

4 Proposed Motions
to the Board of Directors
Friends of the Wild Flower Garden
April 7, 1994

I. Endorse and Sponsor Historic Nomination.

Established in 1907, the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary is the oldest public wildflower garden in the nation. The contributions made by Eloise Butler and Martha Crone deserve national recognition for their pioneering work in the conservation and culture of native plants. Furthermore, the Wildflower Garden is an early example of a designed landscape in the naturalistic style advocated by Jens Jensen and H.W.S. Cleveland. Therefore, the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden endorse and sponsor the nomination of the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

II. Establish National Register Listing Project Committee.

The key to getting listed on the National Register of Historic Places will be the approach taken in the application that demonstrates the national significance of the Garden, as well as identifying areas of the Wildflower Garden that retain historic integrity. The research and preparation of the nomination will be lengthy and possibly costly. Therefore, the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden establish a committee chaired by Richard Bartholomew to actively seek nomination of the Wildflower Garden. The committee would be called the "National Register Listing Project."

III. Solicit Landscape Architect, Seek Funding and Interim Budget.

The Friends of the Wild Flower Garden authorize the National Register Listing Project committee to:

1. Solicit from the best landscape architect firms their proposed approach to presentation before the National Park Service's National Register, as well as cost estimates. (*note: Lance Neckar and Carole Zellie, Landscape Research, 1466 Hythe St., St. Paul, MN 55108 Tel. 641-1230 have come highly recommended, phone discussions have taken place with them and a copy of Martha's book mailed*), and,
2. Research possible outside funding for project expenses, and,
3. Budget \$100.00 for interim expenses (telephone, xeroxing, etc.).

IV. Publicity.

In order to better publicize the Wildflower Garden and the contributions of Eloise Butler, the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden authorize the committee to:

1. Distribute complimentary copies of *The Wild Gardener* to Susan Roth, Minnesota Historical Society; Carole Zellie and other interested parties as the committee sees fit, and,
2. Prepare a proposal for video taping (possibly of Ann Kessen's highly regarded slide presentation) a historic piece on the Wildflower Garden. The Friends Board of Directors will consider the proposal for funding at the summer meeting.



June 30, 1994

Martha Hellander
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Dear Martha:

Thank you for your letter of May 23, 1994. I will be delighted to help you and the National Register Nomination Committee of the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden, as an advisor, in its efforts to seek qualified persons to prepare the nomination of the Garden for designation on the National Register. I do want to make it clear, however, that nearly all of the Minneapolis Park system is historic and will be preserved in perpetuity. That is a charge to the Board by our citizens of Minneapolis. There should be little extra cost or effort to designate Eloise Butler Wild Flower Garden on the National Register.

I am in possession of a notebook concerning historic sites and the management thereof. It is to be made quite clear that any management operation and maintenance is in the proper jurisdiction. The land will remain in the domain of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.

Thank you for your help and interest.

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Sincerely,

Patricia D. Baker, Commissioner
Fourth Park District

PDB/rm

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Report by the National Register Listing Project Committee
to the Board of Directors
Friends of the Wild Flower Garden
July 21, 1994

I. Review of Committee purpose (see attached)

II. Status

- Landscape consultant proposals
 1. Six proposals were solicited and two were submitted
 2. Sniderman
 - Julia Sniderman and Bonnie Harper-Lore
 - \$3000.00 plus expenses (est \$1000-1500)
 3. Landscape Research
 - Carole Zellie and Lance Neckar
 - \$10,000.00
- Susan Roth - Minnesota Historical Society
- Patricia Baker - Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board
 1. Justification of cost and effort
 2. Concerns over MPRB freedom to administer garden after registration
 3. Believe that registration must be tied to specific garden period will necessitate restoration
 4. Views "Friends" interest in registration and being driven by concerns over ADA

III. Next Steps

- Board to direct Committee to continue its efforts towards National Register nomination in cooperation with the MPRB and the MHS
- Board authorizes an additional \$100.00 budget for interim expenses
- Board authorizes its President to conduct final project approval through telephone polling of the Board members or a special Board meeting