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City Accepts Donation Check for Payne Maryland Project

\$30,000 donation from the Minnesota Beverage Association and the American Beverage Foundation for a Healthy America will be used towards construction of the Payne Maryland walking track.

(SAINT PAUL) –City of Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman, along with Councilmember Dan Bostrom and Parks and Recreation Department Director Mike Hahm, accepted a \$30,000 donation from the Minnesota Beverage Association and the American Beverage Foundation for a Healthy America Wednesday to help construct the Payne Maryland facility’s indoor walking track.

“The Payne Maryland facility is an important asset for Saint Paul, and we are thrilled to receive this generous donation to help strengthen the building and its programming,” Mayor Chris Coleman said. “Once completed, Payne Maryland will bring together people from across the community, creating not just a learning center but giving neighborhood residents access to a new year-round fitness facility. We are truly grateful for the Minnesota Beverage Association’s generous donation towards making this new walking track a reality.”

The walking track will be on the main level of the Payne Maryland building, above the lower-level gymnasium floor. The track will feature a rubber flooring surface and windows next to the track will provide outside views as well as views of the adjacent fitness center. The track will be two lanes wide (6 ft.) and the entire length of the track is 276 feet (19 laps per mile).

“The Minnesota Beverage Association has a long history of supporting health and wellness programs across the state, especially programs which help combat childhood obesity. When we heard about this donation opportunity our grant committee recognized it immediately as a natural fit and we are very proud to be able to donate towards this new permanent asset to the community,” Minnesota Beverage Association President Tim Wilkin said.

The Payne Maryland Project will bring together public and private partners under one roof. The facility will encapsulate the programming needs of the Arlington Recreation Center, the Arlington Hills Library, Arlington Hills Lutheran Church, and Bradshaw Celebration of Life Centers into a new and exciting community center. Construction is scheduled to be completed in January of 2014.

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About The Minnesota Beverage Association

The Minnesota Beverage Association's members are producers, marketers and distributors of almost every non-alcoholic beverage you can imagine. For over 100 years, the Association has been committed to promoting the best of the beverage industry through information dissemination, recycling programs, public awareness campaigns, fitness and wellness programs, and providing timely updates on industry activities. Minnesota's beverage industry provides over 5,400 direct and 16,400 indirect jobs with a \$2.54 billion direct economic impact to the state.

About American Beverage Foundation for a Healthy America

The American Beverage Foundation for a Healthy America is a non-profit entity formed by the non-alcoholic beverage industry, founded on principles that promote and advance active lifestyles and healthy living for all Americans through the funding of educational, charitable and literary endeavors and other resources.

About Saint Paul Parks & Recreation

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation is a nationally accredited and gold medal award-winning organization that manages more than 170 parks and open spaces, AZA accredited Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, 25 city-operated recreation centers, four municipal golf courses, more than 100 miles of trails, an indoor and two outdoor aquatic facilities, a public beach, a variety of premium sports facilities, and [Great River Passage](#) - which is the new identity for all proposed public development along Saint Paul's more than 17 miles of Mississippi riverfront. For more information about Saint Paul Parks and Recreation, visit www.stpaul.gov/parks



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