

Information Item: SAC Task Force Update

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Environment Committee: April 11, 2017



Background

- MCES regularly convenes customer group to examine and evaluate SAC issues
- 2016 House and Senate bills introduced to exclude outdoor seating from SAC charges (did not pass)
- MCES and Metro Cities committed to convene a task force
- Task Force was opportunity to look at a few other outstanding issues
- Task Force authorized by Council on November 30, 2016

Meeting Overview

- Total of 6 meetings held
- December 1 – February 21
- 4 issues presented
- 16 members
 - City Administrative (Finance, Public Works, Building Officials, Administrators)
 - Business representatives (trade groups/small business, medium/large business)

SAC Task Force

Name	Title	City/Organization
Wendy Wulff	Task Force Chair	Met Council
Patty Nauman	Exec Director	Metro Cities
James Dickinson	City Administrator	Andover
Ron Hedberg	Finance Director	Apple Valley
Kyle Klatke	Plans Examiner	Brooklyn Park
Bob LaBrosse	Chief Building Official	Cottage Grove
Kevin Schmieg	Building Official	Eden Prairie
Sue Virnig	Finance Director	Golden Valley
Katrina Kessler	Director of Surface Water & Sewers	Minneapolis
Loren Olson	Gov. Relations Rep.	Minneapolis
Merrill King	Finance Director	Minnetonka
Dan McElroy	Executive Vice President	MN Restaurant Association
David Englund	Building Code Coordinator	Roseville
Steve Ubl	Building Official	St. Paul
Tom Thomasser	Chief Operating Officer	Summit Brewing

Issues Examined

- Review current outdoor seating policy
- Evaluate options for manufactured homes
- Simplify the determination process
- Simplify the credit process

Issue 1: Review Current Outdoor Seating Policy

Result/Next Steps

- Vote to keep current outdoor seating policy
- Change 2018 SAC Procedure Manual wording to reflect 1 SAC per 40 seats

Status

- Info item was written and approved by Task Force, and presented at Council Meeting on January 11
- Wording change will be implemented in the 2018 procedure manual

Issue 2: Evaluate Options for Manufactured Homes

Result/Next Steps

- Task Force voted unanimously to continue SAC policy for manufactured housing
- Task Force encouraged pursuit of non-MCES funded grants

Status

- Manufactured Home Preservation Grant proceeding in 2017

Issue 3: Simplify the Determination Process

Result/Next Steps

- Task Force members asked Met Council to analyze using gross square footage as the universal criterion for determining SAC charges
- Set up future Task Force meetings in July / August to report back on analysis

Status

- Analysis phase of simplifying determination process

Issue 4: Simplify the Credit Process

Result/Next Steps

- Gross square footage approach has material impacts on credit process

Status

- Pending analysis of gross square footage approach

Next Steps

- Complete gross square footage analysis – June 2017
- Review findings with Task Force – July 2017
- Issue final Task Force report – September 2017

Questions