

EXCERPT from:

**MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**

**REGULAR MEETING OF
APRIL 29, 2005**

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**RESOLUTION 2005R-251
By Schiff**

Adopting the Minneapolis Sustainability Indicators.

Whereas, City Council Resolution 2003R-133 called for the creation of a Minneapolis Sustainability Plan that “will embrace and enhance ongoing environmental initiatives and help coordinate the City’s planning, policymaking, and budget processes into a more coherent whole,” and further specified that “The Plan will help the City integrate the ‘three E’s,’—Environment, Economy and Equity (including social justice)—into City operations; and

Whereas, City Council Resolution 2003R-133 also called for the creation of detailed indicators that would measure the City’s progress toward sustainability, including setting ten-year targets for each indicator, to guide all appropriate City decisions, specifically including the City’s annual budget process as shaped by the Strategic Plan and the Capital Long-range Improvement Program; and

Whereas, more than 100 City residents, professional staff and civic leaders have worked diligently over the past two years to create this plan and indicators, through groups such as the City’s Environmental Coordinating Team, the Minneapolis Sustainability Roundtable, and Citizen’s Environmental Advisory Council; and

Whereas, Crossroads Resource Center has presented the City Council a long-term vision for the future of the City as put forth in the Minneapolis Sustainability Roundtable’s “Fifty-Year Vision and Indicators for a Sustainable Minneapolis”;

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

That the City will measure its progress toward achieving this vision by defining a slate of sustainability indicators for their business planning process. The indicators listed in Petition No. 270382 as part of this resolution will be used as a starting point.

Be It Further Resolved that the City Council shall adopt ten-year targets for each indicator, starting in 2006. City agencies can work cooperatively and transparently with the public to attain sustainability goals. They are meant to augment, not to replace, other more specific measures already in use by City agencies.

Be It Further Resolved that City agencies and their nonprofit partners may seek additional non-City resources as needed to develop and implement this sustainability indicators process.

Be It Further Resolved that indicators measuring progress toward the City’s long-term vision and goals should remain fairly constant over time. Though indicators may need to change as progress is made, as conditions change, or as new priorities emerge within the City, these changes should be made sparingly and with great caution. In particular, close attention must be paid to ensuring that the slate of indicators balances attention to environment, equity and economics at all times, and expresses the linkages that exist among these issues. The City will also coordinate its sustainability efforts with its neighborhoods, its region, and global sustainability goals.

Adopted 4/29/05.

Absent – Goodman, Johnson, Zerby.