

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM  
THE HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL  
March 27, 2017

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 1:30 p.m. on this date.

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

Member Absent: Council Member Elizabeth Glidden

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

1. Request for Proposals (RFP) for community solar garden development ([17-00413](#))

Authorizing issuance of an RFP for community solar garden services to be provided to the City of Minneapolis that will include the following criteria for evaluation of the responses:

1. Workforce participation from Minneapolis residents and compliance with the Small and Underutilized Business Program (SUBP) goals.
2. Potential cost savings to the City of Minneapolis.
3. Potential ownership by the City of Minneapolis of the Renewable Energy Credits (RECs).
4. A community solar garden up to 1 MWAC in size.
5. Reference to stacked green infrastructure, including pollinator forage, storm water management, or local food growing.
6. Requiring the garden developer to assign 20% of the garden generation to Minneapolis low income households and enter into subscription agreements with such households.

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

2. License agreement with Minneapolis Public Schools for use of school sites in a health emergency ([17-00414](#))

Authorizing a five-year license agreement with Minneapolis Public Schools, Special School District No. 1, to use space in multiple school sites for providing services to the general public for public health emergencies.

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

3. Grant from Ian Somerhalder Foundation for Minneapolis Animal Care and Control ([17-00418](#))
  1. Accepting a grant from the Ian Somerhalder Foundation in the amount of \$300 to cover a portion of the medical costs of an animal in the care of Minneapolis Animal Care & Control.
  2. Authorizing an agreement with Ian Somerhalder Foundation for the grant.
  3. Passage of Resolution appropriating the funds to the Regulatory Services Department.

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

4. University of Minnesota report on Workplace Perspectives on Erotic Dancing ([17-00415](#))

Receiving and filing a presentation on a University of "Minnesota report on Workplace Perspectives on Erotic Dancing: A Brief Report on Community-Based Research with Entertainers in Minneapolis Strip Clubs," presented by Dr. Lauren Martin, Director of Research at the University of Minnesota's Urban Research Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC).

Staff presentation by Dan Huff, Health Department; Dr. Lauren Martin, Director of Research, University of Minnesota Urban Research Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC); Christina Melander and Cheyenne Syvertson, University of Minnesota UROC; and Tawnya "Sweetpea" Konobeck and Artika Roller, members of the Project Community Advisory Group.

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

5. Recommendations on use of recycled tire mulch ([17-00111](#))
  1. Passage of Resolution prohibiting the use of City funds for the installation or replacement of any facilities or amenities using waste tires and encouraging others to discontinue the use of waste tire materials as ground cover and infill in Minneapolis.
  2. Directing Finance Department staff to work with Minneapolis Public Schools and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to identify the cost of the removal of waste tire mulch from existing facilities; directing Finance staff to identify possible sources of City funding that could be used to help and to bring forward a proposal to Council, consistent with City processes, for consideration no later than July 1, 2017. The proposal should specify whether partner organizations have taken formal action to prohibit further purchase and use of waste tire products.

On motion by Gordon, carried on voice vote, the matter was postponed to the Health, Environment & Community Engagement Committee meeting of April 17, 2017.

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Reported by Peggy Menshek, Committee Coordinator