

City of Minneapolis

Request for Committee Action

To: Health, Environment & Community Engagement
Date: 9/26/2016
Referral: N/A
From: Health Department
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Presented by: Jean Greener, Chair, and Dick Kavaney, Vice Chair, Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging
File Type: Receive & File
Subcategory: Report

Subject:

Minneapolis Skyway Senior Center

Description:

Receiving and filing a report from the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging pursuant to a staff direction issued by the HECE Committee on July 11, 2016, relating to the future of the Skyway Senior Center.

Previous Actions:

[16-00911](#)

Staff direction from HECE Committee:

1. Requesting that the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging review the relationship of the Skyway Senior Center and the Minneapolis for a Lifetime strategic plan and make recommendations about the City's role in supporting the Skyway Senior Center in the future.
 2. Directing Health Department and Neighborhood and Community Relations Department staff to work with the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging, and other staff as needed, to explore options and make recommendations concerning the future of the Skyway Senior Center and report back to the Health Environment & Community Engagement Committee in Sept. 2016
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Ward/Address:

Not Applicable

Background/Analysis:

The Skyway Senior Center was founded in 2001 by a partnership of the City of Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Senior Citizen Advisory Committee to the Mayor and City Council (now the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging), and Ryan Companies with support from the Target Corporation. The Center has been supported via external funding with the exception of pro bono support provided by the Minneapolis Health Department. In 2015, the Center lost most of its external funding and has been supported through smaller grants and the Friends of the Skyway Senior Center. The Center will close in early 2017 unless additional funding or a sustainable partnership is found.

Financial Review:

Select financial statement.

Future budget impact anticipated.

The Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging respectfully requests the Minneapolis City Council considers providing one-time bridge funding for the Health Department to keep the Center open until December 31, 2017.

Approved by the Permanent Review Committee.

Meets Small and Underutilized Business Program goals.

Attachments:

1. Letter from the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging.