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3 MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD  
4 MINUTES  
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6 **Regular Meeting**

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8 December 16, 2009  
9 5:00 p.m. – 2117 West River Rd.  
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11 President Nordyke called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.  
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13 **ROLL CALL**

14 Present: Commissioners Walt Dziedzic, Carol Kummer, Mary Merrill Anderson, Tracy Nordstrom,  
15 Jon Olson and Scott Vreeland, Annie Young and President Tom Nordyke - 8.  
16 Absent: Commissioner Bob Fine - 1.  
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18 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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20 Commissioner Vreeland moved, seconded by Commissioner Young -  
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22 THAT THE BOARD ADD ITEM 8.4 MRC FUNDING OPTIONS AND THAT THE  
23 AGENDA AS AMENDED BE APPROVED.

24 **Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.**  
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26 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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28 Commissioner Olson moved, seconded by Vice President Merrill Anderson -  
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30 THAT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2009 REGULAR MEETING BE  
31 APPROVED.

32 **Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.**  
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34 **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

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36 Community Engagement Process  
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38 President Nordyke called upon Superintendent Gurban who presented to the board an  
39 organizational update that implements an emphasized community engagement process. This  
40 organizational change was identified in a 2004 reorganization plan, reemphasized in the  
41 comprehensive plan, and is part of the accreditation process. Following the update  
42 Superintendent Gurban responded to questions and comments by the Board.  
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44 **CONSENT BUSINESS**

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46 Commissioner Vreeland moved, seconded by Commissioner Olson -  
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1 Summer Sportsmanship Award Presentation

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3 Mimi Kalb, Community Services Manager presented the 2009 Youth Sports League Fall  
4 Sportsmanship Awards. Following the presentation, Ms. Kalb responded to comments by the  
5 Board.

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7 Minneapolis Riverfront Corporation

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9 President Nordyke called upon Nick Eoloff, Project Manager/RLA who introduced members of  
10 the Minneapolis Riverfront Corporation (MRC); Cordelia Pierson - interim executive director,  
11 Council Member Diane Hofstede, and Board members Chuck Sullivan and Linda Mack.

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13 Council Member Hofstede provided a brief history on the history of the MRC and its formation.  
14 Ms. Pierson shared a report to the legislature by the MRC. Ms. Mack continued the presentation  
15 tracking success and transformation of the riverfront. Ms. Pierson concluded the report by sharing  
16 2010-2012 priorities. Council Member Hofstede provided closing remarks as Ms. Pierson  
17 responded to comments by the board.

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19 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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21 Commissioner Nordstrom moved, seconded by Vice President Merrill Anderson -

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23 8.4 THAT THE PARK BOARD SUPPORT TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR  
24 THE MINNEAPOLIS RIVERFRONT CORPORATION.

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26 Following comment by the Board, President Nordyke called the question on the motion -

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28 **Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.**

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30 **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

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32 1.1 Letter to Mary Lynn Pulscher Environmental Education Coordinator from Elizabeth  
33 Villafana, Wayzata Garden Club regarding tours of the Rose Garden and Heffelfinger  
34 Fountain and Gardens.

35 **PLACED ON FILE**

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37 1.2 Thank you letter dated November 23, 2009 to Ralph Sievert, Director Forestry from  
38 Steven Pederson, Principal Engineering Technician Hennepin county Department of  
39 Housing, Community Works & Transit regarding Lowry Avenue North Project.

40 **PLACED ON FILE**

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42 1.3 Email dated November 20, 2009 to Jon Gurban, Superintendent from Jeff Winter, People  
43 For Parks regarding the '09 Lake Harriet Bandshell resurfacing project.

44 **PLACED ON FILE**

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1 1.4 Thank you note dated December 2, 2009 from Christine H. to the MPRB for providing an  
2 off leash area at Franklin Terrace.

3 **PLACED ON FILE**

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5 Commissioners reported on communications received and activities that have taken place since  
6 the December 2, 2009 Regular meeting.

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8 Copies of communications submitted by Commissioners are made part of the Board's permanent  
9 record.

