



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
From the Department of  
PUBLIC WORKS PROPERTY SERVICES**

Date: July 18, 2002

To: Transportation Public Works Committee

**Subject: Sale of Minneapolis American Indian Center Facility**

**Recommendation:** That your committee set a Public Hearing for the sale of the city-owned property at 1530 Franklin Ave East to Minneapolis American Indian Center Inc.

**Previous Directives:** 1999 Approved Budget footnote "Y".

The funding of GM12a and Gm12b are conditioned upon having a signed agreement addressing the transfer of title.

Prepared or Submitted by: Steve Kotke, Director (673-2402)

Approved: David J. Sonnenberg, P. E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

By: Steve Kotke \_\_\_\_\_

Presenters in Committee: Steve Kotke, Director

**Financial Impact** (Check those that apply)

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

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

The City of Minneapolis owns the Minneapolis American Indian Center located at 1530 Franklin Avenue E. The Center was constructed in 1974 as a joint venture between the Federal Government (HUD) and the City. The purpose of the project was to provide a neighborhood facility for the local community. The City entered into a twenty-year lease in 1972 and amended in 1976 with Minneapolis American Indian Center Inc.

In August 1998, Council directed staff to pursue ownership options for three (3) Specific City owned buildings that house non-city functions.

1. Pilot City Regional Center (PCRC), 1315 Penn Avenue North
2. Minneapolis American Indian Center (MAIC), 1530 Franklin Ave.
3. Senior Citizen Resource Center, 3612 Bryant Avenue South

These three City facilities were unique in that they did not house any city functions and the City did not receive any compensation or rent from their occupants. The ownership of the Senior Resource Center was transferred to Volunteers of America Inc. in 2001. We are continuing title transfer discussions with TACTICS Inc. at the Pilot City Regional Center.

In the 1999 Budget, council approved \$520,000.00 for improvements to the MAIC facility contingent on an agreement to transfer ownership of the property from the City to Minneapolis American Indian Center, Inc. Attached is a letter presenting a proposal from Minneapolis American Indian Center, Inc. wherein they propose that, in consideration of the neighborhood services they provide, title be transferred to them at no cost (\$1.00). The MAIC has received CDBG monies from the City on annual bases for the operations of the facility. They are requesting that this allocation of funds continue as long as the City continues to receive funds from the Federal Government.

In accordance with Chapter 14.120 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinance, the City Engineer has determined that the property at 1530 Franklin Avenue East is not required for city services and this matter has been reviewed by the City Planning Commission. We are requesting your committee to approve the method of sale for this parcel and set a Public Hearing for the sale.