



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

Date: June 20, 2013

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, Chief, Minneapolis Police Department;
3. Tom Streitz, Director 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

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Approved by:

David Rubedor, Neighborhood and Community Relations Director

Paul Aasen, City Coordinator

Presenters in Committee:

David Rubedor, Neighborhood and Community Relations Director

Jay Bad Heart Bull, President & CEO, Native American Community Development Institute

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; Chief of Police Janee Harteau; Gretchen Muscant, 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: Jay Bad Heart Bull, MUID Chair, President & CEO, Native American Community Development Institute, Bill Zielger, President/CEO, Little Earth of United Tribes; Noya Woodrich, President/CEO, Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches; Clyde Bellecourt, American Indian Movement (AIM); and one vacancy.

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. A Community Organizer was hired in April 2013 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. During 2012, the MOU Workgroup set forth a mission and vision to focus its work and identified sub-committees around Health, Public Safety, Housing, Employment, Education, Economic Development, and Family Preservation.

The AI MOU workgroup committees have been working to prioritize the strategies, identify performance measures, set timelines, and assign tasks to the various partners.

At the last AI MOU Working Group meeting, we discussed restructuring the work groups based on the three long-range community visions identified in the American Indian Community Blueprint. The working groups were originally modeled around specific areas of need identified in the Blueprint. Moving forward, it makes sense to restructure our groups by consolidating them under the visions of Community Wholeness, Community Economic Vitality and Community Prosperity as a means to create a more holistic, collaborative and solutions driven approach to our work of creating a vibrant and flourishing American Indian community.

For 2013, the AI MOU Work Group will work to refresh and update the goals and mission of the AI MOU to authentically reflect our mutual desires for a more prosperous American Indian community.