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11 **OPEN TIME**

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13 There was no one wishing to speak during "Open Time".

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15 **NEW BUSINESS**

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17 Commissioner Olson moved, seconded by Vice President Merrill Anderson -

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19 9.1 THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A PURCHASE  
20 AGREEMENT, SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
21 CHAIR, BASED ON THE APPRAISED VALUE WITH SCHERER  
22 BROTHERS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AND AN EARNEST MONEY DOWN  
23 PAYMENT OF \$400,000 DOLLARS OF THE ACQUISITION OF THE  
24 SCHERER BROTHERS LUMBER FACILITIES LOCATED AT 9 NINTH  
25 AVENUE NORTHEAST IN MINNEAPOLIS CONTINGENT UPON THE  
26 BOARD'S REVIEWING THE FINAL FINANCE PLAN TERMS AT THE  
27 BOARDS FIRST MEETING IN MARCH 2010. THE PURCHASE  
28 AGREEMENT SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE RETURN OF ALL EARNEST  
29 MONEY IF THE BOARD DOES NOT APPROVE THE FINAL ACQUISITION  
30 FINANCE PLAN BY MARCH 31, 2010.

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32 President Nordyke called upon Judd Rietkerk, Director of Planning to update the board on item  
33 9.1. Mr. Rietkerk then responded to questions and comments by the Board.

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35 President Nordyke called the question on the motion as amended -

36 **Action Taken: Motion Approved on a Roll Call Vote** (AYES: Commissioners Dzedzic,  
37 Kummer, Merrill Anderson, Nordstrom, Olson, Vreeland, and President Nordyke - 7; NAYS:  
38 None - 0; ABSTAIN Commissioner Young - 1; ABSENT: Commissioner Fine - 1.)

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40 Commissioner Olson moved, seconded by Commissioner Nordstrom -

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42 9.2 THAT THE BOARD ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2009-186, CAPTIONED AS  
43 FOLLOWS:

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45 RESOLUTION NO. 2009-186  
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1 SUPPORTING GRANT APPLICATION FOR CARL W. KROENING  
2 INTERPRETIVE CENTER THROUGH THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT  
3 OF NATURAL RESOURCES SOLAR ENERGY LEGACY GRANT.  
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5 **Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.**  
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7 Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Nordstrom -  
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9 9.3 THAT THE BOARD ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2009-181, CAPTIONED AS  
10 FOLLOWS:  
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12 RESOLUTION NO. 2009-181  
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14 THANKING THE ABBOTT NORTHWESTERN DOCTORS FOR THEIR  
15 GENEROUS GIFTS OF OVER \$235,000 THE PAST 16 YEARS IN SUPPORT  
16 OF YOUTH PROGRAMS IN THE PHILLIPS AND POWDERHORN  
17 NEIGHBORHOODS.  
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19 **Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.**  
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21 Commissioner Olson moved, seconded by Commissioner Vreeland -  
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23 9.4 THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE AND FILE A PRESENTATION OF  
24 ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS OF THE MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND  
25 RECREATION BOARD FOR THE YEARS 2006-2009.  
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27 Superintendent Gurban presented to the board achievements and awards for the Minneapolis  
28 Park and Recreation board during the years 2006-2009 which included:  
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30 2006 Highlights

31 Parade Ice Garden installed turf for seasonal soccer and lacrosse  
32 Spirit of Peace Sculpture dedicated at Lyndale Park Peace Garden  
33 Victory Memorial Parkway Bike Trail renovation project completed  
34 Webber Shoreline restoration project completed  
35 Snowboard Park added at Wirth Winter Recreation Area  
36 Administrative Ticket Program for parking enforcement and permitting established  
37 Edgewater Park site improvements completed  
38 Farview Park Gym renovated  
39 Mill Ruins Park public archaeology pilot project implemented  
40 Northeast Ice Arena (formerly Edison Ice Arena) added to park system  
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42 2006 Awards

43 Youth Football Kickoff Classic  
44 Award of Excellence - Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association  
45 Hosting the ISA Conference  
46 Award of Merit - International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)  
47 Plank Road and Pedestrian Circulation Improvements at Mill Ruins Park

