

MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 10-0644R

BY PRESIDENT GARDNER AND COUNCILOR HALBERG:

We move to amend Resolution 10-0644 by inserting the following underlined language:

RESOLVED, that the parks and recreation master plan is a guide map for improving the city's park system in the near term while recommending principles to guide long-term direction;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the direction mapped by the master plan may lead to changes for a number of community recreation centers;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the process on file with the city clerk as Public Document No. _____, will be followed so that neighborhoods and community clubs are a part of the planning to determine the future needs of impacted community recreation centers;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city council finds the following:

(a) It is in the best interests of the city to adopt a parks and recreation master plan;

(b) The city parks and recreation division along with other city staff, park commissioners and park planning consultants have developed, reviewed and recommended adoption of this master plan;

(c) The city parks and recreation division has, after due public notice, conducted public hearings about this master plan on the following dates: December 2, 2009; December 3, 2009 (including a meeting during the day and one during the evening); December 8, 2009; August 23, 2010, and November 10, 2010;

(d) The parks and recreation commission, at its November 22, 2010 regular meeting, did recommend, unanimously, to adopt the master plan, on file with the city clerk as Public Document No. _____.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the document on file with the city clerk as Public Document No. _____ is adopted as the parks and recreation master plan for the city of Duluth.

Duluth Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Planning Process to Determine Future Needs of a Community Recreation Center/Facility

revised February 8, 2011

The future of community recreation centers depends on community involvement. The City is transitioning away from management of community recreation centers. Recognizing the importance of community centers, policy has been developed for the City to enter into agreements with nonprofit community groups to manage many centers. For this Planning Process to begin, an active organization that can take on this role will need to be identified. At some centers, this organization has already been formally identified.

Planning Process:

- 1) Invite neighbors, user groups, citywide interested parties, and City staff (Parks and Recreation, Park Maintenance, Facilities Management, Planning, and Community Development) to the planning process.
- 2) Invitations will be issued via the standard City methods of press releases and announcements on the City's website. Additional methods will be used based on sources available in the neighborhood.
- 3) Date for the first planning meeting and future meetings at the community recreation center will be announced at least 14 days in advance.
- 4) Conduct a fact-based facility needs assessment. Identify all users, space needs for each use, viability, historic utilization, cost benefit, and other options that may be available. Evaluate pros and cons of all options to determine recommended changes.
- 5) Recommended changes will include a design plan for buildings, structures, and/or grounds that takes into consideration ADA accessibility, energy efficiency, other structural issues, kid-friendliness, ease of cleaning and maintenance, security, and vandalism resistance.
- 6) Estimate costs for the proposed design plan as well as on-going maintenance and operations for the facility. Work with the neighborhood to identify the best ways to secure funding for their facility, with existing facilities remaining in place until funding is identified and secured.
- 7) Seek approval from City Administration, the Parks Commission, and the City Council.
- 8) Implement agreed upon recommendations.
- 9) Have a Community Celebration!