

City of Minneapolis
Request for Committee Action

To: Health, Environment & Community Engagement
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Subject:

Hawthorne Neighborhood Council Neighborhood Priority Plan for Community Health Dialogues

Description:

1. Approving the Hawthorne Neighborhood Council Neighborhood Priority Plan for Community Health Dialogues.
2. Authorizing the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement this request.

Previous Actions:

On March 30, 2012, the City Council approved the guidelines for the Community Participation Program. The guidelines included requirements for neighborhood organizations to prepare Neighborhood Priority Plans.

On July 19, 2013, The City Council approved a policy for Preparation and Processing of Neighborhood Priority Plans; and revisions to the existing policy on Changing Approved Neighborhood Action Plans.

On August 2, 2013, the City Council approved three-year allocations for the Community Participation Program for the years 2014 to 2016.

Ward/Address:

Ward 5

Background/Analysis:

At its meeting on January 19, 2016, the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board recommended that the City Council accept and adopt the Hawthorne Neighborhood Priority Plan for Community Health Dialogues. City Council approval is requested because the Policy on Changing Approved Neighborhood Plans requires it whenever a new strategy or priority is created.

In 2015, the Hawthorne Neighborhood Council (HNC) began an ongoing series of community dialogues to develop a community definition of health and well-being. The community dialogues have been funded by the Bill and Penny George Family Foundation, and the HNC has held several dialogues throughout North Minneapolis in partnership with other neighborhood organizations and several other agencies, including local businesses, North Memorial Hospital, North Point Center, the Minneapolis Police Department, and others.

In accordance with the policy on Preparation and Processing of Neighborhood Priority Plans (March 22, 2013), the Hawthorne Neighborhood Priority Plan was sent to jurisdictional staff for review, comment and commitment to work towards the agreed upon goals on August 13, 2015, and several responded positively. As a result, staff from the City of Minneapolis Health Department reached out to HNC to discuss collaboration on issues such as lead poisoning and the City's Healthy Living Initiative.

HNC has identified the following outcomes from this priority:

- Increased community engagement and dialogue on topics defined as important to participants;
- Community trust building;
- Creation of community created definition of "health and well-being";
- Greater collaboration between the seven Northside neighborhoods;
- Reinvigoration of the Hawthorne Neighborhood Council; and
- A community driven plan for moving forward.

The HNC Board approved the Hawthorne Neighborhood Priority Plan on August 13, 2015, and the plan was approved by community vote at the HNC annual meeting on September 24, 2015. At this time, the HNC has not proposed committing CPP funds to the project, since it is currently funded by the George Family Foundation.

Financial Review:

No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.

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Attachments:

1. 2015 Hawthorne Neighborhood Priority Plan