



Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission

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Subject: October 12th Committee of the Whole Agenda

The meeting will be held at the North Commons Park building. To allow for more time for discussion on the future roles and responsibilities of the NCEC, the meeting will run for two hours, until 7:00 PM.

Agenda Item 2 – CPP Application from Lowry Hill Association

We have a preliminary application for CPP funding from the Lowry Hill Association. Based on staff suggestions, the neighborhood is revising the submission. It will be posted online on Friday, October 6th. The Commission is asked to review the application and provide any questions for the applicant prior to action on the submission at the October 25th NCEC meeting.

Agenda Item 3 - Community Engagement Plan for CPP Guideline Revisions

Beginning the week of October 10th, the revised Community Participation Program (CPP) guidelines will be available for review by neighborhoods and others. The proposed engagement process with neighborhood and community groups on the guidelines will be described with comments from the Commission sought for additional engagement opportunities.

Agenda Item 4 – NRP Transition

The existing NRP program will sunset at years end. Beginning in 2012 NRP funds will be used for fund CPP applications as well as existing NRP Phase II plans. Due to statutory requirements on use of NRP funds, a reconstituted NRP Policy Board will begin work in 2012. Staff will describe the process for forming the Policy Board as well as integrating NRP administrative functions into the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department.

Agenda Item 5 – Future Roles and Responsibilities of NCEC

Beginning in 2012, approval of CPP applications will shift to the new NRP Policy Board. This will free time on NCEC agendas for work on other matters. Examples of initiative for which NCEC could allocate more time include outreach to underrepresented groups in the city, fostering greater diversity among neighborhood organizations, and promoting community engagement strategies for City departments. The largest share of the October 12th meeting is blocked out for discussion of areas the Commission should focus on in the future. Commissioners are asked to come prepared with ideas for the future direction for the NCEC.