

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
THE HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL
February 23, 2015

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 9:37 a.m. on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Cam Gordon (Chair), Jacob Frey, Elizabeth Glidden, and Lisa Bender

Members Absent: Council Members Andrew Johnson and Alondra Cano

Matters listed below are hereby submitted with the following recommendations; to-wit:

1. Maternal and Child Home Visiting Services ([15-00209](#)):

- a) Authorizing contract with the Minnesota Department of Health to receive \$180,000 for home visiting services for women and young children; and
- b) Approving increase in the appropriation and revenue estimate in the Health Department Grants-Federal Fund by \$180,000.

On motion by Gordon, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved and referred to the Ways & Means Committee.

2. Healthy Communities Transformation Initiative ([15-00210](#)):

Receiving and filing report/presentation.

Staff presentation by Charlene Muzyka, Senior Public Health Researcher, Minneapolis Health Department.

On motion by Gordon, carried on voice vote, the matter was received and filed.

3. Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council ([15-00211](#)):

Receiving and filing 2014 Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Third Annual Report.

Staff presentation by Tamara Downs Schwei, Homegrown Minneapolis/Local Food Policy Coordinator; and Russ Henry and Omari Chatman, Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Co-Chairs.

On motion by Gordon, carried on a voice vote, the membership of the Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council was amended to add one staff member each from the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) and the Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) and two additional community members, appointed by the MPRB and MPS.

On motion by Frey, carried on a voice vote, the following recommendation for Council action from the Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council was referred to the Community Development & Regulatory Services Committee:

- 1) Support the Food Council's land access policy goals related to urban agriculture:
 - Extend the lease terms for City-owned parcels to greater than one year, with a preferred minimum of five years.
 - Allow commercial growers to lease or purchase City-owned parcels, with the understanding that community gardeners would have priority access.
 - Expand total number of City-owned lots available for urban agricultural lease or sale.

On motion by Gordon, carried on voice vote, the matter was received and filed.

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Reported by Peggy Menshek, Committee Coordinator