



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
From the Communications Department  
Office of Cable & Multimedia Services**

Date February 4, 2008

To Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee  
Referral to Ways & Means/Budget Committee

**Subject**

Appointments to Minneapolis Telecommunications Network (MTN) Board of Directors

**Recommendation**

Two vacancies, one City Council appointment and one Mayor with Council Approval. Consider re-appointment of Andrew Hedden (need City Council approval) and Barbra Nei has received Mayoral recommendation to serve on the MTN Board. Barbra Nei's appointment needs City Council approval.

Appointee Name	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Ward	Number of years of term	Term Beginning/Ending
Barbra Nei	Mayor	13	4	2/15/08 – 1/15/12
Re-Appointments	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Ward	Number of years of term	Term Beginning/Ending
Andrew Hedden	Council	11	4	2/15/08 – 1/15/12

**Previous Directives**

Openings are due to an expired term of Mayoral Appointment, Joan Higinbotham and City Council Appointment, Andrew Hedden.

Prepared or Submitted by C John Harrison, Manager Office of Cable & Video Services.  
Approved by

Sara Dietrichi, Communications Director

Steven Bosacker, City Coordinator

Presenters in Committee C John Harrison (612) 673-2906 and/or applicants; Andrew Hedden, Barbra Nei and/or Executive Director of The MTN, Pam Colby.

**Financial Impact** (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.  
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

Appointments to Minneapolis Telecommunications Network Board:

We received two applications to fill the two vacancies. Consideration of the following applicants to one City Council and one Mayor with City Council approval appointments:

City Council Appointee (appoint one to a four year term)

Andrew Hedden, 4631 Pillsbury Avenue. Andrew Hedden would like to be re-appointed as a City Council Appointed term to expire January 15, 2012.

Mayor with City Council Approval (appoint one to a four year term)

Barbra Nei, 314 West 48<sup>th</sup> Street. Barbra Nei has received the Mayor's recommendation to serve on the MTN Board. He would like to be appointed as a Mayor with Council approval appointed term to expire January 15, 2012.

Minneapolis Television Network (MTN) provides community access to television, and to communication and information networks. MTN strengthens community by encouraging creation of and access to programs and information using electronic technology. MTN supports freedom of expression for all.

The Articles of Incorporation authorize the corporation: (1) to promote the use of cable communication systems for community and public access in the City of Minneapolis; (2) to address the information and cultural needs of residents, businesses, non-profit organizations and governmental bodies; (3) to regulate, control and manage dedicated public channels; and (4) to make recommendations on other franchise issues.

**Membership:**

MTN is comprised of nine members (+3 ex-officio), five appointed by the City Council, 3 Mayoral appointments and one joint Council President and Mayoral appointment, each serving four year terms. Directors shall be individuals who live, work or are engaged in business within the City of Minneapolis. The Articles of Incorporation contain a conflict of interest statement, which prohibits directors from having a financial interest in any entity engaged in, or doing business with, cable television in Minnesota.

## Application for Appointment to a City of Minneapolis Board, Commission, Committee or Task Force

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<b>Title of the Board, Commission, Committee or Task Force this application is for</b>

Name: <b>Barbra Nei</b>	Ward: 13
Signature: Barbra Nei	Date: Jan. 16, 2007

Occupation: Independent artist, café owner	Employer: <b>Zumbro Café (2803 W.43 St, Mpls)</b>
Employer's Address: <b>314 West 48 Street Minneapolis, MN 55419 (studio)</b>	

Describe your background related to any required or desirable qualification listed in the Notice. Include applicable experience with civic, professional or volunteer organizations and other city boards or commissions. List any awards or special recognition.
<b>I am an artist and business owner in Mpls. and have been a member of MTN for the past 15 years.</b>
<b>As a business owner (Zumbro Cafe in Linden Hills) and a media-artist, I have been very active in my community.</b>
Awards, Commissions, Committees, etc. 2001-present MCP Programming Committee-assisting in planning of events and exhibition schedule 2005 Public Art on Campus Commission, UMN 1998 MN State Arts Board Career Opportunity Grant 1992, 2005 FORECAST Public Artworks Fellowships 1992 1995, 1996,1998 MCKnight Foundation Fellowships
2004 Intermedia Arts, Jerome Foundation Art in Space Commission 2001 Jerome Foundation Artist Travel and Research Grant
1997 Minneapolis Regional SPE Conference- steering committee
1995 NEA Diverse Visions Artist Fellowship 1992 McKnight Foundation Photography Fellowship 1984 Jerome Foundation One of a Kind Fellowship

**Instructions:**

1. Complete both pages of this application.
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Minneapolis Telecommunications Network (MTN)

Name: Andrew Hedden	Ward: 11
Signature:	Date: 12/27/07

Occupation: Student	Employer: University of Minnesota
Employer's Address:	

Describe your background related to any required or desirable qualification listed in the Notice. Include applicable experience with civic, professional or volunteer organizations and other city boards or commissions. List any awards or special recognition.
I am currently serving as treasurer of the Board of Directors of MTN.

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City Clerk Appointments, Room 304, 350 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis MN 55415-1382  
Fax: 612-673-3812  
E-mail: [cityclerk@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:cityclerk@ci.minneapolis.mn.us)