

City of Minneapolis
Request for Committee Action

To: Health, Environment & Community Engagement
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Subject:

Waste tires as ground cover on children's outdoor play areas in Minneapolis

Description:

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.

Previous Actions:

None

Background/Analysis:

The Committee Chair was approached by residents with concerns and research to share about the potential harms of using waste tires as ground cover on children's play areas in our city and were invited as individuals and as members of Healthy Legacy and Play it Safe Minneapolis to present information to the committee. Anyone wishing to address the committee on this issue will be afforded that opportunity.

Financial Review:

No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.

Future budget impact anticipated.

Attachments: