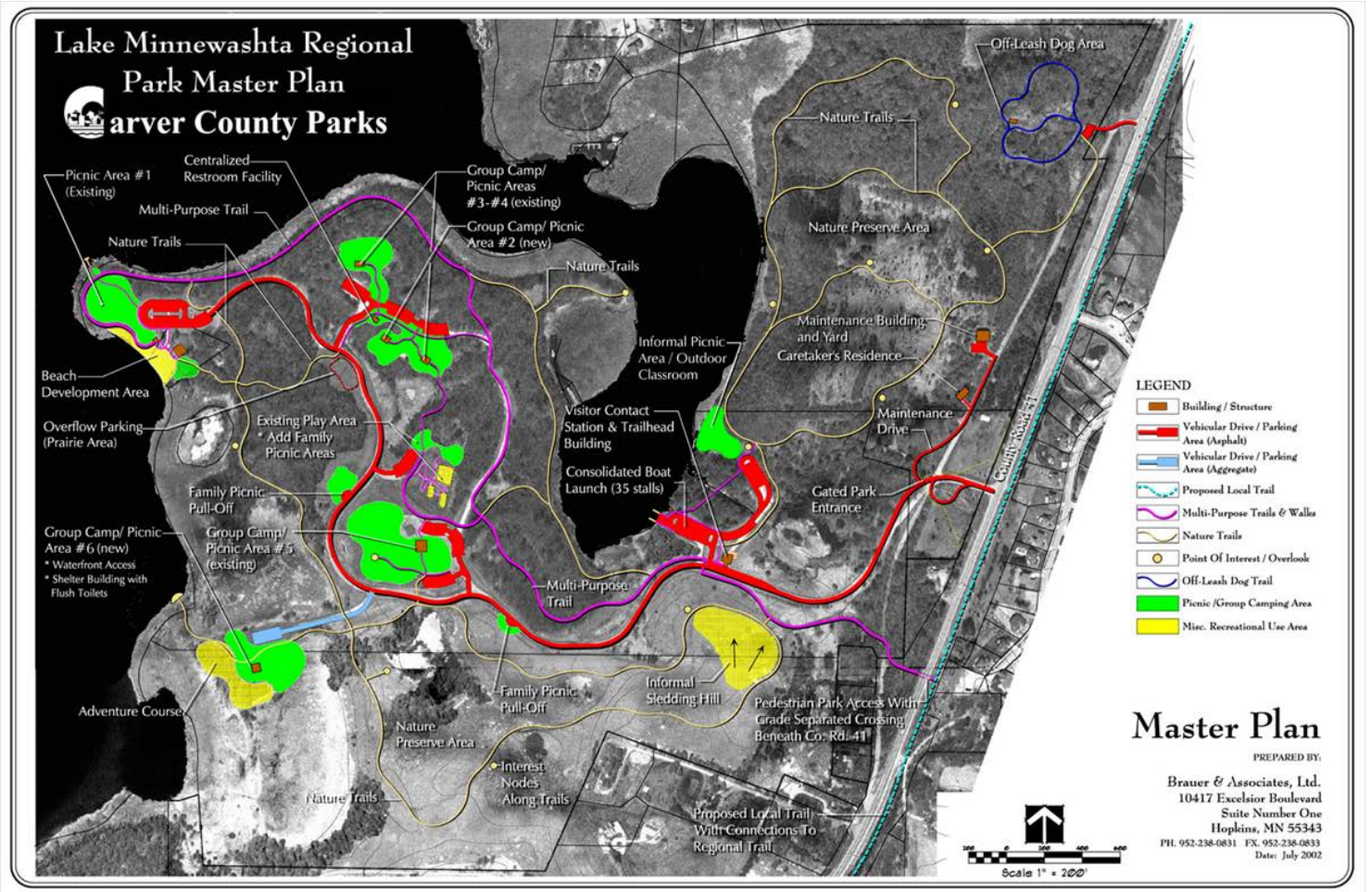
Further, the County is requesting to amend SG-2011-118. Work is nearing completion on the current deliverable of construction of the internal trail at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park. The grant will have unspent funds at the completion of the project.

In addition to the existing deliverables, it is proposed that the scope be broadened to include design, engineering, construction of roads, parking lots, boat access, landscaping and fencing at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park. Proposed work includes the construction and paving of 1.25 miles of roadways, entrance bypass lane, landscaping, electrical utility, construction of boat access parking facility and a parking lot for the off-leash dog area. It is also requested that the grant expiration date be amended to June 30, 2016 to allow for funding throughout the project.

Attached is a diagram showing areas in Lake Minnewashta Regional Park where the amended funds would be utilized.

Sincerely,

Martin Walsh
Parks Director



Attachment 3: Lake Minnewashta Regional Park Proposed Projects

Lake Minnewashta Regional Park 2014 Park Improvements



This map was created using a compilation of information and data from various City, County, State, and Federal offices. It is not a surveyed or legally recorded map and is intended to be used as a reference. Carver County is not responsible for any inaccuracies contained herein.

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