



Agenda Report

TO: City Council DATE: December 5, 2002
FROM: Mayor Bogaard
SUBJECT: Advisory Body Annual Reports and Work Plans

RECOMMENDATION:

In regard to the annual reports and work plans received from our advisory boards and commissions, I recommend that such reports be referred to an appropriate Council committee for review and report back to the Council. In cases where the committee deems it appropriate, the reports for an advisory body could then be placed on the Council agenda for further consideration.

BACKGROUND:

The City Clerk is now receiving the annual reports and work plans from the City's advisory bodies and commissions, and when all are received, will compile the reports and submit them to the Council. In the past, our review of these reports has been selective rather than universal due to the press of other Council business.

The reports for each advisory body contain a good deal of interesting information which merits Council review, either by the Council as a whole, or by a Council committee. The proposed referral practice would provide both the opportunity for the Council to recognize the many important programs, projects and other initiatives conducted by the advisory bodies, and also to offer direction or suggestions regarding future activities. In any event, knowledge on the part of the advisory body that the Council is allocating time to review its accomplishments and its plans will, I believe, be a source of satisfaction on the part of the volunteers who serve on the advisory body.

With these thoughts in mind, I am requesting that Council approve of a practice of referring each report and work plan to a Council committee with a view to matching the advisory body with the Council committee most closely involved in the advisory body's work. I would work with City staff in formulating a proposed list of referrals for Council review.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City.

Respectfully submitted,

BILL BOGAARD
Mayor