1 Honor Award - American Council of Engineering Companies of Minnesota  
2 City partnership to provide trees to residents and researching disease-resistant elm trees  
3 with the U of M

4 Tree City USA Growth Award - Arbor Day Foundation

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6 2007 Highlights

7 Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden Centennial celebrated  
8 J.D. Rivers' Children's Garden completes full season of programming  
9 Minneapolis Bike Tour inaugurated  
10 Comprehensive Plan Approved by Board of Commissioners  
11 Brackett Park Rocket reinstalled  
12 Bryant Square Park renovated; POPS amphitheater completed  
13 Community Service Area model piloted at Waite, Windom and Audubon Parks  
14 Mobile vending cart introduce at Lake Calhoun  
15 Customer Service Area implemented at MPRB Headquarters  
16 East Cedar Lake Beach renovated  
17 Lake Hiawatha Recreation Center renovated  
18 Wirth Winter Recreation Area snowmaking capabilities enhanced

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20 2007 Awards

21 Dig In!' at Mill Ruins Park  
22 Award of Excellence - Minnesota Recreation and Park Association  
23 Grand Rounds Wayfinding Program  
24 Environmental Excellence Award (Scenic Byway) - Federal Highway  
25 Administration  
26 Mill District Redevelopment Project  
27 Special Recognition Award - Minnesota Construction Association  
28 Tree Worker Safety & Certified Arborist Contractor Programs  
29 Tree City USA Growth Award - Arbor Day Foundation  
30 Arbor Day 2007 at Powderhorn Park  
31 Award of Merit - Minnesota Society of Arboriculture  
32 Arbor Day 2007 at Powderhorn Park  
33 Outstanding Arbor Day Celebration - Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory Committee

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35 2008 Highlights

36 MPRB's 125th Anniversary celebrated, historical markers installed and City of Parks  
37 published by Minneapolis Parks Foundation  
38 Missing Link Alignment approved  
39 Recycle Run inaugurated  
40 New tot lot constructed at Windom South Park  
41 Justin Morneau Field dedicated at Northeast Park  
42 St. Anthony Parkway Bike Trail repaving completed  
43 Toyota Partnership established  
44 East River Parkway redevelopment completed  
45 Summer Guide publication inaugurated  
46 Snow tubing hill at Wirth Winter Recreation Area enhanced  
47 Wabun Picnic Area renovation completed

- 1 Gluek Park reopened
- 2 Green Team program launched
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- 4 2008 Awards
- 5 Comprehensive Plan
- 6 Award of Excellence - Minnesota Recreation and Park Association
- 7 Mill Ruins Park
- 8 Honor Award - Minnesota Chapter of the American Landscape Architects
- 9 Minneapolis Park Police
- 10 Guardians of the Torch Gold Medal - Special Olympics
- 11 125 Trees for 125 Years Arbor Day
- 12 Volunteer Service Award - Minnesota Society of Arboriculture
- 13 Arbor Day 2007 at Powderhorn Park
- 14 Celebration Award - Arbor Day Foundation
- 15 Developing programs for wood chip recycling and replacing trees lost to EAB
- 16 Tree City USA Growth Award - Arbor Day Foundation
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- 18 2009 Highlights
- 19 East Phillips Cultural and Community Center groundbreaking
- 20 Franklin Steele Square renovation completed
- 21 Grand Rounds Miniature Golf Course at Northeast Park dedicated
- 22 Lake of the Isles renovation completed
- 23 Ideawerks program at Powderhorn Park launched
- 24 Lake Harriet Band Shell seating area upgraded
- 25 Luce Line Bike Trail through Wirth Park completed
- 26 North Mississippi Regional Park picnic area improvements completed
- 27 West River Parkway pedestrian and bicycle paths repaved
- 28 First MPRB youth football games played at De LaSalle Field
- 29 Parks for the People documentary presented by Twin Cities Public Television
- 30 Cool Activities Guide published
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- 32 2009 Awards
- 33 Minneapolis Park Police
- 34 Guardian of the Flame Award, Special Olympics Minnesota
- 35 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
- 36 O. D. Gay Award, Meet Minneapolis
- 37 Northside Fundamental Baseball Program
- 38 Award of Excellence, Minnesota Recreation and Park Association
- 39 Wabun Picnic Area at Minnehaha Park
- 40 Award of Excellence, Minnesota Recreation and Park Association
- 41 125 Trees for 125 Years Arbor Day
- 42 Celebration Award, Arbor Day Foundation
- 43 B. F. Nelson Park
- 44 Unbuilt Works Award, Minnesota Chapter of the American Landscape Architects
- 45 Bluff Street Park
- 46 Good Luck and Godspeed Award, Minneapolis Heritage Preservation
- 47 Commission



