

**RESOLUTION**  
**THE ROLE OF MINNEAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS IN**  
**FACILITATING ENGAGEMENT**

**DRAFT DATED 02-09-2017**

**Whereas** the City of Minneapolis benefits from the involvement of its residents (reference: [Resolution 2008R-402](#));

**Whereas** in 2002 the Mayor and City Council adopted a set of city-wide goals and expectations that articulate the City's commitment to community engagement (reference: [City-Wide Goals and Expectations](#));

**Whereas** in 2007 the Mayor and City Council adopted seven Core Principles of Community Engagement (reference: [Core Principles of Community Engagement](#));

**Whereas** Minneapolis neighborhood organizations are the best vehicle to ensure the participation of residents in local government planning and decision making as it affects the development of their neighborhoods (reference: [The Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program: an Experiment in Empowered Participatory Governance](#));

**Whereas** neighborhood organizations' capacity to organize at the neighborhood level is a basic city service for the City of Minneapolis (reference: [Resolution 2008R-402](#));

**Whereas** the City of Minneapolis and neighborhood organizations have long partnered to make the City a better place to live, work, learn and play (reference: [Resolution 2008R-402](#));

**Whereas** the City of Minneapolis has established the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) to advise the Mayor and City Council on development or improvement of community participation policies, delivery of services and decision-making processes to systematize community input into City processes (reference: [Resolution 2008R-402](#));

**Whereas** the City of Minneapolis has established NCEC to provide feedback to City departments regarding community participation and the City's adopted Community Engagement Principles and make recommendations for improvements to City departments and the City Council as appropriate (reference: [Resolution 2008R-402](#));

**Whereas** the City of Minneapolis has [resolved](#) that City staff will conduct an extensive, inclusive, and meaningful civic engagement process as it relates to the update of the Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan for the year 2040 (reference: [Minneapolis 2040](#));

**Whereas** the City of Minneapolis has prepared the [Minneapolis 2040 Civic Engagement Plan](#) in conjunction with comprehensive plan update, which identifies Minneapolis neighborhood organizations as a key audience to engage in developing a shared vision for the future of the city; and

**Whereas** [Minneapolis 2040 Civic Engagement Plan](#) states that City of Minneapolis staff will work through neighborhood organizations to get the word out about engagement opportunities as well as offer them tools to facilitate their own discussions; now, therefore, be it

***Now Therefore Be it Resolved,***

1. That the City of Minneapolis shall adhere to its principles and policies as they relate to Minneapolis neighborhood organizations and civic engagement (as outlined above);
2. That the City of Minneapolis shall acknowledge that community input is broader than one perspective and public participation is based on the belief that those affected by the decision have a right to be involved in the decision-making process (reference: [Minneapolis Community Engagement Process-Model Guidebook](#) and [Core Principles of Community Engagement](#));
3. That the Planning Division of the City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED) shall update and extend the timeline for the Phase 2 Engagement Plan and include an input session in each of the City's five planning districts;
4. That the Planning Division of the City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED) shall publish the raw data and the process which led to the prioritized bullet point "abolish recognition of neighborhood organizations" in the Phase 2 Minneapolis 2040 Civic Engagement Summary;
5. That the Planning Division of the City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED) shall remove the prioritized bullet point "abolish recognition of neighborhood organizations" from the Phase 2 Minneapolis 2040 Civic Engagement Summary, in printed documents, electronic transmissions and on the Minneapolis 2040 Website; and
6. That the Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission will endorse and forward this Resolution to the Neighborhood Community Relations Department, the Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board, the Community Planning and Economic Development Department, the Minneapolis Planning Commission, the Minneapolis City Council and the Mayor of Minneapolis.

***Signed by Neighborhood Board Action:***

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