



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

Date: Monday, July 7, 2014

To: Council Member Cam Gordon, Chair, Heath, Environment and Community Engagement Commission

Referral to: City Council

Subject: **Appointments to the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission**

Recommendation: Hold the public hearing and approve the recommended appointments to the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission for terms to be effective July 22, 2014.

Department Information

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Presenters in Committee: Howard Blin

The Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) has four seats up for appointment through the City’s open appointments process. Three of these appointments are made by the City Council and one is appointed by the Mayor. In addition an appointment to the Commission will be made by the Minneapolis Park Board to fill out the term of a member who resigned.

For the four vacancies on the Commission, 17 applications were received. A panel of council and staff reviewed the applications and recommended the appointments listed below. The panel consisted of Council Members Cam Gordon, Alondra Cano and Lisa Bender, Ilhan Omar, Aide to Council Member Andrew Johnson as well as NCR Director David Rubedor and Abdirahman Muse representing the Mayor’s Office.

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
David Zaffrann	City Council	12	2	July 2014/June 2016	Saciido Shaie
Eric Gustafson	City Council	9	2	July 2014/June 2016	Henry Jimenez

Re-Appointments	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
Brittany Lewis	City Council	4	2	July 2014/June 2016	Brittany Lewis
Ishmael Israel	Mayor	5	2	July 2014/June 2016	Ishmael Israel

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.
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- 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.