

## RESOLUTION

By Gordon

**Amending Resolution 2018R-342 entitled “Establishing the Southside Green Zone Council” passed November 10, 2018, to add four Youth Ambassadors and increase the total number of Southside Green Zone Task Force members from 16 to 20.**

Resolved by The City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the above-entitled resolution be amended to read as follows to add four Youth Ambassadors and increase the total number of Southside Green Zone Task Force members from 16 to 20.

### **“Establishing the Southside Green Zone Council.**

Whereas, in April 2017 the City of Minneapolis authorized the establishment of the Southside Green Zone Task Force to develop a Southside Green Zone Work Plan; and

Whereas, the Southside Green Zone Task Force has now completed a recommended Southside Green Zone Work Plan to be presented to the City Council for approval; and

Whereas, the Task Force has recommended that a Southside Green Zone Council be formed to serve as an advisory board to the City Council and Mayor on the implementation and evaluation of the Southside Green Zone Work Plan;

Whereas, engaging youth in the civic processes is vital to growing new community leaders, fostering inclusive planning, and effectively addressing the comprehensive concerns of our city;

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

That the Southside Green Zone Council be established in accordance with the City’s Open Appointments process and that it shall operate according to the following structure:

1. Number of members: ~~16~~20 members made up of ~~12~~16 voting members, 4 of which will be Youth Ambassadors, and 4 non-voting members
2. Term Length: 24 months.
3. Term Limit: None.
4. Staggered Terms: None.
5. Compensation: If resources are available, compensation may be provided.
6. Open appointment process: Yes.
7. Public hearings held for appointees: No.
8. Residency requirement: Yes, and the ~~12~~16 voting members including the 4 Youth Ambassadors shall also be residents living within the geographic boundaries of the Southside Green Zone.
9. Membership structure: ~~12~~16 voting members, 4 of which will be Youth Ambassadors, and 4 non-voting members to be appointed by the City Council.
10. Supporting department: City Coordinator’s Office of Sustainability.
11. Reporting requirements: The Green Zone Council shall report annually to the Public Health, Environment, Civil Rights and Engagement Committee of the Minneapolis City Council.
12. Selection of officers: The Green Zone Council shall select a leadership group consisting of at least 3 voting members to set agendas, provide vision, and offer leadership as the Green Zone Council may require.
13. Open meetings: Meetings shall be open to the public, subject to the requirements of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law. Meetings will be publicly noticed on the City of Minneapolis

website.

14. Filling vacancies: Appointed members may be replaced following the Open Appointment process if they miss three consecutive monthly meetings without contacting the Southside Green Zone Council leadership group or City staff in the Office of Sustainability.

Be It Further Resolved that the Office of Sustainability shall form a selection committee comprised of community members who reside in the Southside Green Zone, and Mayor and City Council representatives to review the applicant pool and provide a recommended slate of applicants to serve on the Green Zone Council for the City Council to approve. Community members who apply to serve on the Green Zone Council will not be eligible to sit on the selection committee. The selection committee shall use the following guidelines to prioritize the identification of the selected slate:

- Twelve resident community members who live in the Southside Green Zone and:
  - Explicitly support the successful implementation of the Southside Green Zone
  - Have been impacted by cumulative pollution; or demonstrate expertise in environmental justice, climate resiliency, or cumulative health impacts
  - Equitably reflect the cultural, linguistic, racial, and demographic makeup of the community that lives in the Southside Green Zone
- Four Youth Ambassadors who live in the Southside Green Zone and:
  - Are interested in being mentored by a Southside Green Zone Council member
  - Can be a leader in engaging other youth to learn about and support Green Zones
  - Equitably reflect the cultural, linguistic, racial, and demographic makeup of the community that lives in the Southside Green Zone
- Four representatives from pertinent City departments and/or Minneapolis residents with interest and impact in the Southside Green Zone.

Be It Further Resolved that the Southside Green Zone Council will meet as a whole on a bi-monthly basis during a regularly scheduled, standing meeting to oversee and support the Southside Green Zone Work Plan implementation and evaluation.

Be It Further Resolved that the Green Zone Council may establish sub-committees to help advance the work.

Be It Further Resolved that the Southside Green Zone Council members will be responsible for attending meetings, holding the City of Minneapolis and related partners accountable to the timely and effective implementation of the work plan, informing and engaging community members on the status of the work, developing a fundraising plan and overseeing its success by guiding Green Zone staff and advocating for resources, and providing policy, program and resource recommendations to the Mayor and City Council.

Be it Further Resolved that the Green Zone Council will establish a structure for involving and supporting Youth Ambassadors to serve on the Southside Green Zone Council which will include but not be limited to providing training on how to work with youth for all of the Green Zone Council members as well as enlisting the expertise of a youth-worker who can provide on-going support to the Youth Ambassadors."