

City of Minneapolis
Request for Committee Action

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Subject:

Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council: Appointment

Description:

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 December 31, 2017.

Previous Actions:

- The Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council was created by 2011R-445 and amended by Resolution 2011R-633 on September 2, 2011 and 2015R-092 on February 27, 2015 ([15-00211](#)).
- 2016-17 Food Council members were appointed on November 20, 2015. ([15-01400](#))

Ward/Address:

N/A

Background/Analysis:

On November 20, 2015 Magdalena Kaluza was appointed to Seat 6 of the Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council, a City Council-appointed seat, and has since needed to resign from her seat on the Food Council. Donald Warneke is to be appointed to fill this vacant seat on the Food Council for the remainder of the term.

Formed in 2012, the Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council is a permanent body for the City of Minneapolis to serve as a nexus of citywide food related efforts. The purpose of the Food Council is to:

- Advise the Mayor, City Council, and Park Board on food system related opportunities and challenges;
- Develop innovative policies and strategies to improve the growing, processing, promotion, distribution, consumption and composting of healthy, sustainable, locally grown foods in Minneapolis;
- Provide technical expertise and recommendations in the ongoing development of the City's Local Food sustainability targets;
- Advance the food system in directions that are health promoting, environmentally sustainable, local resilient, inclusive, equitable, fair and transparent;
- Assist in development, implementation, and evaluation of Homegrown Minneapolis recommendations; and, where necessary, convene additional expertise to innovate around challenges;

- Support, participate and provide leadership in development of regional food system work;
- Assist with opportunities to celebrate food and its role in strengthening the connections of Minneapolis' many communities and cultures.

The body includes 25 voting members comprised of 15 community members, seven appointed by the Mayor and eight appointed by the City Council; six City staff and elected representatives; and the remaining four members include: one staff and one community member representing Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and one staff and one community member representing Minneapolis Public Schools. City representation includes a representative from each of the following departments: Health; Environmental Services; Community Planning and Economic Development; City Coordinator–Sustainability; Mayor's office; and a Council Member or Council staff. This is a unique co-ownership model proven to be effective for moving food system work forward in Minneapolis. Term length is for two years beginning in January of even-numbered years. Members may serve up to three consecutive terms.

Financial Review:

No financial impact.

Attachments:

1. None