Request for City Council Committee Action from the Office of the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department

Date: July 16, 2013

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 the recommended appointments to the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission for terms to be effective July, 2013.

Department Information

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The following candidates are recommended for appointment to the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC). Three of the appointments are for two year terms to be effective from July, 2013 through June, 2015 and one is to fill the remaining year of a term to be effective July, 2013 through June, 2014

Appointee	**Appointed by Mayor or Council**	**Ward**	**Term** Number of years	**Term** Beginning/ Ending	**Board Seat's previous member's name that this Appointee is replacing**
Andres Hortillosa	City Council	11	2	July 2013/June 2015	Maria Sarabia
Brittany Lewis	City Council	4	1	July 2013/June 2014	Jeffrey Strand
Abdirahman Muse	Mayor	6	2	July 2013/June 2015	Gregg Massey
Re-Appointments	**Appointed by Mayor or Council**	**Ward**	**Term** Number of years	**Term** Beginning/ Ending	
Tessa Wetjen	City Council	9	2	July 2013/June 2015	

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 four seats were elected at a meeting held on the evening of June 13th.

This year, 1 Mayoral appointment and 3 City Council appointments are open. As part of the open appointments process, 12 applications were received for appointment to the Commission from Minneapolis residents. A committee of City Council members 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.