

Ballpark Resolution 05-220

Hennepin County, Minnesota
RESOLUTION NO. 05-220
[2005]

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Opat:

WHEREAS, keeping the Minnesota Twins in Hennepin County contributes to the County's position as the economic and cultural center of the Upper Midwest, a status that benefits the entire state; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Twins contribute significantly to the local and state economy; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Twins are a valuable amenity to this County, region and state; and

WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis, after an extensive public input process, endorsed a preferred site for a compact, urban ballpark in the Historic Warehouse District; and

WHEREAS, the site takes advantage of significant existing parking infrastructure, convenient freeway access, connection to the Hiawatha LRT line, the future Northstar commuter rail line, and also presents opportunities for new housing development; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Twins Baseball Club has submitted to the County a "PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BASEBALL PARK AND PRINCIPLES OF AGREEMENT" that lays the foundation for an agreement of how to proceed on development of a new ballpark; and

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Written by New Twins Ballpark
Saturday, 23 April 2005 12:00

WHEREAS, the County agrees with these principles, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, that staff is directed to develop legislation consistent with the "PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BASEBALL PARK AND PRINCIPLES OF AGREEMENT" as on file with the Clerk to the County Board and that this legislation be added to the 2005 Hennepin County Legislative Program including authorizing additional legislative representation; that staff is authorized to take initial actions needed to fulfill the County's responsibilities in a timely manner under this Proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that staff is directed to begin any appropriate environmental studies at the Rapid Park site; that the required public meetings be noticed consistent with State law; that the Chair of the County Board is authorized to sign documents and/or contracts related to these environmental studies, with all of the initial costs related to these environmental studies including contracted services, to be funded by the Minnesota Twins Baseball Club.