



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

Date: June 11, 2013

To: The Honorable Council Member Betsy Hodges,
Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Subject: Gift Acceptance: Secret City Illuminating Places Hidden InSight

Recommendation: Accept the gifts of graphics design work from Carmichael Lynch Spong and barricading efforts from Warning Lites of Minnesota

Previous Directives: Not applicable

Department Information

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Approved by: Paul Aasen
Presenters in Committee: Paul Aasen

Financial Impact

- No financial impact.

Supporting Information

Secret City is an evening cultural festival in Minneapolis scheduled for Saturday, June 22, between 6 p.m. and midnight. The event will feature performances, art installations, and hands-on participatory activities for people of all ages at three downtown hubs and the Midtown Greenway.

Reflecting the diverse places, voices and people of the city, these free events will occur in downtown Minneapolis at the Minneapolis Convention Center Plaza, the Sculpture Garden/Basilica of Saint Mary area, and along Hennepin Avenue, between 5th and 9th Streets. In addition, the Midtown Greenway bike path will feature artists and other activities during its annual event, Greenway Glow.

Among the featured events will be MIMMI (Minneapolis Interactive Macro-Mood Installation), a large cloud-like sculpture that will hover over the Convention Center Plaza. At the Basilica of Saint Mary, people can take tours of the church and watch Aztec dancers perform on the Basilica's plaza. Adjacent to the Basilica, at the underpass, performance/installation artists will transform a parking lot into a theater space. Farther down Hennepin, there will be free performances at Brave

New Workshop and open rehearsals for the upcoming 20th anniversary of the Minnesota Fringe Festival. On electronic billboards, Clear Channel Outdoor will be hosting animations created by faculty and students of the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. Also on that night, City Pages will launch its first annual 10 Thousand Sounds, a ticketed event featuring local bands that runs from 4 p.m. – 10 p.m. People are encouraged to bike and walk the paths between the various sites and make their own art with the thousands of pieces of sidewalk chalk that will be available along the way. These are just a few examples of the activities occurring that night.