



City Council

Approval of a Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Council of Neighborhood Associations

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Staff reported to the Land Use and Environment Committee several months ago that an updated Memorandum of Understanding with the Council of Neighborhood Associations was upcoming.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the resolution approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Council of Neighborhood Associations (CNA) and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.

Report

Issue:

Whether to renew a Memorandum of Understanding with the Council of Neighborhood Associations.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item

Background and Analysis:

The City of Olympia originally entered into a three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations on July 13, 2012. The City and the Coalition renewed their MOU (with slight revisions) for three additional years on July 7, 2015. That MOU expired July 8, 2015, though the two parties have continued to honor its provisions since that date while working on an updated MOU.

The Coalition re-named itself the Council of Neighborhood Associations (CNA), and proposes entering into the attached MOU with the City for an additional three years. The draft MOU recognizes

the CNA as an entity that can provide assistance to the City and the individual recognized neighborhood associations established under Chapter 18.86 of the Municipal Code. It also addresses a number of issues of joint interest between the City and the CNA.

The proposed MOU would renew the primary provisions of the previous MOU with CNA. It includes several revisions to reflect updated conditions and remove outdated provisions. The purpose and general topic areas covered by the MOU remain the same.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

The Coalition of Neighborhood Associations is open to representation of all Olympia neighborhoods. Among other things, it provides a forum for neighborhood interests to be expressed and addressed, if possible.

Options:

1. Approve the resolution approving the MOU as proposed.
2. Direct staff to continue discussions with CNA to prepare an alternative version of the MOU.
3. Decide not to pursue an MOU with CNA.

Financial Impact:

The renewed MOU can be supported within existing budget. It is possible that future initiatives may be introduced as a result of continuing work with the CNA that may have budget impacts, which would be considered by the City Council at that time.

Attachments:

Resolution

Memorandum of Understanding