
Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Meeting Date: 3/19/2024

Title: Proposed Ordinance to Accept Land Donation of 0 Mystic Street, Saint Paul to Ramsey County and to Convey the Donated Land as Parkland - Waive First Reading and Set Public Hearing Date

File Number: 2024-072

Background and Rationale:

Ardella Ankrum is the fee owner of the property commonly known as "0 Mystic Street", legally described as Lot 40, Block 9, and that part adjoining Lots 29 and 30, Block 9 of Lot A, Burlington Heights Division No. 2, Ramsey County, Minnesota. Ms. Ankrum is proposing a donation of the property to Ramsey County as parkland. The property is located along the Mississippi River bluff line south of Lower Afton Road and is bordered by two existing Mississippi River Bluff Protection Open Space properties (currently Battle Creek Regional Park property).

The subject property is a landlocked parcel of land approximately .263 acres in size and is undevelopable due to existing topographic conditions. A due diligence review was completed for the subject property including a title review, site inspections and property appraisal. The property appraisal valued the property at \$14,300.

The Parks & Recreation department recommends approval for the donation of 0 Mystic Street to Ramsey County. In addition, the Parks & Recreation department recommends conveying 0 Mystic Street to parkland within Battle Creek Regional Park. This property is included in the Parks & Recreation department strategic acquisition plan for Battle Creek Regional Park and identified in the 2023 Battle Creek Regional Park Long-Range Plan Amendment. All cost associated with the land donation for 0 Mystic Street will be paid by Ramsey County totaling approximately \$1,765 and consists of a land appraisal, title review, closing costs, and property taxes.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Waive the First Reading of the Proposed Ordinance to Accept Land Donation of 0 Mystic Street, Saint Paul to Ramsey County and to Convey the Donated Land as Parkland.
2. Set the Public Hearing date of April 9, 2024, at 9 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter, in the Council Chambers, third floor of Ramsey County Courthouse, 15 West Kellogg Boulevard, Saint Paul, MN, to afford the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed ordinance.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Ortega, seconded by Commissioner Xiong.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

By: 
Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board