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Wirth Lake Area Plan, Phase III
Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Resolution Number 1 of 3

MINNEAPOLIS TENNIS TRAINING FACILITY

WHEREAS the Wirth Lake Area Phase III Citizens Advisory Committee is directed to “include recreation facilities that will draw people to the park” in its Phase III Concept Plan recommendations; and,

WHEREAS outdoor tennis has been an active sport played in Theodore Wirth Regional Park for seventy years and the current courts are dilapidated; and,

WHEREAS the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board staff recommended tennis courts in groups of at least 4 courts, and high school tennis teams use 7 courts; and,

WHEREAS the Wirth Lake Area Concept Plan does **not** reserve space for any tennis courts and the build-out of the Phase III Concept Plan will maximize the recreational capacity of the study area; and,

WHEREAS Theodore Wirth Park is the largest urban park in Minneapolis, a unique regional asset, and one of the largest urban parks in the nation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wirth Lake Area Phase III Citizen’s Advisory Committee recommends that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board build an outdoor Tennis Training Facility; and,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the tennis facility shall consist of four to seven courts, a separate high quality backboard training wall for teaching tennis skills, a drinking fountain, and a sun shelter with seating. At a future date, the courts could be converted to an indoor bubble facility to facilitate all-season use. The facility should be located near Theodore Wirth Regional Park in Harrison, Bryn Mawr, Near North or Willard-Hay neighborhoods.

Adopted by the Wirth Lake Area Plan, Phase III, Citizen Advisory Committee on May 18, 2010

George Puzak, Chair