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Agenda

MEETING: METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
DATE: September 01, 2009
DAY: Tuesday
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Metro Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

- 1:00 PM 1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 3, 2009/ADMINISTRATIVE/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS**
- 1:15 PM 2. NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM UPDATE**
- 2:00 PM 3. COUNCIL BRIEFINGS/COMMUNICATION**

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Work Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: **September 1, 2009** Time: 2:20 p.m. Length: 60 mins

Presentation Title:

Nature in Neighborhoods program update

Service, Office, or Center:

Sustainability Center

Presenters (include phone number/extension and alternative contact information):

Heather Nelson Kent, Nature in Neighborhoods Program Supervisor (x1739)

Jim Desmond, Kathleen Brennan-Hunter, Robin McArthur

ISSUE & BACKGROUND

The Metro Council requested a presentation from staff that would include a program update as well as specifically addressing the question of how the Nature in Neighborhoods program is effectively collaborating with other Metro programs and where there are opportunities for increased collaboration with the Development Center and “Placemaking” initiative.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE

Since implementation of the Sustainable Metro Initiative, the Nature in Neighborhoods program has seen several changes in leadership, reporting relationships, organizational structure, management of program budgets, priorities and the work program. Since the adoption of the current FY 09-10 budget additional changes to NIN program staffing, reporting and organizational structure have been implemented.

This presentation is designed to bring the Metro Council current with the new staffing and reporting roles and relationships and to review the program work plan to be implemented by staff in the current fiscal year. Additionally, the presentation will strive to identify potential initiatives upcoming in the next several years leading up to the Council’s scheduled review of the NIN resolution 05-3574A in 2015.

IMPLICATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

At approximately the half-way point in the implementation of the Council-directed NIN initiative, it is timely to review some of the program’s accomplishments, discuss areas where new opportunities are being pursued and identify potential work programs or activities that might be considered in the future.

QUESTION(S) PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

Right track/Wrong track

Is the Nature in Neighborhoods program likely to meet the Council's objectives as stated in Res. No. 05-3574A?

Are there identified areas for additional work that the Council would like staff to pursue in order to meet those Council objectives?

**LEGISLATION WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR COUNCIL ACTION __Yes XNo
DRAFT IS ATTACHED N/A**