

# Staff Report

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**Agenda Item: 5**

**Title: Neighborhood Programming and Support Audit Report**

Action  Discussion  Informational

**Date: August 23, 2016**

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**Attachments: Audit Report**

## Requested Action

This is a continuation of the discussion began at the July meeting on the Report on neighborhood programs completed by Biko and Associates. At the July meeting Bill Smith of Biko, the principle author of the report, will be at the meeting to discuss the report, including the finding on the work of the NCEC.

This item is for discussion purposes. No action is requested at this time.

## Background

An evaluation of neighborhood programs was requested by the Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department as part of the 2015 budget request. The evaluation was led by the City's Internal Audit Department which contracted with Bike and Associates in July 2015 to conduct the evaluation. The scope of the review included the NCR Departments administration of neighborhood programs and the work of the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC).

A steering committee guided the work on the evaluation. The committee was comprised of Council member Linea Palmisano, Chair of the Audit Committee; Councilmember Cam Gordon, Chair of the Health Environment and Community Engagement Committee Will Tetsell, Minneapolis Internal Auditor; and David Rubedor and Howard Blin of the NCR staff.

The evaluation report was presented to the City Council Audit Committee on May 24th and the Health, Environment and Community Engagement Committee on July 11th. At this last meeting, the Committee adopted the following staff directives to follow up on the findings of the report:

### Staff Directives

1) Directing the Neighborhood and Community Relations staff to work with the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission and Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board to identify options for combining their functions and merging into one board or commission and to report back to the HECE committee by January 31, 2017.

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2) Directing the Neighborhood and Community Relations staff to work with the City Coordinator's office and other departments as needed to identify potential funding options for funding neighborhood organizations after the expiration of the Consolidated TIF district, which is legislatively mandated to end in 2020, and report back to the HECE by January 31, 2017.