



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Regulatory Services

Date June 19, 2006
To Honorable Scott Benson, Chair, Health Energy & Environment
Referral to None
Subject Minneapolis Annual Sustainability Report

Recommendation Receive and File

Previous Directives

- March 31, 2006: Adopted Sustainability Targets and new Air Quality Indicator
- Resolution 2005R-251: Adopted 23 Minneapolis Sustainability Indicators and further staff direction
- Resolution 2003R-133: Originated the Sustainability process

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Approved by

Rocco Forte, Assistant City Coordinator

Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval _____ Not Applicable X

Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval _____ Date of Approval _____ Not Applicable X

Presenters in Committee: Gayle Prest/Dan Huff, Environmental Management and Safety

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 or _____ Operating Budget.
____ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
____ Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
____ Business Plan: X 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

X City Goals (Amended Goal #6 related to Sustainability)

X Comprehensive Plan (Sustainability Amendment)

Zoning Code

Other

Background/Supporting Information Attached

Sustainability is often referred to as meeting current needs without sacrificing the ability of future generations to meet their own needs by balancing environmental, economic and social (equity) concerns.

Attached is the Minneapolis Sustainability Indicators Annual Report to the City Council. This is the City's first such report that was directed as a part of Resolution 2005R-251 and will be presented annually to the City Council for discussion on the Sustainability Program's progress and challenges.

Both the Citizen's Environmental Advisory Committee and the Environmental Coordinating Team reviewed and had the opportunity to comment on early drafts of the Annual Report. This was a city wide effort that included assistance from the City Coordinator's Office, Communications, CPED, Health and Family Support, Minneapolis Schools, Park and Recreation Board, Police, Public Works, and Regulatory Services.

Next Steps:

- Place Annual Report on City's Website.
- Revise City's website to provide better sustainability information.
- Continue to gather stronger baseline data. This is especially true for those Indicators regarding greenhouse gas emissions, renewable energy and homelessness.
- Report back to HEE on adopting for Targets Living Wage, and Homelessness along with a Library related Indicator/Target.
- Work with City Coordinator's Office on methods of integrating into Business Planning and Budgeting process.

Cc: Sustainability Steering Committee members

Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee members

Attachment 1: Sustainability Annual Report