



Request for City Council Committee Action from the City Coordinators Office

Date: November 18, 2013

To: Honorable Elizabeth Glidden, Chair Regulatory, Energy & Environment Committee

**Subject: Appointment to Community Environmental Advisory Commission
Recommendation:**

- 1) Approve James Nash and Sam Grant as Mayor's appointees as technical environmental experts to the Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission filling an existing vacancy with the term to end December 31, 2014.
- 2) Waive residency requirement for Sam Grant per City ordinance 14.180 because his knowledge and expertise provides a unique or special benefit.
- 3) Thank Kevin Bengtson and Sarah Sponheim for their past dedication to the group.

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Appointee Name	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Category	Ward Home	Term	Board Seat's previous member's name that this Appointee is replacing
James Nash	Mayor	Technical Expert	H-2	2013-2014	Kevin Bengtson
Sam Grant	Mayor	Technical Expert	W-5	2013-2014	Sarah Sponheim

Background Information:

Community Environmental Advisory Commission has 18 members, each serving 2-year terms. The Committee has provided valuable service in developing and implementing the City's sustainability initiatives. There are 16 appointed representatives. The Mayor and the City Council each have the following 8 appointments:

- Two representatives from environmental advocacy groups (to be a specific member representing a specific environmental advocacy group)
- Two persons with demonstrated technical environmental expertise
- Two citizen members
- Two representatives from industries or companies having a major impact on the environment

In addition, Minneapolis School Board shall designate a representative who is responsible for coordinating the environmental curriculum in the Minneapolis Public Schools, and Hennepin County Board shall designate a representative with expertise in environmental matters.