



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

Date: August 29, 2013

To: Committee of the Whole

Referral to: City Council

Subject: Appointments to the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities.

Recommendations: Appoint 5 members to the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities.

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The following candidates have been recommended for appointment to the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities.

Appointee Name and Category if any	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
Guthrie Byard	By Mayor with Council President Approval	12 (H)	1 ½	1/2013- 12/2014	Tracy Reid
Jason Kenneth Fladager	By Mayor with Council President Approval	11 (H)	1 ½	1/2013- 12/2014	Jim Ramnaraine

Kathy Kosnoff	By Mayor with Council President Approval	13 (H)	1 ½	1/2013-12/2014	Martha Hage
Lisa Larges	By Mayor with Council President Approval	12 (H)	1 ½	1/2013-12/2014	Keith Swanson
Jeff Mihelich	By Mayor with Council President Approval	11 (H)	½	1/2012 – 12/2013	Michael Foster
Re-Appointments Name and Category if any	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Ward Home= H Work= W	Term Number of years	Term Beginning / Ending	

Background Information:

The Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities (MACOPD) advises and otherwise aids the Mayor, City Council and city departments on matters pertaining to public policy and the administration of programs, services and facilities for persons with a disability in Minneapolis. The committee is composed of 15 members that are appointed to two-year terms. Eight (8) terms expire on December 31 of the odd numbered years and Seven (7) terms expire on even numbered years. The re-appointments were approved by the Mayor and Council President before submission for final approval from the full Council.

Each candidate being recommended for appointment has attended a meeting of the MACOPD as a guest to observe the way the committee functions and to get an idea about what issues the committee is working on. At the August 21, 2013 meeting of the MACOPD, the committee passed a motion with unanimous support for each of the 5 candidates to be appointed to serve on the committee by the Mayor and Council President.

Four seats have been unfilled since the beginning of the year (2013) and one seat is vacant due to a resignation.

There were a total of 6 applications received; one applicant is not a resident of the City of Minneapolis.