

Member SeIman moved and Member Blonigan seconded a motion that the following resolution be read and adopted this 2nd day of March, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 7476

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
TEMPORARY OCCUPANCY OF PORTIONS OF SOCHACKI PARK  
FOR CONSTRUCTION STAGING FOR THE  
BLUE LINE LIGHT RAIL BRIDGE ACROSS GRIMES POND**

WHEREAS, The Robbinsdale City Council held a public hearing on February 9, 2016 regarding the request from the Metro Blue Line Extension LRT Project Office (BPO) to occupy portions of Sochacki Park in Robbinsdale for the purposes of construction staging for the proposed Blue Line Extension Light Rail Bridge across Grimes Pond shown as Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, the recording of the public hearing presentation and comments was made available to the public on the city's website and notice of its availability was noted in the local newspaper as well as through social media; and

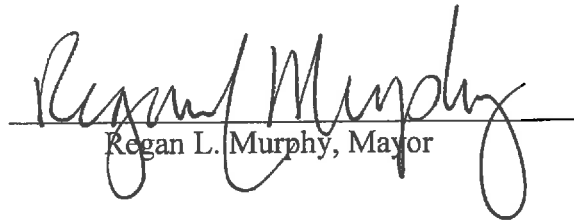
WHEREAS, the public comment period was extended through February 26, 2016 and the Robbinsdale City Council has taken into consideration all of the public comments as well as the recommendation received from the Sochacki Park Joint Powers Authority Board (JPA) in making its determination regarding the requested occupancy of the park;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE, MINNESOTA:

1. That the City of Robbinsdale is satisfied that the Metro Blue Line Extension LRT Project temporary occupancy of the park for staging activities related to the construction of the light rail bridge across Grimes Pond is being undertaken only due to the lack of prudent and feasible alternatives; that the temporary occupancy will be confined to specific areas and will maintain a continuous north-south pedestrian/bicycle connection; and the level of restoration and mitigation negotiated between the BPO and JPA covers the City of Robbinsdale's concerns related to the disruption.
2. That the City of Robbinsdale approves the temporary occupancy of Sochacki Park as requested provided that the attached Guiding Principles for Temporary Occupancy of Sochacki Park (Attachment 2) and the 14 Actions Required to provide Mitigation and Equitable Compensation for the Temporary Occupancy of the Park (Attachment 3) are incorporated into an agreement to be executed by all parties.

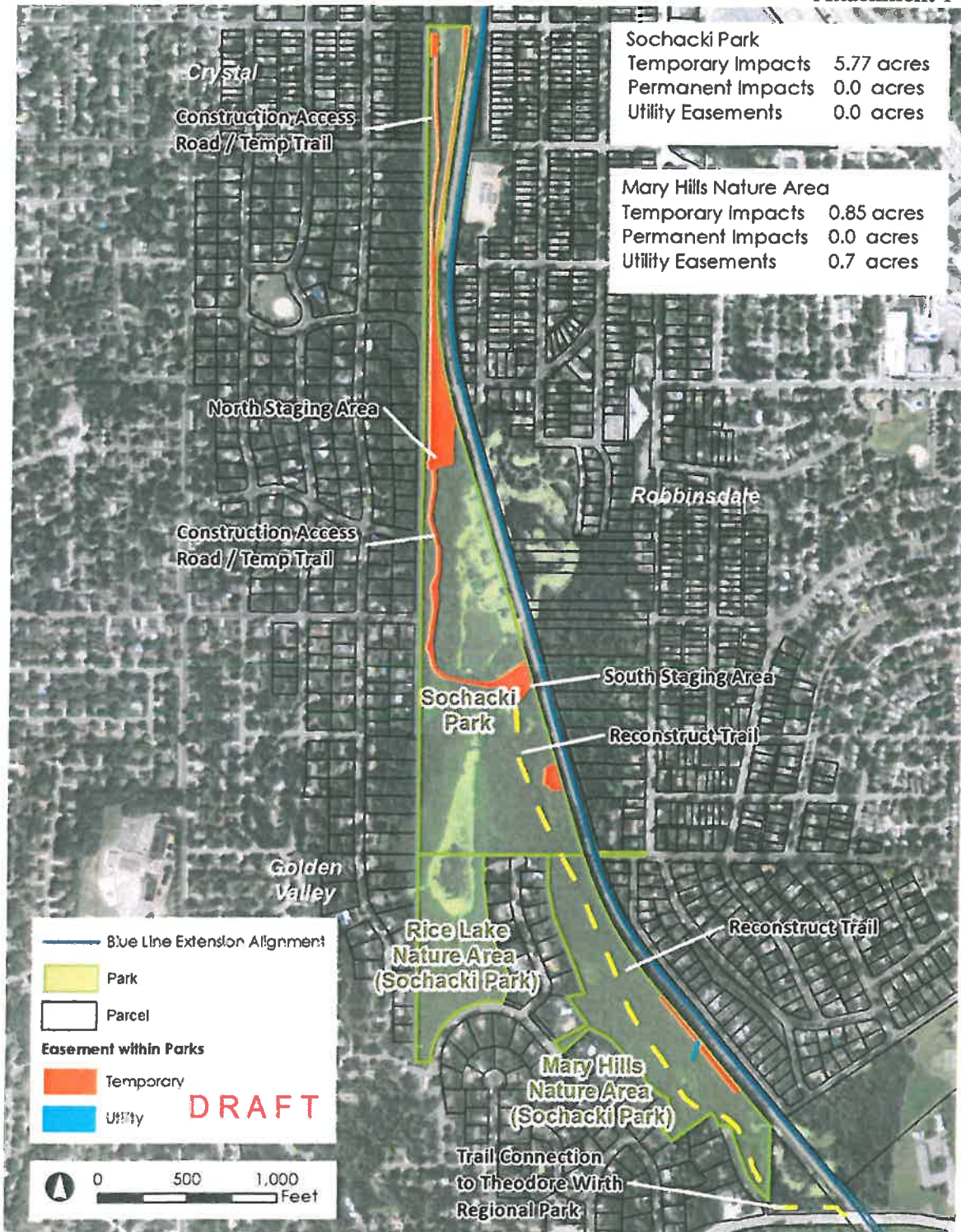
The question was on the adoption of the resolution and upon a vote being taken thereon,  
the following voted in favor thereof: Selman, Backen, Blonigan, Rogan, Mayor Murphy  
and the following voted against the same: None

WHEREUPON SAID RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED DULY PASSED AND  
ADOPTED THIS 2ND DAY OF MARCH, 2016.

