



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Office of the City Coordinator

**Date:** May 14, 2012

**To:** Council Vice President Robert Lilligren, Chair, Committee of the Whole

**Referral to:** City Council

**Subject:** American Indian Memorandum of Understanding

**Recommendation:** Receive and File

**Previous Directives:** The following appointments to the American Indian Memorandum of Understanding Workgroup were adopted on 5/27/2011:

1. Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health;
2. Janee Harteau, Assistant Chief, Minneapolis Police Department;
3. Tom Streitz, Directing of Housing Policy and Development, Community Planning and Economic Development;
4. Robert Lilligren, City Council Vice President; and
5. David Rubedor, Director, Neighborhood and Community Relations (Mayoral appointee).

### Department Information

Prepared by: Christine McDonald, American Indian Community Specialist

Approved by:

David Rubedor, Neighborhood and Community Relations Director \_\_\_\_\_

Paul Aasen, City Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Presenters in Committee:

David Rubedor, Neighborhood and Community Relations Director

Bill Ziegler, Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors Chair

Noya Woodrich, Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors Vice Chair

### Financial Impact

No financial impact

### Community Impact

- City Goals

The work of the American Indian Memorandum of Understanding (AI MOU) impacts almost every city goal. The AI MOU supports connections between the American Indian community and the City to address mutual goals around housing, safety, economic development and others. The most applicable City goal is "Many People – One Minneapolis".

## Supporting Information

The American Indian Memorandum of Understanding (AI MOU) was re-established by the City Council and the Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors (MUID) group in May of 2011. The AI MOU Workgroup was identified and began the work to implement the responsibilities associated with the document. This work group consists of five members from the City of Minneapolis: Council Member Robert Lilligren; Assistant Chief of Police Janee Harteau; Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health; David Rubedor, Director Neighborhood and Community Relations; and Tom Streitz, Director of Housing Policy and Development. The American Indian Community has five members represented in the work group as well, they are: Bill Zielger, Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors Co-Chair; Noya Woodrich, MUID Vice Chair; Clyde Bellecourt, American Indian Movement (AIM); Andy Hestness, Native American Community Development Institute; and Mike Goze, Director American Indian Community Development Corporation.

The City of Minneapolis' American Indian Community Specialist was hired in October 2011, and is the primary staff support for the American Indian MOU for the City of Minneapolis. Efforts are currently underway to fill the position that will support the work of the MOU for the Community.

After the May 2011 City Council action, the MOU Workgroup began to identify and define its scope of work. Over the past year, the MOU Workgroup determined that it was important to focus on a vision and to establish the structure and support for the ongoing work. The AI MOU Workgroup has written a mission and vision to focus its work and has identified sub-committees around Health, Public Safety, Housing, Employment, Education, Economic Development, and Family Preservation. The MOU Workgroup has also engaged the community to provide input at a community meeting. Input has also been solicited by email and survey monkey.

It was found that there is a lot of great work in place and there may be opportunities to pool efforts and resources in some areas. The feedback from the community also confirmed that the goals and strategies identified in the American Indian Community Blueprint still hold true today. Therefore, after reviewing the feedback from the community it was decided to use the goals and strategies that were identified in the American Indian Community Blueprint.

The AI MOU workgroup committees have been reviewing the strategies for each goal and identified activities currently in place or in planning. This has allowed for strategies to be identified that have no current activities in place or in planning with which we can begin work on.

With a clear vision and strategies, over the next year, the MOU Workgroup can focus its energy in areas that have no current activities in place or need additional planning. The Workgroup sees its role to enhance progress, not to redo work already undertaken. In 2012, the AI MOU Workgroup will prioritize the strategies, identify performance measures, set timelines, and assign tasks to the various partners.