

American Indian Memorandum of Understanding



Purpose of the revision

- Original signed 2003 by Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors (MUID) and the City of Minneapolis
- Revived 2011 – NCR new department emphasis on engagement and communities
- Many changes in leadership in community and at City
- Opportunity to reflect the current state of the community and relationship with the City

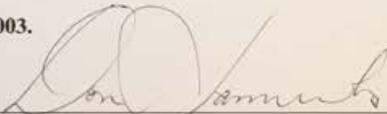
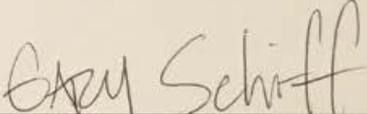
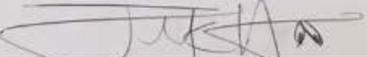
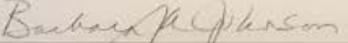
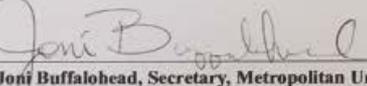
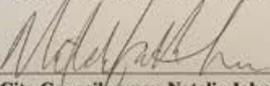
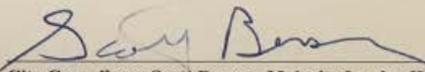
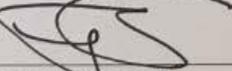
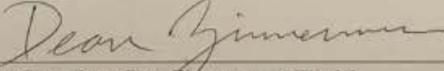
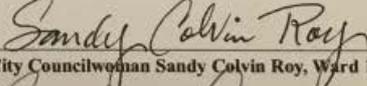
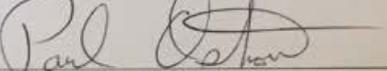
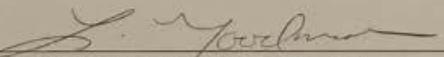
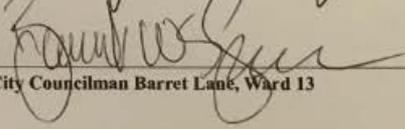
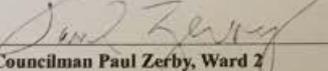
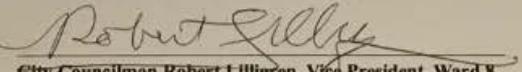
Original MOU

- Community driven pact for knowledge, action, and results
- Opportunity to strengthen relationship with mutual commitment to community
- Unique in that the MOU involves the Minneapolis urban American Indian community rather than a single tribe

Original MOU

- Signed by leadership from the Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors, Mayor, and all 13 Council Members

THE PARTIES HERETO have executed this instrument on May 1, 2003.

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|  _____ Tony Looking Elk, Co-Chairman, Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors |  _____ City Councilman Donald Samuels, Ward 3 |  _____ City Councilman Gary Schiff, Ward 9 |
|  _____ Justin Huenemann, Co-Chairman, Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors |  _____ City Councilwoman Barbara Johnson, Ward 4 |  _____ City Councilman Dan Niziolek, Ward 10 |
|  _____ Joni Buffalohead, Secretary, Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors |  _____ City Councilwoman Natalie Johnson Lee, Minority Leader, Ward 5 |  _____ City Councilman Scott Benson, Majority Leader, Ward 11 |
|  _____ R.T. Rybak, Minneapolis Mayor |  _____ City Councilman Dean Zimmermann, Ward 6 |  _____ City Councilwoman Sandy Colvin Roy, Ward 12 |
|  _____ City Councilman Paul Ostrow, President, Ward 1 |  _____ City Councilwoman Lisa Goodman, Ward 7 |  _____ City Councilman Barret Lane, Ward 13 |
|  _____ City Councilman Paul Zerby, Ward 2 |  _____ City Councilman Robert Lillgren, Vice President, Ward 8 | |

Community

- Officially American Indians make up 2% of the population of the City – 7700
- Wards with the highest populations are 9, 6 and 12
- 1200 live in the East Phillips Neighborhood
- Little Earth residents represent more than 30 different tribal nations

Work to Date

- Role of the American Indian Community Specialist – support the work of the MOU
- **AI-MOU Vision:** All American Indian people living in the Twin Cities Metropolitan area have a good quality of life where not only basic needs are met but also opportunities abound for fulfillment, advancement, learning, and community participation.
- **AI-MOU Mission:** The Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors and the City of Minneapolis through the Memorandum of Understanding promotes the well-being, growth, and mutual interests of the American Indian Community

New MOU

- Change in leadership across the community
- Current structure of MUID better supports MOU
- Focus work on areas identified by community and subcommittees
- Recognize emerging issues and opportunities
- Identify where work of the community and City intersect

Time Line

- 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