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Meeting: Board of Managers
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Agenda Item #: 7.3
Item type: Consent

Title: Honoring the Leadership and Service of Emily Koski

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Summary:

The attached resolution honors Emily Koski's leadership and service to the Minnehaha Creek Watershed during her time representing Ward 11 on the Minneapolis City Council.



RESOLUTION

Resolution number: 26-019

Title: Honoring the Leadership and Service of Emily Koski

- WHEREAS, Emily Koski served as Minneapolis City Council Member for Ward 11 from 2022-2026;
- WHEREAS, as a Minneapolis City Council Member, Ms. Koski engaged deeply with the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) in careful study of flooding issues near Lake Hiawatha and Lake Nokomis, including hosting a Town Hall meeting on May 31, 2022, with more than one hundred residents to discuss the Lake Nokomis Area Groundwater & Surface Water Evaluation prepared cooperatively by a team of six agencies;
- WHEREAS, Council Member Koski reflected this commitment to scientific study, sound policy solutions, and collaborative investment in her leadership to forge the Cooperative Agreement for Integrated Planning and Water Resource Projects in the Minnehaha Creek Watershed, with the City of Minneapolis, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB), and MCWD, adopted in 2024;
- WHEREAS, Council Member Koski chaired the Policy Steering Committee for this Minneapolis Thriving Waters Partnership between the City, MPRB, and MCWD through 2025, and guided the Partnership’s progress to improve water quality, flood mitigation and climate resilience;
- WHEREAS, under her leadership of the Policy Steering Committee, the Partnership completed a Phase I Feasibility Study to evaluate priority projects along Minnehaha Creek from the MPRB Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail Master Plan, including a project at Cedar Avenue, providing water quality benefits through a 10% waste load reduction for Lake Hiawatha, and projects at Penn, Newton and Morgan, and Nicollet Avenues to address regional runoff and pollutant loads to Minnehaha Creek and downstream Lake Hiawatha;
- WHEREAS, Council Member Koski came to each Partnership Policy Steering Committee meeting thoroughly prepared, and as chair led the meetings with grace and insight, guiding policy discussion toward concrete progress through collaboration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MCWD Board of Managers hereby formally recognizes Emily Koski for her contributions of leadership, understanding, and grace to advance Balanced Urban Ecology in the Minnehaha Creek Watershed, and for her commitment to collaboration to restore and protect healthy natural systems that are integral to vibrant, resilient communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Managers expresses its deep gratitude for her service and extends its best wishes to Ms. Koski for great success, health, and happiness in all her future endeavors.

Resolution Number 26-019 was moved by Manager _____, seconded by Manager _____.
Motion to adopt the resolution ___ ayes, ___ nays, ___ abstentions. Date: 2/12/2026

Secretary Date: _____