REFERRED TO (NAME OF) COMMITTEE:
DATE:

2002R-458

RESOLUTION of the CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

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By Ostrow and Goodman

Establishing a Northeast Minneapolis Arts District, as recommended by the Minneapolis Arts Commission on November 20, 2002.

Whereas, empty warehouse and factory spaces in Northeast Minneapolis have become the working homes to hundreds of local Minneapolis artists over the last ten years; and

Whereas, economic figures indicate that the arts are a sound City investment, because they support tourism, promote quality of life, and attract businesses; and

Whereas, Northeast Minneapolis artist spaces have become threatened due to changes in the economy and an increase in local value and opportunities for commercial, retail and mixed-use development; and

Whereas, the Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (NEMAA), a vital organization serving the needs of Northeast artists, had the vision and forethought to develop a plan for maintaining the area in the long-term as an arts community; and

Whereas, through NEMAA's leadership and the services of Jerry Allen and Associates, nationally-recognized consultants, a compelling and thoughtful Arts Action Plan was created; and

Whereas, the creation of this plan was also generously supported by the McKnight Foundation, Shamrock Properties, Hillcrest Development, Wells Fargo Bank and General Mills; and

Whereas, this Arts Action Plan is the first phase of at least a fifteen-year plan, with the central aim to stimulate economic revitalization through cultural revitalization;

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

That the City Council establishes the Northeast Arts District within the area from Central Avenue NE to the Mississippi River, and from 26th Avenue NE to Broadway Avenue NE, with Arts Zones of highest artist concentration and cultural activity.

Be It Further Resolved that The City Council of The City of Minneapolis directs the Minneapolis Arts Commission and the Cultural Affairs Division of the Planning Department to incorporate strategies for supporting the Northeast Arts District (as described in the Arts Action Plan) into the City of Minneapolis Plan for Arts and Culture and the Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan, particularly strategies with regard to public art and grants and/or loans for art spaces.

Be It Further Resolved that The City Council of The City of Minneapolis directs the Planning and Inspections Departments to create a definition of an "arts overlay district" and identify development incentives, building code implications and public education strategies (as described in the Arts Action Plan) for developing such districts.

Be It Further Resolved that The City Council of The City of Minneapolis directs the Department of Public Works to work with NEMAA on a signage strategy and image for the Arts District that is allowable within the public right-of-way.

Be it Further Resolved that The City Council of The City of Minneapolis directs all of these departments to work closely with NEMAA and to gather community input during this process.

Be It Further Resolved that The City Council of The City of Minneapolis directs all of these departments to identify the financial implications of these strategies for establishing the Arts District.

Be it Further Resolved that The City Council of The City of Minneapolis directs all of these departments to identify the City-wide implications for establishing the Arts District.

Be It Further Resolved that The City Council of The City of Minneapolis directs all of these departments to report back to the Minneapolis City Council by July of 2003 on these issues and on the next steps.

Certified as an official action of the City Council:

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE (X INDICATES VOTE)

COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	NOT VOTING	ABSENT	VOTE TO OVERRIDE	VOTE TO SUSTAIN	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	NOT VOTING	ABSENT	VOTE TO OVERRIDE	VOTE TO SUSTAIN
President							Goodman	X					
Ostrow	X						Lilligren	X					
Zerby	X						Schiff	X					
							Niziolek	X					
Johnson	X						Benson	X					
Johnson Lee	X						Colvin Roy	X					
Zimmermann	X						Lane	X					

PASSED DEC 13 2002 DATE

ATTEST ASST CITY CLERK

☒ **APPROVED** ☐ **NOT APPROVED** ☐ **VETOED**

MAYOR

DEC 19 2002 DATE

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