

City of Minneapolis

Request for Committee Action

To: Committee of the Whole
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From: Intergovernmental Relations Department
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File Type: Resolution
Subcategory: Designation

Subject:

Designation of Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin as the City of Minneapolis Community Action Agency.

Description:

Passage of Resolution designating Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin as the City of Minneapolis Community Action Agency.

Previous Actions:

November 20, 2016: Adoption of Resolution 2015R-457 regarding Filing Notice of Intent to Designate a Successor Community Action Agency
January 15, 2016: Appointment of Chief Administrative Law Judge Tammy Pust as the public hearing officer

Ward/Address:

All Wards

Background/Analysis:

In 1994, The City designated Community Action of Minneapolis, Inc. (CAM) to operate as the City's community action agency (CAA). In September 2014, the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) sought to terminate for cause CAM's CAA designation. CAM appealed the termination but withdrew its appeal effective May 11, 2015.

City Attorney's Office and the City's Coordinator's Office staff were assigned to develop a process so that community action programs can continue in Minneapolis. The staff met with DHS staff to review the governing federal and state statutes and rules applicable to CAAs. Staff issued a Request For Qualifications to which four agencies submitted proposals.

Upon City staff recommendation, City Council adopted Resolution 2015R-457 preliminarily designating Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin (CAPSH) as the CAA for Minneapolis and directing submission of the intent to designate along with the requisite eligibility documents for CAPSH to the DHS.

Pursuant to Minnesota Rules regarding designation and recognition of a community action agency, a public hearing was scheduled and required notices provided to the public as well as the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners and recipients of community action agency

services formerly provided by CAM. The hearing notice was published in English, Spanish, Hmong and Somali.

The public hearing was held on January 28, 2016 at the Hennepin County Library-Minneapolis Central. The official record of the public hearing consists of:

- An electronic recording, videotape and minutes of the proceedings;
- A transcript of all testimony;
- Written comments; and
- Exhibits received pertaining to the proposed designation.

The official record of the public hearing can be accessed through Clerk File 16-00002.

The rules governing the designation process now require the City Council to adopt a resolution designating Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin as the City of Minneapolis Community Action Agency. The City Council is permitted to make the final designation, if after review of the official record, the City Council finds:

- The opinion of the community, with respect to the issue of the proposed designation of CAPSH, was fairly and impartially expressed.
- The opinion of low-income people was actively encouraged, representatively sampled and fairly expressed during the public hearing process.
- Based upon the testimony and evidence submitted at the hearing, CAPSH has established the qualifications, expertise and experience necessary to be an effective community action agency.
- CAPSH's proposed mission, service and goals were supported by testimony and written comments received as a result of the public hearing process.
- CAPSH has met all procedural requirements for eligibility and designation.

The official record of the public hearing and the attached Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation Regarding Designation of Community Action Agency issued by the Administrative Law Judge support the required regulatory findings.

Financial Review:

Select financial statement.

Attachments:

1. Resolution designating CAPSH as the City of Minneapolis community action agency.