

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

10-0388R

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO INITIATE AND FUND A HIGHER EDUCATION SMALL AREA PLAN FOR THE NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMERCIAL AREAS NEAR THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - DULUTH AND COLLEGE OF ST SCHOLASTICA CAMPUSES.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the city council finds the following:

(a) The city council adopted the Duluth comprehensive land use plan on June 26, 2006, via Resolution 06-0491, which outlined the desired arrangement of land uses for the next 20 years and included a higher education overlay identifying areas for commercial and student housing development; and

(b) The city planning commission held a special meeting and public hearing on the Unified Development Chapter of the city of Duluth Legislative Code on June 22, 2010, at which the commission voted unanimously to recommend that the city council fund a higher education small area plan for the neighborhoods and commercial areas near the University of Minnesota - Duluth and College of St. Scholastica campuses; and

(c) The purpose of the higher education small area plan is to conduct a more detailed study of the neighborhoods and commercial areas near the University of Minnesota - Duluth and College of St. Scholastica campuses than is provided for in the comprehensive land use plan through an assessment of current demographics, land use, zoning, transportation, environmental characteristics, natural resources inventory and relevant market analysis that will form the basis for the plan recommendations and implementation strategy; and

(d) Over 15,000 students attend the University of Minnesota - Duluth and College of St. Scholastica which, along with Lake Superior College, generates \$500 million a year into the local economy and benefits the creative economy as well; and

(e) The city administration and planning staff are fully supportive of this initiative aimed at addressing the impacts and opportunities that large institutions of higher education such as these can create for the surrounding

community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a higher education small area plan for the neighborhoods and commercial areas near the University of Minnesota - Duluth and College of St. Scholastica campuses be initiated and funded for completion in 2011.

Approved as to form:

Attorney

PC/PLNG CP:eu 7/9/2010

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This is a resolution of intent to initiate and fund a higher education small area plan for the neighborhoods and commercial areas near the University of Minnesota - Duluth and College of St Scholastica campuses. The city planning commission voted unanimously to recommend that the city council fund the higher education small area plan at a special meeting and public hearing on the Unified Development Chapter of the Duluth Legislative Code held on June 22, 2010.