

Proposed Resolution for the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission

Offered by Commissioners Strand and Pass, February 24, 2015:

Whereas, since it was established in 2008 the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission has the authority and responsibility from the City Council and Mayor to establish policies for the City's neighborhood programs, exclusive of NRP Phase I and II; and,

Whereas, the NCEC has resolved in its adopted Purpose/Mission to act in its advisory capacity to engage and advocate for the neighborhoods and community around issues specific to the NCEC scope of authority and responsibility; and,

Whereas, many Minneapolis residents, neighborhood and cultural community organizations, and public agencies through their actions recognize the important role of food as a community engagement tool as illustrated in conferences, focus groups, and public meetings; now therefor,

Be It Resolved, that because legal interpretations for the use of NRP and Community Participation Program/Consolidated TIF funds preclude the use of funds for providing food to facilitate community engagement, and because the ability of neighborhood organizations to raise unrestricted funds to provide food to facilitate community engagement varies widely, that the NCEC respectfully requests the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department to evaluate options for unrestricted General Funds reasonable yet limited funding to provide resources to neighborhood organizations to use this widely recognized tool to facilitate and enhance community engagement.