



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

**Date:** August 22, 2006  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Subject:** **Set a Method of Sale and Set a Public Hearing Date for the Proposed Exchange of Land with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB)**

### Recommendations:

1. That the city-owned land at 2000 W. River Road N., 1 – 17th Ave N and 2 – 17th Ave N be sold by the method of private sale to the MPRB in exchange for certain MPRB land.
2. That Transportation & Public Works Committee set a Public Hearing time certain for September 14, 2006 regarding this sale. The City's land is legally described as Outlots A and B, North Washington Industrial Center 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
3. Authorize staff to negotiate with the MPRB to define the terms and conditions of the land exchange and report back at the September 14 T&PW meeting.

### Previous Directives:

None

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**Approved by:**

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

**Presenters:** Steven Kotke

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 MPRB has requested that the City convey these parcels to them so that the MPRB can complete the park and trail improvements associated with the Above the Falls master plan. Since that master plan allows only park improvements on the subject land, the sale method should be by "private sale" to the MPRB. The letter from the MPRB is attached.

The MPRB is willing to convey certain properties to the City in some cases where the parcels are not needed for park purposes. Staff requests authorization to negotiate with MPRB to define the terms and conditions of the proposed land exchange. The details of this exchange will be reported at the September 14 T&PW meeting.

City Ordinance section 14.120 requires that a public hearing be conducted before any City-owned real estate is sold. We recommend that a time certain be set for the public hearing for the Transportation & Public Works Committee meeting on September 14, 2006.

Att: MPRB letter dated 12/14/05