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Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Communications
Office of Media Services Division

Date February 1, 2005
To Honorable Barb Johnson, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Subject
Appointments to Minneapolis Telecommunications Network (MTN) Board of Directors

Recommendation
Consider re-appointment of Thomas Cassidy (Mayor, w/ Council approval) and Floyd Child II (Council approval) to the MTN Board.

Previous Directives
Openings are due to an expired term of Mayoral Appointment, Thomas Cassidy and City Council Appointment, Floyd Child II.

Prepared or Submitted by C John Harrison, Manager Office of Cable & Video Services.
Approved by

Gail Plewacki, Communications Director

John Moir, City Coordinator

Presenters in Committee C John Harrison (612) 673-2906 and/or applicants; Thomas M. Cassidy, Floyd Child II, and/or Executive Director of The MTN, Pam Colby.

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)
_X_ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(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):
___ Request provided to the Budget Office 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 Attached
Appointments to Minneapolis Telecommunications Network Board:
Consideration of the following applicants to one City Council and one Mayor with City Council approval appointments:

City Council Appointee (four year term)
Floyd Child II, 5513 Irving Avenue South. Would like to be re-appointment as a City Council Appointed term to expire January 15, 2009. (See attached letter from Executive Director of MTN)

Mayor with City Council Appointee (four year term)
Thomas Cassidy, 5136 Lyndale Avenue South. Would like to be re-appointed as a Mayor with Council approval appointed term to expire January 15, 2009. (See attached letter from Thomas Cassidy and Executive Director of MTN)

Minneapolis Telecommunications Network (MTN) is community access to television and to communications and information networks. MTN is a public non-profit organization (PNC). MTN strengthens community by encouraging creation of and access to programs and information using electronic technology. MTN believes in freedom of expression for all.

The Articles of Incorporation authorize the corporation: (1) to promote the use of cable communication systems for community and public access in the City of Minneapolis; (2) to address the information and cultural needs of residents, businesses, non-profit organizations and governmental bodies; (3) to regulate, control and manage dedicated public channels; and (4) to make recommendations on other franchise issues.

Membership:
MTN is comprised of nine members (+3 ex-officio), five appointed by the City Council, 3 Mayoral appointments and one joint Council President and Mayoral appointment, each serving four year terms. Director shall be individuals who live, work or are engaged in business within the City of Minneapolis. The Articles of Incorporation contain a conflict of interest statement, which prohibits directors from having a financial interest in any entity engaged in, or doing business with, cable television in Minnesota.

January 7, 2005

Dear John,

I am writing to request that MTN Board members Floyd Child and Thomas Cassidy be re-appointed to the MTN Board of Directors. Mr. Child is currently the Chair of our Finance Committee and Treasurer of the Board. Mr. Cassidy is very active on our Public Relations Committee. Both of these men have bee excellent board members and we would welcome their continued service on our board.

Sincerely,
Pamela Colby
Executive Director, MTN
125 SE Main Street
Minneapolis, MN.
55414

21 January 2005

To Whom It May Concern,

Because I was appointed to the Minneapolis Telecommunications Network's Board of Directors to fill a vacancy just a year ago, I am already up for reappointment.

As someone who firmly believes in the resonating power and sense of community that public access television can afford each and every citizen, and as someone who genuinely appreciates the opportunity to promote and protect cable access programming with meaningful contributions at the board level, I want to be reappointed.

If I need to submit additional information, reference or MTN and/or MTN Board projects with which I'm currently involved, I'd welcome the opportunity to do so.

Sincerely,
Thomas M. Cassidy
5136 Lyndale Ave So
Minneapolis MN 55419