

## South Side Green Zone Task Force: Charge

### Charge and Expectations

The Task Force will develop an action-oriented Work Plan specific to the Southside Green Zone, which includes the greater Phillips and Cedar-Riverside neighborhoods. The Work Plan should identify actions that promote health and economic well-being using environmentally-beneficial strategies. The Task Force will meet at least once per month from Sept. 2017 through May 2018 to develop the Work Plan. Task Force members will be responsible for attending meetings, reviewing materials between meetings, and making a recommendation to City Council no later than Quarter 2, 2018.

-- Source: City of Minneapolis Resolution 2017R-370 *Establishing the Southside Green Zone Task Force*



### EXPECTATIONS

- Attend Task Force meetings
- Participate actively, including reviewing materials between meetings
- Develop Work Plan recommendations for City Council by end of Quarter 2, 2018
- Abide by City of Minneapolis policies, including Open Meeting Law, and policies for photography and recording

### OPEN MEETING LAW

Meetings shall be open to the public, subject to the requirements of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law. The Minnesota Open Meeting Law requires that meetings of governmental bodies generally be open to the public.

The Minnesota Supreme Court has articulated three purposes of the open meeting law:

- To prohibit actions being taken at a secret meeting where it is impossible for the interested public to become fully informed about a public board's decisions or to detect improper influences
- To assure the public's right to be informed
- To afford the public an opportunity to present its views to the public body<sup>1</sup>

"These purposes are deeply rooted in the fundamental proposition that a well-informed populace is essential to the vitality of our democratic form of government."<sup>1</sup> Courts interpret the law liberally and in favor of openness.

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hrd/pubs/openmtg.pdf>

