



Request for City Council Committee Action

Date: April 3, 2006
To: The Honorable Scott Benson, Chairperson
Health, Energy & Environment Committee
Subject: **2006 Annual Report of the
Minneapolis Tree Advisory Commission**

Recommendation:

Previous Directives

Minneapolis City Council adopted the City of Minneapolis Urban Forest Policy on February 27, 2004;

Minneapolis City Council designated a City Council representative on the Minneapolis Tree Advisory Commission on April 16, 2004.

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Presenters in Committee:

Peggy Booth, Chair of the Minneapolis Tree Advisory Commission,
and Ralph Sievert, Forestry, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board.

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 Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board formed the Minneapolis Tree Advisory Commission (MTAC) on March 17, 2004. MTAC includes representatives from the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, a representative from the Minneapolis City Council, a Mayoral designee, four citizen representatives (Southwest, North, Southeast, and Northeast), and representatives from the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory Committee.

MTAC's initial goals are to:

1. Coordinate issues related to trees across city jurisdictions;
2. Coordinate fiscal resources and explore new ways to acquire funds to increase support for urban forest establishment and management; and
3. Evaluate issues related to trees and report annually to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and City Council.

MTAC began meeting in October 2004.

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