

Resolution  
of the  
City of Minneapolis

By Ostrow

**Amending the 1968 and related City Council actions establishing the  
Committee on Urban Environment (CUE).**

Whereas, the Committee on Urban Environment was established by the Minneapolis City Council on February 9, 1968 in order to encourage the preservation and development of our natural and built environment; and

Whereas, subsequent Council actions on December 16, 1977, December 30, 1988 and July 28, 1989 made minor amendments to membership, appointment process and duties of CUE, and moved the responsibility for providing staff support for CUE from the City Coordinator to the Planning Department; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis has benefited greatly from the commitment and energy of CUE and its members throughout the years and expresses its appreciation to current and former members and volunteers of CUE; and

Whereas, the City Planning Commission, Heritage Preservation Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Minneapolis Arts Commission are established as City Boards and Commissions which are charged with the preservation and improvement of the historic, natural and built environments and other duties prescribed to CUE in the 1968 action; and

Whereas, the Committee on Urban Environment continues to celebrate our natural and built environment through the Minneapolis Blooms program, the CUE Awards and Arbor Day celebration and no other entity is charged with celebrating our urban environment; and

Whereas, personnel and financial resources available to CPED-Planning Division have been substantially reduced and the department is not financially able to support CUE with dedicated funding and personnel; and

Whereas, CPED-Planning supports the four Boards and Commissions described above;

Now, Ttherefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis does hereby amend the charge to the Committee on Urban Environment to now read as follows: "The purpose of the Committee on Urban Environment shall be to celebrate our natural and built environment, cultural assets, parks and open spaces, and neighborhood projects and programs, which improve the

quality of the environment and contribute to the livability of the City and to provide education and support for these efforts.”

Be It Further Resolved that activities of CUE shall be consistent with this mission and shall further be consistent with the City’s Comprehensive Plan, adopted City goals, and shall reflect the priorities outlined in the adopted Annual Business Plans of the appropriate City Departments. The charge to the Committee on Urban Environment shall be further amended to delete the eleven specific duties set forth in the action of February 9, 1968.

Be It Further Resolved that CUE restructure their membership to ensure representation of other design partners, including but not limited to University Design Center, Urban Land Institute, and the American Institute of Architects.  
Be it further resolved that officers and employees of the City of Minneapolis are encouraged to cooperate with the Committee on Urban Environment in the accomplishment of this purpose to the extent possible within approved/existing departmental budgets.

Be It Further Resolved that the City Council direct appropriate staff to prepare amendments to the Ethics Code [15.280 (m) (3)], Commercial Buildings Rehab Loan Program [418-130 (11)] and Heritage Preservation Regulations [599.120 (c)] by deleting references to CUE in those sections.