



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of the City Clerk

Date: September 12, 2007

To: Council Member Paul Ostrow

Referral to: Ways and Means Committee

Subject: Grant Agreement with Office of the Secretary of State

Recommendation: Recommend approval of attached resolution authorizing the City of Minneapolis to enter into a grant agreement with the Office of the Secretary of State for improvements to ADA accessibility at 732 Harding Street.

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Approved by: Merry Keefe, City Clerk

Presenter in Committee: Cindy Reichert, Director of Elections

Financial Impact: No Financial Impact

Supporting Information:

The Office of the Secretary of State (OSS) has solicited grant proposals from cities, townships, and counties for accessibility improvements to polling places in Minnesota.

Attached please find the completed grant application which has already been forwarded to the OSS. The grant funds will cover the cost of improvements to the sidewalk curb cuts and handicapped parking at the Elections equipment warehouse located at 732 Harding Street.

Tuttle School, which is scheduled to be closed, has been the polling place in Ward 1 Precinct 7. The warehouse, also located in 1-7, contains space which will make an ideal polling location. In addition to use as a polling place, we intend to use the space as our primary training location in future election years. Improvements to accessibility will benefit both voters and election judges.

Though the City does not own the space, Council recently approved an eight-year lease for use of that location. The property owner is fully supportive of our proposal to use the space as a polling location and is also supportive of our desire to make improvements to the property.