

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
THE HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL
July 11, 2016

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 1:35 p.m. on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Cam Gordon (Chair), Andrew Johnson, Elizabeth Glidden, Alondra Cano, and Lisa Bender

Member Absent: Council Member Jacob Frey

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

1. Neighborhood & Community Engagement Commission: Appointments ([16-00822](#))

1. Approving the following City Council appointments for two-year terms beginning July 2016 and ending June 2018: Shannon Bean, Ward 8; Stephanie Jones, Ward 7; and Patricia Vogel, Ward 1.
2. Confirming the Mayoral reappointment of David Zaffrann, Ward 12, for a two-year term beginning July 2016 and ending June 2018.

The public hearing was opened.

There being no persons wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Gordon, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved as amended to substitute the name of Jeffrey Strand, Ward 4, for Stephanie Jones, Ward 7.

2. Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council: Appointment ([16-00909](#))

Approving the City Council appointment of Donald Warneke, Seat 6, Ward 5, to the Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council for the remainder of the current term ending Dec. 31, 2017.

On motion by Gordon, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

3. Grant from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for Green Zone Workgroup ([16-00915](#))

1. Accepting an environmental assistance grant from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) in the amount of \$10,000 to support the City's Green Zone Workgroup.
2. Authorizing an agreement with the MPCA for the grant.
3. Passage of Resolution appropriating the funds to the City Coordinator's Office.

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

4. Grant from National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for conservation of Minneapolis bees ([16-00910](#))
 1. Accepting a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in the amount of \$80,000 for adding pollinator habitat in the City of Minneapolis.
 2. Authorizing an agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the grant.
 3. Passage of Resolution appropriating the funds to the Health Department.

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

5. Donation from Hennepin County Medical Center for Skyway Senior Center ([16-00911](#))
 1. Passage of Resolution accepting donation from Hennepin County Medical Center in the amount of \$10,000 to support operating expenses for the Skyway Senior Center.
 2. Passage of Resolution appropriating the funds to the Health Department.

On motion by Gordon, carried on voice vote, the following staff directions were approved:

1. Requesting that the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging review the relationship of the Skyway Senior Center and the Minneapolis for a Lifetime strategic plan and make recommendations about the City's role in supporting the Skyway Senior Center in the future.
2. Directing Health Department and Neighborhood and Community Relations Department staff to work with the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging, and other staff as needed, to explore options and make recommendations concerning the future of the Skyway Senior Center and report back to the Health Environment & Community Engagement Committee in Sept. 2016.

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

6. Contracts with Pillsbury United Communities and Cultural Wellness Center for Community-Driven Solutions for Health ([16-00912](#))

Authorizing contracts with Pillsbury United Communities and Cultural Wellness Center in the amount of \$62,000 for each contract to provide services for reducing chronic disease and increasing healthy living opportunities.

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

7. Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities: Appointment ([16-00916](#))

Confirming the Mayoral appointment of Evan Henspeter to the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities for a two-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2016, and ending Dec. 31, 2017.

On motion by Gordon, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

8. One Minneapolis Fund: 2016 Recommendations ([16-00918](#))

1. Approving the following funding, totaling \$182,000, for the 2016 One Minneapolis Fund Program:

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| African Chamber of Commerce | \$25,000 |
| Anyah | \$ 1,000 |
| Circle of Discipline | \$25,000 |
| From Death to Life | \$20,000 |
| The Dial Group | \$15,000 |
| Emerge Community Development | \$25,000 |
| Givens Foundation/Black Market MN | \$17,000 |
| Lake Street Council | \$10,000 |
| LVY Foundation | \$19,000 |
| We Win Institute | \$25,000 |

2. Authorizing the Neighborhood and Community Relations Director to execute the necessary contracts.

On motion by Gordon, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

9. Waste tires as ground cover on children's outdoor play areas in Minneapolis ([16-00949](#))

1. Receiving public comment and a presentation from members of Play It Safe Minneapolis and Healthy Legacy regarding the use of discarded motor vehicle tires as ground cover on children's outdoor play areas in Minneapolis.
2. Requesting that the Public Health Advisory Committee and the Community Environmental Advisory Commission study and make recommendations regarding the use of waste tires as ground cover in Minneapolis and report back to the Health, Environment and Community Engagement Committee in February of 2017.
3. Directing staff from the Health Department and City Coordinator's Office of Sustainability to work with the Public Health Advisory Committee and the Community Environmental Advisory Commission to support their efforts to study and make recommendations regarding the use of waste tires as ground cover in Minneapolis.

The public comment period was opened.

The following persons spoke:

1. Nancy Brown, Play it Safe Minneapolis.
2. Emmanuel Ortiz, Ward 9.
3. Lee Setter, Manager, Environmental Health & Safety, Minneapolis Public Schools.
4. Liz Wielinski, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board of Commissioners.

The public comment period was closed.

On motion by Gordon, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

10. Public Health Emergency Preparedness Annual Report ([16-00914](#))

Receiving and filing the 2015 the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Annual Report.

Staff presentation by Pam Blixt and Toni Hauser, Health Department.

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

11. Neighborhood Programming and Support Audit Report ([16-00917](#))

1. Receiving and filing the Neighborhood & Community Relations (NCR) Neighborhood Programming and Support Audit Report.
2. Directing the Neighborhood and Community Relations staff to work with the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission and Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board to identify options for combining their functions and merging into one board or commission and to report back to the Health, Environment & Community Engagement Committee by Jan. 31, 2017.
3. Directing the Neighborhood and Community Relations staff to work with the City Coordinator's Office and other departments as needed to identify potential funding options for funding neighborhood organizations after the expiration of the Consolidated TIF district, which is legislatively mandated to end in 2020, and report back to the Health, Environment & Community Engagement Committee by Jan. 31, 2017.

Staff presentation by David Rubedor, Director, Neighborhood and Community Relations Department, and Bill Smith, Biko and Associates.

The Chair afforded the courtesy of the floor to Council Member Linnea Palmisano.

On motion by Gordon, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

12. Petition to amend the City Charter: Police professional liability insurance ([16-00888](#))

Receiving a report on the sufficiency of a citizen petition proposing to amend the City Charter in the form of a ballot question to require police officers to carry professional liability insurance.

Staff presentation by Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk.

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

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Reported by Peggy Menshek, Committee Coordinator