



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Intergovernmental Relations

Date: December 23, 2011

To: Council Vice President Robert Lilligren and Council Member Elizabeth Glidden
Referral to: Committee of the Whole; IGR

Subject: Appointments to the Minnehaha-Hiawatha Community Works Policy Steering Committee

Recommendation: Approval of the appointments of Council Members Colvin Roy and Schiff to the Policy Steering Committee

Previous Directives: On October 5, 2007, the City Council adopted a report approving the Minnehaha-Hiawatha Community Works Project as a multi-jurisdictional reinvestment program with the Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority being the implementing entity for the project.

Department Information

Prepared by: IGR

Approved by: _____

Presenters in Committee: Planning and IGR

Supporting Information. In December 2006, Hennepin County established the Minnehaha-Hiawatha Community Works Capital Project to implement activities that would enhance the economic vitality, improve natural systems, and strengthen community connections in the Minnehaha-Hiawatha corridor area. This corridor parallels the Hiawatha Light Rail Transit (LRT) line from the Midtown Greenway to Minnehaha Parkway, between the LRT line and Minnehaha Avenue. The County developed a Strategic Investment Framework to guide County and City of Minneapolis policymakers in making public and private improvements within the Corridor, consistent with City-adopted station area plans. The Framework was completed with ongoing input from the city, county, community members, businesses and other area stakeholders. The Framework includes four major parts:

1. Data Inventory.
2. Summary of Issues - community identified issues, solutions and desired outcomes.
3. Investment Framework - identification and discussion of recommended projects to enhance economic vitality, improve natural systems and strengthen community connections.
4. Action Plan. Direction to guide implementation of corridor projects.

The Framework also recommends a Policy Steering Committee for the Minnehaha-Hiawatha Community Works project. The committee will be charged to provide strategic direction, review projects, support interagency coordination and identify funding sources. The committee will consist of county commissioners, city council members, and representatives of the Metropolitan Council, the watershed districts, and appointees from the neighborhoods and businesses. The committee will meet three to four times per year.