

Report to Committee

To:

General Purposes Committee

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From:

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Re:

Anderson Room - Lighting Control

Staff Recommendation

That additional electric blinds be installed in the Anderson Room to improve lighting conditions for audio-visual presentations and to address the low angle of the sun in the fall months on the occupants of the room.

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Staff Report

Origin

At the General Purpose meeting of September 20, 2010, the following referral was made:

"That staff report back to the General Purposes Committee with information related to upgrading the blinds in the Anderson Room at City Hall to provide blackout coverage."

Analysis

The Anderson Room was renovated in 2009 to provide additional gallery space for the general public. At the time of the renovation, dual electric blinds (blackout and semi-blackout) were installed on the lower windows. During the fall season the sun is very low on the horizon during the hours when committee meetings are held. The sun shining through the middle window section makes it difficult for committee members that are located on the north side of the meeting table, and some members of the audience, to see committee presentations and visual presentations.

Staff recommend that electric blinds be installed on the middle window section of the Anderson Room that match the existing dual blinds both in operation, function and look and that electric blackout blinds be installed on the upper window section.

The estimated cost of the entire solution is \$13,500.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact as the 2010 Building Improvement Program budget has sufficient funds to address this request.

Conclusion

To address the low angle of natural light that enters the Anderson Room and to improve conditions for visual presentations, staff recommend that electric operated blinds be installed.

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