



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

Date: June 28, 2012
To: Council Member Robert Lilligren, Chair, Committee of the Whole
Referral to: City Council
Subject: **Appointments to the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission**

Recommendation: Approve Appointments of five Members to the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission.

Department Information

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The following candidates are recommended for appointment to the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission. Four out of the 5 of the Appointments are for two years and to be effective from July, 2012 through June, 2014. The 5th appointment is to fill the remaining term for the 2nd Mayoral seat.

Appointee	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Ward Home=H/ Work=W	Term Number of years	Term Beginning/ Ending	Board Seat's previous member's name that this Appointee is replacing
Ishmael Israel	Mayor	H=5	2	July 2012/June 2014	Crystal Johnson (Ward 5)
Grey Massey	Mayor	H=10	1 remaining term	July 2012/June 2013	Matt Perry (Ward 13)
Saciido Shaie	City Council	H=1	2	July 2012/June 2014	Tony Anastasia (Ward 1)
Jeff Martin	City Council	H=1	2	July 2012/June 2014	Ed Newman (Ward 7)
Re-Appointments	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Ward Home=H/ Work=W	Term Number of years	Term Beginning/ Ending	
Jeffrey Strand	City Council	H=4	2	July 2012/June 2014	

Background Information:

Of the 16 members of the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission, one-half are appointed by the Mayor and City Council and the other half are elected by neighborhood organizations. All terms are for two years. This year four seats are up for appointment and five seats will be elected at a meeting to be held on the evening of June 28th.

This year, 2 Mayoral appointment and 3 City Council appointments are open. As part of the open appointments process, 9 applications were received for appointment to the Commission from Minneapolis residents. A committee of City Council members has met and reviewed all of the applications and evaluated their qualifications based on the criteria included in the establishing resolution for the Commission:

- a. Appointments should reflect the diverse interests and perspectives of the Minneapolis community. The recruitment process should be designed to ensure diversity of representation and ideas and take into consideration the City's commitment to civil rights, affirmative action and geographic distribution wherever possible.
- b. Members shall be residents of the City of Minneapolis who do not hold a current election certificate.

The following is the complete selection process included in Resolution 2008R-402:

2. Selection Procedure:

- a. 8 members selected through a process defined by the City's officially recognized neighborhood organizations.
- b. 7 members appointed using the City's open appointments process and a public hearing
 - i. 5 members appointed by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis; and
 - ii. 2 members appointed by the Mayor of the City of Minneapolis;
 - iii. Recommendations shall be solicited for nominations from Hennepin County and the Minneapolis School Board
- c. 1 member appointed by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
- d. If other jurisdictions of state and local government choose not to participate in the program financially, they will be given, at their request, the opportunity to appoint a non-voting member of the Commission.
- e. Appointments shall reflect the diverse interests and perspectives of the Minneapolis community. The recruitment process shall be designed to ensure diversity of representation and ideas and take into consideration the City's commitment to civil rights, affirmative action and geographic distribution wherever possible.
- f. Membership shall be appointed annually as follows:
 - i. Odd years--1 Mayoral appointment, 2 City Council appointments, 1 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board appointment, and 4 members selected by neighborhood organizations; and
 - ii. Even years--1 Mayoral appointment, 3 City Council appointments, and 4 members selected by neighborhood organizations.