



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of

Date: September 11, 2012

To: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Chair Community Development Committee
Referral to: Council Member Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways & Means/Budget

Subject: Grain Belt 1949 Addition - Lease

Recommendation: Provide authority for a two-year lease to Robert Chouinard for the Grain Belt 's 1949 Warehouse Addition and the authority for the CPED Director to authorize 1-year lease extensions thereafter.

Previous Directives: None

Department Information

Prepared by: Darrell Washington
Approved by: Charles T. Lutz, Deputy Director, CPED _____
Presenters in Committee: Gerald LePage, Kaye Anderson

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): NA
- Civil Rights Approval NA
- Policy Review Group (PRG): NA

Financial Impact *(delete all lines not applicable to your request)*

- No financial impact

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification - NA
- City Goals – Jobs & Economic Vitality
- Comprehensive Plan - Complies
- Zoning Code - Complies

Supporting Information

The City of Minneapolis is seeking to lease the 1st floor of the 1949 Addition of the Grain Belt warehouse, located at 39 13th Ave. NE, to Robert Chouinard. Mr. Chouinard, who previously leased this same space three years ago, owns Big Event Productions located in the adjacent building at 77 13th Ave. NE. CPED seeks to enter into a 2-year lease with Mr. Chouinard and thereafter allow the CPED Director to execute one-year extensions if mutually desired. The City previously sought to demolish this property but is currently exploring development options. Mr. Chouinard plans on storing television and stage equipment within the space.