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Date: January 14, 2014
To: Comprehensive Planning Committee
From: Jamie Radel and Allan Torstenson
Subject: **Parks, Civic and Open Space Zoning Study Initiation**

Background:

The City Council, on May 15, 2002, adopted resolution # 02-303 requesting that the Department of Planning and Economic Development incorporate a new district for civic and open space in the proposed restructuring of the St. Paul zoning code, which was done when the Traditional Neighborhood Districts were added to the zoning code in 2004. The resolution noted that parks, golf courses and cemeteries are currently zoned for residential use, and that a civic and open space district would be more consistent with their actual use.

The ordinance adopted by the City Council in 2004 to restructure the zoning code included amending Sec. 60.301, *Zoning districts established*, to include the CO Civic and Open Space District, and reserved Article VI. 66.600 in *Chapter 66, Zoning District Uses, Density and Dimensional Standards*, for the text of the Civic and Open Space District. Development of text pertaining to uses and development standards for the Civic and Open Space District, and rezoning of land to the CO Civic and Open Space District, was beyond the scope of the Traditional Neighborhood Zoning Districts and Code Reformatting Zoning Study in 2000-2004.

A new *Parks and Recreation Plan* element of the *Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan* adopted by the City Council on February 4, 2010, reiterated the call for a new zoning district for parks. Policy PR-2.1 in the *Parks and Recreation Plan* is to “review and revise zoning of parkland by adopting a new park zoning district.”

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Planning Commission initiation of a zoning study for development of text pertaining to uses and development standards for a parks and open space related zoning district, and rezoning of land to the new district.