

Agenda item details

Acceptance of Donation From Friends of the Wildflower Garden



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Number:

Resolution 2025-196

Department:

ENV: Environmental Management

Description:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A TWO-YEAR RECURRING DONATION FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE WILDFLOWER GARDEN TO THE MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD TO SUPPORT AN INCREASE IN PROVISIONAL NATURALIST STAFF HOURS (NOVEMBER-MARCH) TO PROVIDE ENHANCED WINTER PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES AND PROJECT SUPPORT

Attachments



Name	Download	Ext.	Filesize
Attachment A - 2025 Letter of Commitment from the Friends of the Wildflower Garden		pdf	458 kB

Discussed at meetings:



➤ [Meeting MPRB - 18/2025](#), Point 17 on 9/25/2025 by Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board



Friends Of The Wild Flower Garden

September 10, 2025

MPRB Board of Commissioners:

The Friends of the Wildflower Garden have received a second donation of funds to support Wildflower Garden naturalists doing winter programming in the months of November through March to build capacity for program delivery and support in Theodore Wirth Regional Park.

This anonymous donor's goal is to support sustainable year-round education of the natural world by employing the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden naturalists November -March, extending their season that has historically been focused on work April-October. The persons in this role will support Garden programming initiatives and efforts, including supporting and leading new and existing winter programming opportunities in Theodore Wirth Park.

The donor plans to gift \$15,000 per year for two years: 2025-2026 winter and 2026-2027 winter. This gift will total \$30,000 over the next two winter seasons. The donor may continue to offer an additional donation for this purpose after this initial two-year term.

The Friends of the Wildflower Garden will receive the funds from the donor to maintain their anonymity. The Friends will donate these funds on behalf of the anonymous donor to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for the above exclusive purpose annually for two years.

We celebrate that people of our community recognize the value of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and that they support the high-quality educational programming being developed and offered by Wildflower Garden staff at the Garden and in Theodore Wirth Regional Park.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Olson

President of the Friends of the Wildflower Garden