



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
from the Department of Civil Rights**

Date: April 2, 2008

To: Council Member Scott Benson, Chair, Health, Energy, and Environment

Referral to:

**Subject:** Minneapolis Civilian Police Review Authority Board Open Seats

**Recommendation:** Review and select nine (9) of the following individuals for Mayoral and Council appointments.

**Previous Directives:** None

Prepared by: Samuel L. Reid, CRA Manager (673-2099)

Approved by: Michael Jordan, Director Department of Civil Rights (673-3027)

Presenters in Committee: Michael Jordan or Samuel L. Reid

**Financial Impact**

- No financial impact

**Supporting Information**

There are a total of eleven (11) members appointed to the CRA Board, six (6) of whom must be appointed by City Council and five (5) of whom must be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the approval of the majority of City Council.

The CRA Board currently has a total of nine (9) open seats, of which five (5) seats must be appointed by City Council and four (4) must be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the approval of the majority of City Council.

To fill these seats, the CRA recently accepted applications from sixteen (16) individuals. These applicants will testify before the Health, Energy and Environment Committee on **Monday, April 21, 2008.**

**The following individuals have submitted applications for appointment or re-appointment to the Minneapolis Civilian Police Review Authority board:**

Donald L. Bellfield	Ward 8
Sharlee Benson (reappointment – Mayor)	Ward 11
David Bicking	Ward 9
Ryan Li Dahlstrom	Ward 8
William David Ellis	Ward 3
Pam Franklin	Ward 2

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Meghan M. Greenwell	Ward 3
Tricia Hendren	Ward 1
Yvonne MacFarlane	Ward 12
Octavio Ruiz-Balam Yaxkin	Ward 9
Corey Sherman	Ward 6
Mary Flowers Spratt	Ward 8
Steven Swendra, II	Ward 2
Justin Terrell (reappointment – Council)	Ward 8
Lindsay Turner	Ward 2
Austen P. Zuege	Ward 10

**The following is the current ward representation:**

Ward 1	= 1	Ward 8	= 0
Ward 2	= 0	Ward 9	= 0
Ward 3	= 0	Ward 10	= 0
Ward 4	= 1	Ward 11	= 0
Ward 5	= 0	Ward 12	= 0
Ward 6	= 0	Ward 13	= 0
Ward 7	= 0		

There are currently a total of two (2) Board members. (Charles Hall-M, Patrick Kvidera-CC)

There should be a total of eleven (11) Board members.

There is a need to appoint a total of nine (9) Board members.

Five (5) members' terms have expired and they are not seeking reappointment:

Anne Cross – Council  
Gregory Langason – Council  
Tina Oskey – Mayor  
Robert Velez – Mayor  
Michael Weinbeck – Council

Two (2) members resigned terms that expire 12/31/09:

Michael Burns – Council  
Joseph Dobbert - Mayor

Two (2) members are seeking reappointment:

Sharlee Benson – Mayor  
Justin Terrell – Council

**The following is the break down of the Mayoral and the City Council appointments:**

**Mayoral:** One (1) appointment will fill one (1) vacancy of a term expiring December 31, 2009. Joseph Dobbert, Ward 9 resigned February 14, 2007. Two (2) appointments will fill two (2) vacancies to expire December 31, 2010\*. One (1) appointment will fill one (1) vacancy to expire December 31, 2011.

**City Council:** One (1) appointment will fill one (1) vacancy of a term expiring December 31, 2009. Michael Burns, Ward 13, resigned November 5, 2007. One (1) appointment will fill one (1) vacancy to expire December 31, 2010\*. Three (3) appointments will fill three (3) vacancies to expire December 31, 2011.

(\*To achieve staggered terms)

The slate of candidates for the Mayoral appointments and recommendations for the Council appointments will be made after applicants have testified before the HE&E Committee and the subcommittee comprised of a representative from the Mayor's office and the HE&E Chair have convened to select applicants. The selected applicants will then go forward to City Council for approval.