

# City of Minneapolis

## Request for Committee Action

**To:** Committee of the Whole  
**Date:** 6/29/2016  
**Referral:** City Council  
**From:** Neighborhood & Community Relations  
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**Subject:**

2003 American Indian Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) update.

**Description:**

Receiving and Filing an update on the process to begin a refresh of the American Indian Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

**Previous Actions:**

None

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**Ward/Address:**

All Wards

**Background/Analysis:**

The City of Minneapolis and the American Indian community signed the American Indian Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in May of 2003. Having leadership from the Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors (MUID), the Mayor and all 13 Councilmembers sign the American Indian MOU has made this a historical commitment that represents the joint sense of determination to promote the well-being, growth, and mutual interests of the American Indian community. It remains a promise to continued relationships between the City of Minneapolis and the American Indian community that supports reciprocal paths of participation.

The need to refresh the American Indian MOU is necessary to reflect the current state of the American Indian community and the new opportunities that it brings. Since the original signing, there have been many leadership changes in both the City and the Community. We are seeing organizations collaborating on projects and programs like we have not seen in the past. This energy of new leadership has contributed to a restored commitment from the Community to the Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors.

The structure of MUID supports the work of the American Indian MOU. The subcommittees work to address issues in the community around Public Safety, Health, Housing, Employment & Economic Development, Education, and Family Well-being. This work aligns with the City's goals and values which provides many opportunities for partnership and direct impact. Since the American Indian MOU was reinvigorated in 2011, the community has seen improved communication and engagement from the City.

Refreshing the American Indian Memorandum of Understanding affords an opportunity to form and implement a plan that will sustain future changes in leadership and staff of either party.

The timeline for completing the refresh is as follows:

June – August 2016

Phase I – Subcommittee Planning and Goal Setting

Each subcommittee will engage Community and identify goals and plans to contribute to the final document

September 2016 – March 2017

Phase II – Document Formation

MUID leadership and City representatives will construct a formalized report that ties together work completed by subcommittees, and broader Community strategies

April 2017

Agreement – Formal presentation to City Council

May 2017

Ceremony and Presentation at American Indian Month Kick-off

**Financial Review:**

**No financial impact.**

**Attachments:**

1. American Indian Memorandum of Understanding Refresh Planning Document