

Hamline Midway Coalition

DISTRICT COUNCIL 11

1558 W MINNEHAHA AVE, ST. PAUL, MN 55104 • 651.494.7682 • www.hamlinemidway.org

February 27, 2013

Capital Improvement Budget Committee Community Facilities Task Force c/o John McCarthy, Senior Budget Analyst City of Saint Paul – Office of Financial Services Saint Paul, MN 55102

Subject: CIB Proposal for May Park Play Area

To the CIB Community Facilities Task Force:

Hamline Midway Coalition (HMC) supports CIB funding to upgrade the May Park Play Area at Clayland Place and Clayland Street as proposed by the City of Saint Paul – Parks and Recreation.

The existing play area is antiquated and referred to by local residents as "the playground that time forgot." As the proposal notes, the existing play equipment is not accessible to those with disabilities and does not meet current playground safety standards. Also, the multi-purpose field is sorely in need of rehabilitation.

HMC appreciates that Parks & Recreation is planning to base enhancements to the park on the recommendations of a community design advisory committee. Local residents are looking forward to participating in creation of an enhanced May Park Play Area!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Jon Olson, Executive Director

Michael for Okson

Hamline Midway Coalition – District Council 11

michaeljon@hamlinemidway.org

651-494-7682