



**Request for City Council Committee Action
from the Department of Neighborhood & Community Relations (NCR)**

Date: May 4, 2015

To: Health, Environment & Community Engagement Committee

Referral to: City Council

Subject: Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging

Recommendation: Approving a Resolution Reconstructing the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee as the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging; and Rescinding Resolution 99R-025 entitled "Restructuring the Senior Citizen Advisory Board", as amended.

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Financial Impact

There is no financial impact.

Community Impact:

- City Goals
 - One Minneapolis
 - A City that Works Well

Background Information:

As established by Resolution 99R-025, The Senior Citizen Advisory Committee currently has 23 members, and an additional three seats designated as Members at Large according to their bylaws. Thirteen members are ward appointments, which need to be qualifying seniors – over the age of 55. Ten appointments are Organizational Representatives of an organization that funds or provides key services to seniors. These Organizational Representatives need not be age 55, nor are they required to be a resident of Minneapolis. The three Members at Large seats currently do not need to be over age 55, nor are they required to be a resident of Minneapolis.

The term of appointments are staggered; eleven are regular two-year terms being on January 1 in odd numbers years and twelve are regular two-year terms begin on January 1 in even numbered years. At large terms are for a period of two years and begin on January 1.

Supporting Information:

On August 2014 the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee voted unanimously to request the Minneapolis City Council approve its recommendation to change the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee and its current structure of 23 members, according to Resolution 99R-025, and an additional three seats designated as Members at Large according to their bylaws.

If the Committee concurs with this request, the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee will be reconstructed to change the name to the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging, and the composition of said advisory committee will be modified to reflect thirteen voting members representing each ward and four members at large (ten voting seats representing organizations who serve seniors will be eliminated). All seventeen members will have voting rights as stated in their bylaws. Term limits will not change; there are seven regular two-year terms being on January 1 in odd numbers years and six regular two-year terms begin on January 1 in even numbered years. At large terms are two years long and begin on January 1.

The members of the newly restructured Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging will provide the oversight, monitoring and evaluation, with the assistance of the Department of Neighborhood and Community Relations and other stakeholders, of the Minneapolis for a Lifetime Strategy, which was adopted by the Minneapolis City Council in November, 2013.

The renaming and restructuring of the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee to the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging reflects the current needs, issues and opportunities of the aging population in Minneapolis and statewide based on census data and national and local research and studies.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

By Quincy and Gordon

Reconstructing the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee as the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging; and Rescinding Resolution 99R-025 entitled “Restructuring the Senior Citizen Advisory Board”, as amended.

Whereas, according to 2013 American Community Survey data, 25 percent of the City of Minneapolis' population is age 50 and older; and

Whereas, the projection from the State of Minnesota Demographer's Office predicts that in the next 5 years, this population will grow by 20 percent; and

Whereas, in 2013 the City Council approved the Minneapolis for a Lifetime Strategy which recognizes that seniors are key to our City's present and future and include maximizing the talents and wisdom they bring to their communities by keeping seniors in the community; and

Whereas, in the past the City of Minneapolis has benefited from the work of the existing Senior Citizen Advisory Committee and desires to better align the structure of this committee to the Minneapolis for a Lifetime Strategy and the current needs of the aging community;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee is hereby reconstructed as the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging and will consist of seventeen members. Thirteen members will be qualified older adults, one from each City Ward, and four shall be qualified older adults as Members-at-Large. A qualified older adult is a City of Minneapolis resident who is age 50 or older. Members shall serve for two-year terms. Terms shall be deemed to run from the first Monday of January in the year of appointment, and shall end when a successor has been duly appointed and has accepted the position. Seven appointments shall begin in January 1 of odd numbered years and six appointments on January 1 of even numbered years; at large terms shall begin on January 1. Members may not serve more than three consecutive terms. Service prior to this reconstruction shall not count as one of the consecutive terms.

Be It Further Resolved that members shall be selected by the open appointments process. The Mayor and the City Council President shall recommend applicants to the City Council for approval.

Be It Further Resolved that the reconstructed Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging shall:

- a. Inform itself about community issues that affect older adults.
- b. Act in the interests of older adults generally and avoid acting in the interests of particular groups or individuals.
- c. Identify and explore common issues with suburban service providers and elected officials.
- d. Network and educate elected officials on the importance of selected policy issues relating to older adults and an aging population using national, state and local research to build upon the Minneapolis for a Lifetime Strategy.

e. Advise and suggest to the City Council, Mayor, and City Departments best practices, services, programs, and activities that promote a healthy and vibrant aging community.

Be It Further Resolved that Resolution 99R-025 entitled "Reconstructing the Senior Citizen Advisory Board", passed by the City Council February 5, 1999, and amended by Resolution 2010R-147 passed April 16, 2010, be and is hereby rescinded.