1 Grand Rounds Scenic Byway  
2 Great Public Places, American Planning Association  
3 Longfellow Garden  
4 Best Community Garden, Metro Blooms  
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6 Commissioner Vreeland moved, seconded by Commissioner Olson -  
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8 9.5 THAT THE BOARD ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2009-182, CAPTIONED AS  
9 FOLLOWS:

10 RESOLUTION NO. 2009-182

11 HONORING TRACY NORDSTROM FOR HER YEARS OF DEDICATED  
12 SERVICE TO THE MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD.  
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14 Commissioner Nordstrom received accolades from Commissioner Vreeland. He then read  
15 resolution 2009-182. Superintendent Gurban then presented a commemorative plaque to honor  
16 Commissioner Nordstrom for her years of distinguished service.  
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19 President Nordyke called the question on the motion -  
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21 **Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.**  
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23 Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Vreeland -  
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25 9.6 THAT THE BOARD ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2009-183, CAPTIONED AS  
26 FOLLOWS:  
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28 RESOLUTION NO. 2009-183

29 HONORING TOM NORDYKE FOR HIS YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE  
30 TO THE MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD.  
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32 President Nordyke received accolades from Commissioner Young. She then read resolution  
33 2009-183. Superintendent Gurban then presented a commemorative plaque to honor President  
34 Nordyke for his years of distinguished service.  
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37 President Nordyke called the question on the motion -  
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39 **Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.**  
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41 Commissioner Kummer moved, seconded by Commissioner Olson -  
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43 9.7 THAT THE BOARD ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2009-184, CAPTIONED AS  
44 FOLLOWS:  
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46 RESOLUTION NO. 2009-184  
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2 HONORING MARY MERRILL ANDERSON FOR HER YEARS OF  
3 DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION  
4 BOARD.

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6 Vice President Merrill Anderson received accolades from Commissioner Kummer. She then  
7 read resolution 2009-184. Superintendent Gurban then presented a commemorative plaque to  
8 honor Vice President Merrill Anderson for her years of distinguished service.

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10 President Nordyke called the question on the motion -

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12 **Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.**

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14 Commissioner Olson moved, seconded by Commissioner Young -

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16 THAT THE BOARD ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2009-187, CAPTIONED AS  
17 FOLLOWS:

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19 RESOLUTION NO. 2009-187

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21 NAMING MARY MERRILL ANDERSON, SUPERINTENDENT EMERITUS  
22 OF THE MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

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24 Commissioner Olson read resolution 2009-187.

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26 **Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.**

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28 Commissioner Olson moved, seconded by Commissioner Young -

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30 9.8 THAT THE BOARD ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2009-185, CAPTIONED AS  
31 FOLLOWS:

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33 RESOLUTION NO. 2009-185

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35 HONORING WALT DZIEDZIC FOR HIS YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE  
36 TO THE MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD.

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38 Commissioner Dziejdzic received accolades from Commissioner Olson. He then read resolution  
39 2009-185. Superintendent Gurban then presented a commemorative plaque to honor  
40 Commissioner Dziejdzic for his years of distinguished service.

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42 President Nordyke called the question on the motion -

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44 **Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.**

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46 **ADJOURNMENT**

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1 The time being 8:01 p.m. Commissioner Nordstrom moved seconded by Commissioner Young -

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3 THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

4 **Action Taken: Approved on a Voice Vote. Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.**