



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
City of Duluth - Parks and Recreation Division

411 West First Street, Duluth, Minnesota 55802
218-730-4309 | www.duluthmn.gov | Lindsay Dean, Parks and Recreation Division Mgr.

For more information contact Pakou Ly, Public Information Coordinator 218-730-5309

DATE: 2/11/2016

SUBJECT: Newest Fairmount Park/Lake Superior Zoo Concept Available for Public Review - Public input needed - Next Public Meeting is February 22

BY: Pakou Ly, Public Information Coordinator

Newest Fairmount Park/Lake Superior Zoo Concept Available for Public Review
Public input needed - Next Public Meeting is February 22

[Duluth, MN] - The City of Duluth invites the public to view and comment on the latest concept plan for improvements to Fairmount Park and the Lake Superior Zoo. The plans were presented by a consultant to the community last night at the Duluth Parks Commission meeting. The concept envisions a renewed zoo in a roughly 10-acre footprint that improves overall zoo visitor experience with ADA accessible pathways, renews and repurposes exhibits damaged by the 2012 flood, enhances visitor services, and converts a portion of the existing zoo to become a top-quality free public park for the St. Louis River Corridor. The plan is estimated at \$15 million and has \$2.7 million of half-and-half funding already allotted to it. The plans and an online survey are available at,

<http://www.duluthmn.gov/st-louis-river-corridor/fairmount-park-and-zoo-planning/lake-superior-zoo-concepts/>

Comments can be submitted online using the above web link until **February 15, 2016** to allow for the consultants to analyze comments for the upcoming February 22 presentation and public hearing. The next public presentation will be held February 22, 2016 at 5:15 PM in the Duluth City Council Chambers to be followed by a Parks Commission public hearing in room 303.

###