

Request for City Council Committee Action

Date	June 21, 2006
То	PS & RS Committee
Prepared or Submitted by	Rob Allen, Deputy Police Chief Phone 612-673-2776
Approved by	Rob Allen, Deputy Police Chief
Subject	Certification that the Minneapolis Building Owners and Managers Association is serving as the fiscal agent in partnership with the City of Minneapolis and the downtown business community as the SafeZone Collaborative fiscal agent.
Presenters in Committee	Rob Allen, Deputy Police Chief
Recommendation	Approve staff recommendation for fiscal agency of the SafeZone Collaborative to be with the Minneapolis Building Owners and Managers Association.
Financial Impact (Check those that apply) X No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information) — Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget — Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget — Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase — Action requires use of contingency or reserves Other financial impact (Explain):	

Background/Supporting Information

The SafeZone Collaborative began in early 2005, in partnership with the City of Minneapolis and the downtown business community with the goal of a decrease in crime in downtown Minneapolis.

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Since then, SafeZone has expanded to include several initiatives including joint beats with officers from MPD, Metro Transit, the Hennepin County Sheriffs, and the State of Minnesota; thirty wireless cameras; a Common Radio Link shared between police officers and security officers; a prosecution program; a Restorative Justice Initiative that uses police diversion for referrals; a training program that has certified over 350 people; and a WorkSite for secure communications for collaborative members. As a result, robbery in the SafeZone area is down 20%.

As a result of this expansion, SafeZone has partnered with the Minneapolis Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) for fiscal agency purposes. BOMA has agreed to act at SafeZone's fiscal agent.

SafeZone asks the City to recognize BOMA as their fiscal agent.