

City of Minneapolis

Request for Committee Action

To: Health, Environment & Community Engagement
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Subject:

Minneapolis Green Zones Workgroup status report.

Description:

Receiving an update on the progress of the Green Zones Workgroup toward the City Council's unanimously approved Resolution to establish a Workgroup and develop recommendations for a pilot Green Zone by end of fourth quarter 2016.

Previous Actions:

- [15-01411](#) February 12, 2016: City Council Resolution 2016R-040 "Promoting racial equity and sustainable community revitalization through the development of a Green Zones Policy and creating the Green Zones Policy Task Force"
 - March 7, 2014: City Council adopted the Minneapolis Climate Action Plan Two-year (2014-2015) Priorities, which included developing a Green Zone initiative.
 - March 7, 2014: City Council adopted the Minneapolis Energy Pathways Study, which listed establishing a Green Zones pilot with key community leadership as a next step on Minneapolis Energy Pathways recommendations (page 24).
 - June 28, 2013: City Council adopted the Minneapolis Climate Action Plan, which identified developing a Green Zone initiative as a cross-cutting strategy under the Buildings and Energy chapter on page 15.
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Ward/Address:

Not Applicable

Background/Analysis:

By the November 28, 2016 Health, Environment and Community Engagement Committee date, the Minneapolis Green Zones Workgroup will have met eight times, received training on racial bias and environmental justice, established a vision and goals to achieve the desired outcomes of Green Zones, established criteria for Green Zones designation and prioritization, and developed a plan for engagement of community to solicit input on the Workgroup's recommendations. All meeting materials are available on the Minneapolis Green Zones webpage: <http://minneapolismn.gov/sustainability/policies/green-zones>.

Financial Review:

No financial impact.