



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development

**Date:** September 25, 2006  
**To:** Council Member Paul Ostrow, Ways & Means Budget/Committee  
**Subject:** Empowerment Zone Board Appointment Recommendation  
**Recommendation:** The Empowerment Zone Governance Board recommends the appointment of Edward L. Anderson, Jeffrey A. Washburne and Shirlynn M. LaChapelle to the Empowerment Zone Governance Board for 3-year terms expiring 9-20-09; and that the City reopen the process for resident representatives.

**Previous Directives:** N/A

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**Approved by:**

Chuck Lutz, Deputy Director CPED \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval**  Not Applicable

**Note:** To determine if applicable see <http://insite/finance/purchasing/permanent-review-committee-overview.asp>

**Presenter in Committee:** Jonathan Palmer

### Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the  Capital Budget or  Operating Budget.
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
- Business Plan:  Action is within the plan.  Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

### Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification:

City Goals:

Comprehensive Plan:

Zoning Code:

Other:

**Background/Supporting Information:**

Please see the attached for a full listing of the Empowerment Zone Board members. There are seven resident and six business/organization representative appointments made by the City Council and other appointments that are made by the Mayor, Council President and Agency Director. The positions open are two of the six business/organization representatives, and five of the seven resident representatives including one which is a young person residing in the EZ who is between 14-20 years of age. Jeff Washburne has applied to be appointed as a business/organization representative; he served previously as a resident representative until moving out of the EZ this past Summer. He is the Executive Director of the City of Lakes Community Land Trust which provides a unique homeownership opportunity for residents in EZ and other impacted parts of Minneapolis. Ed Anderson is the Store Director of the West Broadway CUB Foods, chair of the West Broadway Business Association safety committee and a Board Member of the West Broadway Area Coalition. Shirlynn M. LaChappelle is a resident as well as works with the home ownership of Heritage Park, one of our demonstration projects. Of the six applicants, only one, Ms. LaChappelle resides in the EZ. Of the five remaining, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Washburne have the strongest connections to the EZ and the work that we do and provide the greatest assets to the Board in terms of experience and insight. No applications were received which filled the remaining Resident representative criteria. The Governance Board recommended extending the deadline and reopening the appointment to look for someone who fits the criteria. The deadline has been extended until October 15, 2006.