  
Regan L. Murphy, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Tom Marshall, City Clerk



## Guiding Principles for Temporary Occupancy of Sochacki Park

**Principle A:** The temporary occupancy of Sochacki Park is proposed solely by the Blue Line Extension Project Office (BPO), and is being proposed only due to the lack of prudent and feasible alternatives.

**Principle B:** BPO will provide an opportunity for the public to provide input on the park revegetation and improvements plan prior to construction.

**Principle C:** The proposed boundaries of impact are as shown on Attachment 1. Those boundaries within Robbinsdale may be adjusted at the discretion of the City of Robbinsdale, and those boundaries within the City of Golden Valley may be adjusted at the discretion of the City of Golden Valley.

**Principle D:** Any additional Golden Valley lands, including Bonnie Lane, may not be used for LRT construction or construction access without prior notice, review and formal approval by the City of Golden Valley.

**Principle E:** Sochacki will remain open for public use during LRT construction, and will include contiguous and safe north/south travel by pedestrians and bicyclists through the entire park. Access sites from the interim trail to the area east of the construction road will be provided in order to enhance access.

**Principle F:** If the BPO uncovers any environmental contamination in its use of Sochacki, the BPO will be responsible for required environmental remediation in accordance with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) permitting requirements.

**Principle G:** Any areas that are disturbed by construction activities that are adjacent to wetland and water bodies must be restored with native vegetation buffers in accordance with the Wetland Conservation Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

**Principle H:** BPO will incorporate the results of a BLRT Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) into construction staging planning. Phase II results and MPCA permitting requirements resulting from this site assessment will be communicated to JPA and the cities of Golden Valley and Robbinsdale.

**Principle I:** BPO will require their construction contractor to develop a final Sochacki Park Construction Staging Plan, consistent with mitigation commitments made to the JPA and the cities of Robbinsdale and Golden Valley and based on the results of further engineering and environmental investigations. Input from the JPA and the cities of Golden Valley and Robbinsdale will be sought prior to BPO accepting the Contractor's final Sochacki Park Construction Staging Plan.

**Principle J:** The Met Council will not be responsible for long-term operations and maintenance of all infrastructure restored and/or constructed by BPO.

**Principle K:** BPO commits to ongoing coordination with the JPA and the cities of Golden Valley and Robbinsdale. Coordination efforts will continue through all phases of BLRT project development, including engineering, final design, and construction.

**Principle L:** The determination of temporary occupancy under Section 4(f) for Sochacki Park and the following subsequent actions to provide mitigation and equitable compensation was made based on the project definition within the Municipal Consent plans and the project's Final Environmental Impact Statement at a 15% level of design.

**14 actions to provide mitigation and equitable compensation for the temporary occupancy of the park for construction staging for the Grimes Pond Bridge**

- 1) Removal of existing vegetation as agreed to by BPO staff and JPA staff within the restoration zone, defined as A) the southern construction staging area, and B) the northern staging area blending into the adjacent disturbed areas in the NE quadrant of the park.
- 2) Removal and disposal of all surface rubble within the restoration zone, in accordance with MPCA permitting requirements.
- 3) Addition of clean fill and top soil in the restoration zone in accordance with MPCA permitting requirements and consistent with the re-use of this area as guided by stakeholders.
- 4) Development and implementation of a revegetation plan approved by the JPA staff. The plan will address all areas disturbed by construction activities, including secondary construction activities in the BNSF right-of-way such as moving the Xcel energy lines. In addition, the plan will identify practicable and functional additional thickening of the vegetative buffer such as plantings of evergreen trees between the Park and the LRT Corridor for the purposes of reducing visual impacts of the LRT on Park visitors.
- 5) In the southern staging area, N. Rice Lake water edge restoration work and vegetation plantings to provide learning opportunities for park users (design and species TBD – to be determined).
- 6) Restoration of the existing paved interior road to provide for safe two way traffic.
- 7) Removal or replacement of the northern parking lot to be determined in consultation with JPA staff.
- 8) Reconstruction and expansion of the interior paved parking lot (exact site TBD in consultation with JPA staff), to include room for a school bus turnaround.
- 9) Clearing, revegetation and fencing of an area immediately east and north of the interior parking lot within the northern staging area for future use as a dog off leash area.
- 10) Providing practicable utility services to a site adjacent to the interior parking lot for future development of a bathroom/storm shelter, and drinking water fountain.
- 11) Ground preparation for a future education shelter sized for 50 students in a location TBD.
- 12) Construction of a water education platform on N Rice Lake
- 13) Redevelopment of a safe 10-foot wide paved trail through the length of the park, running from the northern entrance to the current trail terminus by Bonnie Lane; with restoration along the trail edge as needed.
- 14) Construction of an off-road trail connection from the existing terminus of the Sochacki Park trail at Bonnie Lane, crossing underneath the reconstructed Golden Valley Road Bridge and connecting to the existing trail in Theodore Wirth Regional Park.

TBD – To be determined at a future time in consultation between parties