

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
THE HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL
June 22, 2015

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 1:31 p.m. on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Cam Gordon (Chair), Andrew Johnson, Jacob Frey, Elizabeth Glidden, Alondra Cano, and Lisa Bender

Matters listed below are hereby submitted with the following recommendations; to-wit:

1. Neighborhood & Community Engagement Commission appointments ([15-00737](#))

Considering the following appointments to the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) for two-year terms beginning July 2015 and expiring June 2017:

- a. Braulio Carrasco, Ward 9, City Council appointment.
- b. Raya Esmaeili, Ward 10, City Council appointment.
- c. Nasser Mussa, Ward 6, Mayoral appointment.
- d. Tessa Wetjen, Ward 9, City Council reappointment.

Staff presentation by Howard Blin, Community Engagement Manager.

The public hearing was opened.

There being no persons wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Gordon, carried on voice vote, the appointments and the following Frey staff direction were approved: Directing Neighborhood & Community Relations (NCR) staff to carry out targeted recruiting for Neighborhood & Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) appointments in wards that are geographically underrepresented for the 2016 open appointments, and that NCR staff explore NCEC appointment options and guidelines that better ensure geographic distribution for all future open appointments.

2. Green Business Program: Revenue from Environmental Initiative ([15-00738](#))

- a. Accepting estimated revenue not to exceed \$60,000 from Environmental Initiative for the Green Business Program.
- b. Approving resolution increasing appropriation.

On motion by Gordon, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved and referred to the Ways & Means Committee.

3. MPCA Draft Environmental Justice Framework: City comments ([15-00739](#))

Authorizing submission of comments to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) regarding the MPCA's Draft Environmental Justice (EJ) Framework 2015-2018.

On motion by Gordon, carried on voice vote, the matter was sent forward without recommendation.

4. Tobacco Dealers ordinance ([15-00536](#))

Considering amendments to Title 13, Chapter 281 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations: Tobacco Dealers, regulating sales.

Staff presentation by Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health; and Patrick Hilden, CPED Economic Policy & Development.

The Chair extended the courtesy of the floor to:

- a) Steve Rush, Director Intergovernmental Relations, and Lokie Rodriguez, District Manager, Holiday Companies.
- b) Nancy Hylden, Faegre, Baker, Daniels Law Firm.

Gordon moved a substitute ordinance which amended Section 281.45(f) as follows:

Section 281.45(f) No person shall sell, offer for sale, give away, barter, exchange, or otherwise deal in flavored tobacco products or samples of such products. This subsection does not apply to tobacco products shops or to a licensed tobacco dealer that otherwise meets the definition of and requirements applicable to a tobacco products shop except for the lack of an entrance door opening directly to the outside but which has an entrance door opening directly to the public area of a skyway, mall or other space that is not part of the premises of another business establishment. This subsection shall become effective September 1, 2015.

A. Johnson moved the following amendment to Section 281.45(g):

Section 281.45(g) No person shall sell, offer for sale, or otherwise distribute cigars in original packages containing three (3) or fewer cigars for a sale price, after any coupons, multipack or buy-one-get-one promotions, or any other discounts are applied and prior to applicable sales taxes being imposed, of less than two dollars and sixty cents (\$2.60) per cigar contained within. In addition, no person shall sell, offer for sale, or otherwise distribute cigars in original packages of four (4) or more cigars for a sale price, after any coupons, multipack or buy-one-get-one promotions, or any other discounts are applied and prior to applicable sales taxes being imposed, of less than ten dollars and forty cents (\$10.40) per package. The minimum price established in this section shall, from time to time but at least once every three years, be adjusted for inflation. This subsection shall become effective September 1, 2015.

A. Johnson withdrew his amendment to Section 281.45(g).

On motion by Gordon, carried on voice vote, the substitute ordinance was approved.

5. School Based Clinic Project Connect: Presentation ([15-00740](#))

Receiving and filing presentation.

Staff presentation by Barbara Kyle, Manager, School Based Clinic Program; and Katie Kramer, Minnesota Coalition of Battered Women.

On motion by Gordon, carried on voice vote, the matter was received and filed.

6. School Based Clinic Project Connect: Revenue from Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women ([15-00741](#))

- a. Accepting revenue not to exceed \$15,000 from the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women for participation in Project Connect to assist youth experiencing intimate partner violence.
- b. Approving resolution increasing appropriation.

On motion by Gordon, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved and referred to the Ways & Means Committee.

7. Ground Level Ozone Report ([15-00742](#))

Receiving and filing report and presentation.

Staff presentation by Dan Huff, Director of Environmental Health; Jenni Lansing, Environmental Inspector; and Frank Kohlasch, Air Assessment Section, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

On motion by Gordon, carried on voice vote, the matter was received and filed.

8. Northside Achievement Zone: Progress and Sustainability Plans ([15-00743](#))

Receiving and filing update on Northside Achievement Zone (NAZ) Progress and Sustainability Plans.

Staff presentation by Sondra Samuels, Northside Achievement Zone, President & CEO; and Tamera Owens, NAZ Connector and parent.

On motion by Gordon, carried on voice vote, the matter was received and filed.

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Reported by Peggy Menshek, Committee Coordinator