

From: [Julia Wallace](#)
To: [Council Comment](#)
Cc: [Gordon, Cam A.](#)
Subject: Comments on Park Board referendum
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 1:06:01 PM

To the Minneapolis City Council:

My name is Julia Wallace and I live in the Prospect Park neighborhood. As a long-time community activist and supporter, I am convinced that our neighborhood parks are essential to the health of our community. Chronic under-funding has left them in bad repair, and we need to provide a carefully-managed plan to address maintenance needs across the city. This will require a predictable funding source for many years, since it is not possible or practical to make all needed repairs and upgrades at once. The proposed referendum would accomplish that, and I do believe the taxpayers of the city will support additional taxes to preserve their parks.

I am aware of the concerns that have been expressed about some specific elements in the referendum language as proposed by the Park Board. I hope the Council will move now to support the concept of putting the referendum on the ballot, and then work with the Park Board to develop language that will be acceptable to both but will provide a funding stream sufficient to support our neighborhood park system.

Thank you.

From: [James Urie](#)
To: [Council Comment](#)
Subject: I support a park funding referendum
Date: Friday, March 25, 2016 10:08:53 AM

Dear Council,

While I believe there could be improvements to the language of the Parks referendum, I am in support of having a referendum and I will vote for it. We have good parks, but they should be great. Park budgets continually get short changed at City Hall while police and fire get more and more and more. The marginal value of additional funding to PD and Fire is low, but the marginal value to of additional Park funding is still very high.

Thanks,

Jim Urie

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