



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Transportation & Public Works

Date: June 17, 2014
To: Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation and Public Works Committee
Referral to: Honorable John Quincy, Chair Ways and Means Committee
Subject: **Donation from the Minneapolis Downtown Council**

Recommendation:

- A. Authorize Public Works to accept a donation of the furnishing and installation of landscaping valued at approximately \$30,000 from the Minneapolis Downtown Council

- B. Passage of the accompanying resolution allowing the acceptance of the landscaping by Public Works.

Previous Directives: None

Department Information

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Presenters in Committee: Michael Kennedy, Director, Transportation, Maintenance and Repair

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ___ Date _____
- Civil Rights Approval Approval ___ Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ___ Date _____

Financial Impact

- No financial impact

Community Impact

- City Goals: A City that Works: Infrastructure — streets, bridges, sidewalks, sewers, bike lanes & paths — well-managed and maintained

Supporting Information

Peavey Plaza had been closed since 2013 in anticipation of reconstruction in 2014. Due to a settlement decree resulting from a lawsuit, reconstruction has been delayed for the unforeseeable future. Both the City and the Minneapolis Downtown Council believe it is in the best interest of both to partially reopen Peavey Plaza and allow some level of permitted activities. Public Works has taken steps to provide basic housekeeping, power and irrigation services. The Downtown Council has offered to provide greening services by replacing some failing shrubs and plantings, as well as furnish some new plantings in order to help restore the plaza to an aesthetically pleasing and welcoming atmosphere for plaza users and visitors.

The Downtown Council will provide this donation by using Tangletown Gardens, their vendor for a variety of other downtown greening initiatives. This donation is estimated at \$30,000.

Public works recommends acceptance of this donation in accordance with the attached Resolution.