



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE MINNESOTA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE REGARDING THE LINCOLN PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to enter into a memorandum of agreement, substantially the same attached hereto as Exhibit A, with the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office regarding improvements at Lincoln Park as part of the requirements of the section 106 review process.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes the proper city officials to execute a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in association with planned 2020 improvements at Lincoln Park as required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The estimated \$2.1 million Lincoln Park Improvement Project is a project of the St. Louis River Corridor Initiative to establish outdoor recreation destinations in western Duluth with financial support from a dedicated one half of one percent increment in the local tourism tax. Improvements at Lincoln Park slated for 2020 construction include restoration of the stone pavilion, relocation, expansion and reconfiguration of the playground and picnic area, vegetation restoration and landscaping, stormwater filtration, enhancement of a ballfield and sport court, new parking lot and park entrance, and improved walkway circulation and lighting.

Federal funding for the project requires the City of Duluth to follow Section 106 procedures designed to avoid, minimize, and mitigate any adverse effects of the project on historic properties. In consultation with SHPO, the City of Duluth Heritage Preservation Commission, and the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, the City altered the project to avoid all but two adverse effects - an adverse effect to Lincoln Park resultant from the partial removal of a failing retaining wall and an adverse effect to Lincoln Park Drive resultant from the conversion of the lower portion of the road from a paved road to a crushed stone path.

As required by Section 106, SHPO and the City of Duluth wish to enter into an MOA specifying the actions the City will take to mitigate those adverse effects. Mitigation will include development and implementation of a historic interpretation plan for the park and precise documentation of the historical characteristics of the park.