



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
From the Office of the  
City Council**

Date: July 18, 2005

To Honorable Barb Johnson, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee  
Referral to Ways & Means/Budget Committee

**Subject: Appointment to: Minneapolis Television Network (MTN) Board or Directors**

**Recommendation by: No staff recommendation**

Appointee Name, Address and Category if any	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Ward	Number of years of term	Term Beginning/Ending	Replacing or fulfilling the term of another member: Name, Expiration Date
Barbara Susan Hansen 5807 Harriet Avenue	Council	11		Ending 02/13/08	Mark Engebretson 02/13/08
Andrew Hedden 4631 Pillsbury	Council	11		Ending 02/13/08	Mark Engebretson 02/13/08
William McGaughey 1702 Glenwood Avenue	Council	5		Ending 02/13/08	Mark Engebretson 02/13/08
Pete Rhodes 2214 Blaisdell Avenue South	Council	6		Ending 02/13/08	Mark Engebretson 02/13/08
Re-Appointments Name, Address and Category if any	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Ward	Number of years of term	Term Beginning/Ending	Replacing or fulfilling the term of another member: Name, Expiration Date

**Previous Directives**

Opening is due to the resignation of Council Appointment, Mark Engebretson. (see attached letter of resignation)

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

Approved by

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Gail Plewacki, Communications Director

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John Moir, City Coordinator

Presenters in Committee C John Harrison (612) 673-2906, Executive Director of The MTN, Pam Colby and applicants; Barbara Susan Hansen, Andrew Hedden, William McGaughey, and Pete Rhodes.

**Financial Impact:** No financial impact. Action is within current department budget.

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

Appointments to Minneapolis Telecommunications Network Board:  
Consideration of the following four applicants to one City Council appointed Board vacancy:

City Council Appointee (four year term)

Barbara Susan Hansen, 5807 Harriet Avenue or Andrew Hedden, 4631 Pillsbury Avenue or William McGaughey, 1702 Glenwood Avenue or Pete Rhodes, 2214 Blaisdell Avenue South. These candidates would like to be appointed as a City Council Appointed term to expire February 13, 2008.

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.

April 13, 2005

To: John Harrison  
From: Mark Engebretson  
RE: MTN

John,

Please accept this letter as my official resignation, effective immediately, from the Minneapolis Telecommunications Network Board of Directors. It has been a pleasure to have served in this role, and I thank the city of Minneapolis for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Mark Engebretson  
4721 Park Ave. S.  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
cc: Pam Colby