

Exhibit A

10/1/2015 Fairmount Park/Lake Superior Zoo Compromise Concept

Concept: This zoo-park concept envisions simultaneously enhancing the value of Fairmount Park for both zoo and park purposes by:

- Fulfilling the Zoological Society's priorities to move the Forest Discovery Zone project forward, include the WPA pavilion in the zoo footprint, and relocate the bear to an AZA-compliant enclosure.
- Reserving most of the creek-side heart of Fairmount to be an unfenced, admission-free, signature park for the St. Louis River Corridor.
- Substantially renewing most deteriorated zoo facilities.
- Converting the interior of the zoo to a mix of facilities that balance and combine up-close animal experiences, play and education.
- Creating an appealing year-round attraction within a renovated main building and an adjoining new indoor playground.
- Fulfilling the City's priority requests to relocate animal care and grounds keeping functions within the new perimeter fence.
- The LSZ & City will work together with state agencies and foundations to remedy financial or other obligations required of grants received or contracted.
- The City will commit resources to engage professional zoo architects and landscape architects, zoo and community to further develop the concept plan.
- Stream course restoration becomes a priority along with redesignation of the flood plan.
- That a new operating agreement and long term lease be created which coincides with the approved master plan.
- The LSZ and City will jointly work together on a financing and fundraising strategy.
- AZA accreditation is a goal of our concept plan.

Location: The project area includes all of the 17 acre area within the current zoo perimeter fence plus the trail corridor from the zoo, under Grand Avenue, to the mouth of Kingsbury Creek.

Zoo Footprint: The plan reduces the zoo perimeter fence footprint from 17 acres to 9.36 acres

Costs: The cost of the plan is \$15 million.

Funds would be allocated roughly as follows:

- Animal Exhibits - \$3.1 million
- Zoo Play (Indoor and Outdoor) - \$3.2 million
- Main Building (Play/Animal Exhibit Mix) - \$3.2 million
- Basic Zoo Infrastructure - \$2.6 million
- Park Improvements (Outside the Zoo Footprint) - \$3.1 million

