



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
From the Department of Public Works**

**Date:** September 14, 2006  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Subject:** **Approve Land Exchanges with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB)**

**Recommendation:**

- a) Approve the conveyance to the MPRB of the City-owned parcels at 2000 W. River Road N., 1 – 17<sup>th</sup> Ave N and 2 – 17<sup>th</sup> Ave N in exchange for certain land owned by MPRB as determined by the Director of Public Works.
- b) Authorize the proper City Officers to execute a Quit Claim Deed to convey the property to MPRB and authorize signing any other necessary documents to facilitate this transaction.
- c) Accept the conveyance of MPRB-owned land as consideration for the transfer of the above City-owned land.

**Previous Directives:**

8/22/06: Set sale method as private sale to MPRB and set public hearing for 9/14/06.

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**Approved by:**

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Steven A. Kotke, P.E., City Engineer/Director of Public Works

**Presenters:** Steven A. Kotke, P.E., City Engineer/Director of Public Works

Permanent Review Committee (PRC)      Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Not applicable   X  

Policy review Group (PRG)              Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Not applicable   X  

**Financial Impact** (Check those that apply)

- X   No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- \_\_\_ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- \_\_\_ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- \_\_\_ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- \_\_\_ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- \_\_\_ Business Plan: \_\_\_ Action is within the plan.    \_\_\_ Action requires a change to plan.
- \_\_\_ Other financial impact (Explain):
- \_\_\_ Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

## **Community Impact**

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable

City Goals: *Preserve and enhance our environmental, economic and social realms to promote a sustainable Minneapolis*

Comprehensive Plan: Conforms

Zoning Code: Conforms

## **Background/Supporting Information**

The City of Minneapolis owns vacant land at 2000 W. River Road N., 1 – 17th Ave N and 2 – 17th Ave N as shown in the attached map. The City Engineer has determined that this property is not needed for Public Works operations. The City's land is legally described as Outlots A and B, North Washington Industrial Center 2nd Addition and parts of Government Lot 8 and other Additions bounded by the Mississippi River, Plymouth Ave N, W. River Road North and 24th Ave N.

These parcels have long been noted in the Above the Falls Master Plan where their future use would be for extending the park and trail system along the river. The Minnesota Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB) has requested that the City convey these parcels to them so they can start construction of the improvements. The letter from the MPRB is attached. According to the CPED staff appraiser, these three parcels collectively have an estimated market value of \$230,000.

In exchange, the MPRB is willing to give the City some land that is not needed for park purposes. MPRB staff has agreed to transfer its interest to the City on a block-long strip of land close to the 46<sup>th</sup> Street LRT station. The MPRB property is bounded by 46<sup>th</sup> Street East, Snelling Avenue extended, Nawadaha Boulevard and Hiawatha Avenue. CPED needs that parcel for a proposed development. Public Works and MPRB staff are continuing to discuss possible transfers and the City may receive additional land beyond the one in the 46<sup>th</sup> Street LRT area.

At the conclusion of today's public hearing, we recommend approval of the proposed land exchange with MPRB on the terms and conditions as approved by the Director of Public Works.

Att: Letter from MPRB dated 12/14/05