



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Communications
Cable & Video Services Division**

Date: March 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 appointment of Kevin L.A. Jenkins (Council approval) to the MTN Board.

Previous Directives

Openings are due to an expired term of Council Appointment, Vusumuzi Zulu .

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Approved by


Gail Plewacki, Communications Director


John Moir, City Coordinator

Presenters in Committee C John Harrison (612) 673-2906 and/or applicants; Kevin L.A. Jenkins, and/or Executive Director of The MTN, Pam Colby.

<p>Financial Impact (Check those that apply)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget. (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action requires use of contingency or reserves</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other financial impact (Explain):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator</p>

<p>Community Impact (use any categories that apply)</p> <p>Neighborhood Notification</p> <p>City Goals</p> <p>Comprehensive Plan</p> <p>Zoning Code</p> <p>Other</p>

Background/Supporting Information Attached

Appointments to Minneapolis Telecommunications Network Board:

Consideration of the following applicant to one City Council appointed Board Member:

City Council Appointee (four year term)

Kevin L.A. Jenkins, 1416 Xerxes Avenue North. Would like to be appointed as a City Council Appointed term to expire January 15, 2009.

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.