



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

Date: June 23, 2015

To: Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation and Public Works Committee

Referral to: Honorable John Quincy, Chair Ways and Means Committee

Subject: **Donation from the Minneapolis Downtown Council**

Recommendation:

- A. Authorize Public Works to accept a donation of the furnishing and installation of landscaping valued at approximately \$15,000 from the Minneapolis Downtown Council.
- B. Pass the accompanying resolution allowing Public Works to accept the landscaping donation.

Previous Directives: None

Department Information

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Approved by: _____
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Presenters in Committee: Michael Kennedy, Director, Transportation, Maintenance and Repair

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ___ Date _____
- Civil Rights Approval Approval ___ Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ___ Date _____

Financial Impact

Action is within the approved budget.

Community Impact

- City Goals: A City that Works: Infrastructure — streets, bridges, sidewalks, sewers, bike lanes & paths — well-managed and maintained

Supporting Information

Peavey Plaza had been essentially closed in 2013 in anticipation of reconstruction in 2014. Due to a settlement decree resulting from a lawsuit, reconstruction has been delayed for the unforeseeable future. Both the City and the Minneapolis Downtown Council believe it is in the best interest of both to partially reopen Peavey Plaza and allow some permitted activities. Public Works has taken steps to provide very basic housekeeping, power and irrigation services. The Downtown Council provided significant greening and planting services in 2014 and has offered again, in 2015, to furnish annual plantings and mulching in order to provide an aesthetically pleasing and welcoming atmosphere for Plaza users and visitors.

The Downtown Council will provide this donation by using Tangletown Gardens, their vendor for a variety of other downtown greening initiatives. The estimated value of the donation is \$15,000.

Public works recommends acceptance of this donation in accordance with the attached Resolution.

RESOLUTION 2015R-_____
By Reich

**Accepting Donation of Annual Plantings at Peavey Plaza from the
Minneapolis Downtown Council.**

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis is generally authorized to accept donations of real and personal property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 for the benefit of its citizens, and is specifically authorized to accept gifts and bequests for the benefit of recreational services pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 471.17; and

Whereas, the following persons and entities have offered to contribute the gifts set for the below to the City:

<u>Name of Donor</u>	<u>Gift</u>
Minneapolis Downtown Council	Annual Plantings at Peavey Plaza

Whereas, no goods or services were provided in exchange for said donation; and

Whereas, all such donations have been contributed to assist the City in enhancing the appearance of Peavey Plaza, as allowed by law; and

Whereas, the City Council finds that it is appropriate to accept the donation offered;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the donations described above are accepted and shall be used for the public purpose of enhancing and beautifying the public space at Peavey Plaza.