

January 17, 2017

The Honorable Larry A. Cuffe Jr.  
Virginia City Hall  
327 First Street South  
Virginia MN 55792-2623

RE: Olcott Park Electric Fountain and Rock Garden, in the Northwestern quadrant of Olcott Park,  
9<sup>th</sup> Street North and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Virginia, St. Louis County

Dear Mayor Cuffe:

We are pleased to inform you that the above referenced property, which the city owns, will be considered by the State Review Board for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register of Historic Places is the Federal government's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing in the National Register provides recognition and assists in preserving our Nation's heritage.

Listing of this property provides recognition of its historic importance. Federal and State agencies are required to consider effects of their projects on historic properties. In addition, units of government are required to complete a State Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) prior to permitting the destruction of a property listed in the National Register. If the property is listed in the National Register, certain Federal and State investment tax credits for rehabilitation and other provisions may apply.

Listing in the National Register does not mean that limitations will be placed on the property by the Federal government. Public visitation rights are not required of owners. The Federal government will not attach restrictive covenants to the properties or seek to acquire them.

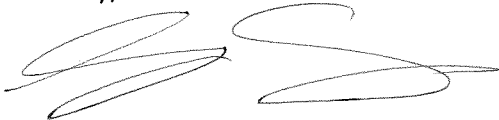
You are invited to attend the State Review Board meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at which the nomination will be considered. The meeting will be called to order at 6:00 p.m. Historic Preservation Office staff will make an informational presentation on program activities and then the nominations will be presented. The meeting will be held in Cargill Commons, Level 2 of the Minnesota History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul, MN 55102. A sign language interpreter is available with one weeks notice, and auxiliary aids are available with two weeks notice. Call 651-259-3450, or TTY 800-627-3529.

Enclosed please find a notice that explains in greater detail the results of listing in the National Register and describes the rights and procedures by which an owner may comment on or object to listing in the National Register. If you wish to comment in writing on whether the property should be nominated to the National Register, please send your comments to Secretary, State Review Board, Historic Preservation Office, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul, MN 55102-1906, before the State Review Board considers this nomination on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. Any correspondence received after the State Review Board meeting, but before final action is taken by the Keeper of the National Register, will be forwarded to the National Register.

A copy of the National Register nomination will be available no later than February 13th online at: [www.mnhs.org/shpo/nrhp/nominations.htm](http://www.mnhs.org/shpo/nrhp/nominations.htm). If you do not have internet access and would like a copy of the nomination, please contact our office.

Should you have any questions about this nomination before the State Review Board meeting, please contact Ginny Way, National Register Architectural Historian, at 651-259-3493, [ginny.way@mnhs.org](mailto:ginny.way@mnhs.org), or 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul, MN 55102-1906.

Sincerely,



Amy Spong  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

enc: National Register Criteria for Evaluation  
Rights of Owners to Comment and/or to Object to Listing in the National Register  
National Register Program Sheet  
Frequently Asked National Register Questions

cc: Britt See-Benes, City Administrator  
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