



Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission **Tuesday, January 24, 2011 DRAFT Meeting Notes**

Minneapolis Women Club

NCEC member attendees: Doron Clark, John Finlayson, Matt Perry, Jeff Strand, Mark Hinds, Tony Anastasia, Crystal Johnson, Christopher Hoffer, Kenneth Brown, Carol Pass, Latrell Beamon.

NCEC members absent: Latrell Beamon, John Finlayson, Ed Newman, Maria Sarabia, Ali Warsame and Tessa Wetjen.

Commission staff: David Rubedor, Robert Thompson, Howard Blin and Cheyenne Erickson.

Agenda item	Content
1. Introduction, & agenda (Action)	Action(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consensus to approve agenda with the following changes: change agenda item #3 from action to discussion.• Consensus to approve December 20, 2011 meeting notes.• Christopher Hoffer will facilitate today's meeting and Doron Clark will serve as the associate facilitator in the place of Tessa Wetjen. Tessa Wetjen has resigned from the Facilitation Committee.
2. NCR Report (Informational)	Summary: <p>A. Update on NRP Transition: Director Rubedor introduced the departments 2 new staff members. Lance Knuckles and Jack Whitehurst.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lance has been actively involved in Community Engagement in Minneapolis for 12 years, particularly on the Northside. Lance was formerly the Executive Director of the Jordan Area Community Council as well as the Outreach Coordinator with the Hawthorne Area Community Council. In addition to his work within neighborhood organizations, Lance has worked most recently with Emerge as the Director of Community Strategies. Lance currently resides in the Stevens Square neighborhood.• Jack brings 21 years of NRP history and experience into the department. Jack was an original staff member of NRP during the program's start in 1990. Prior to Jack's work at NRP was spent at the Center for Regional and Urban Affairs (CURA) and the National Center for Urban and Ethnic Affairs. Jack currently resides in the Prospect Park neighborhood.• The NRP Policy Board will meet on February 21st and it is intentional that they will meet prior to the NCEC meetings. All appointments have been made to the new Policy Board except for the Public Schools.• The Waterfall of funds, remaining funds from NRP will be used for severance packages for NRP employees, and then the remaining money will be distributed to neighborhoods most affected by the Phase II freeze (as a percent of funds available). <p>Commissioner Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What will happen with contract administration for neighborhoods?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The department is still sorting through that and is aiming to preserve stability for Neighborhoods.• At the last NRP meeting, Council President Johnson directed money to Neighborhoods that lost dollars from their Phase II plans. <p>B. Community Connections Conference: Saturday, February 11th. Registration is now open. Excited to have Angela Glover Blackwell give the Keynote address.</p> <p>C. Cathy ten Broeke – Office to End Homelessness:</p>

- Cathy presented an overview of the work being done in her office and what has happened in the last 5 years.

Commissioner Comments:

- Has the housing you've provided for people been dispersed?
 - Yes, there are 1,500 to 2,000 units that are scattered throughout Hennepin County.
 - Have you worked through neighborhoods?
 - Yes, some but would like to get input from NCEC about what more we could be doing.
 - Do you have programs that address the needs of new immigrants?
 - There are small programs to address the needs of the new immigrants; neighborhoods could help with their voice to push the importance of those issues.
 - Believes in housing 1st option. Personal work oversees a voucher program and it has been successful. Have connections to landlords who participate in the program.
 - Are you connecting with residents that are receiving pre-foreclosure notices?
 - No, don't have any connection with them. Typically work with people who aren't homeowners.
- D. Neighborhood Elections: This year the even number districts are up for re-election and 3 commissioners are for re-appointment. We will be following the same process that was used last year. There is a space at the Community Connections Conference hosted by the Waite Park Neighborhood that will hold a casual conversation regarding the election process.

Commissioner Comments:

- Needs Clarification: The election process that was last used will be used again? The first time around the neighborhood representatives came through officially recognized neighborhoods, last year they did not. What process will be used this year?
 - The process that will be used will be the same as last year, the process chosen by neighborhoods.
- It's important to make sure that we have neighborhood organizations involved in vetting the candidates so that they come from officially recognized neighborhood organizations.
- Participation was higher in the first year of elections, would like to see the department do more outreach work to get the neighborhoods involved.
- Suggests having people who are applying through the open appointments process answer the same questions as those who are applying through the neighborhood elections.

3. CPP Guideline Revisions
(Discussion)

Summary: Staff reviewed a summary of last CoW meeting where discussion was held regarding changes to the CPP Guidelines.

Commissioner Comments:

- What is the process for approval of the guidelines?
- Is there an actual final funding allocation for the 18 month funding cycle?
 - There will be more discussion on the allocation formula at the next CoW meeting.
- Will the plan approval move from the director to NCEC?
 - The plan approval process is a requirement of the NRP ordinance.
- What happens when a neighborhood doesn't submit a Neighborhood Priority Plan (NPP) and what if a Neighborhood Priority Plan is rejected?
 - The idea is to stress the importance of planning and staff sees the NPP as a tool for neighborhoods to partner with the city on developing priorities in their neighborhood. Staff plans to work with neighborhoods to ensure they all can produce well thought out plans.
- There has been some excitement from neighborhoods about the NPP, but others are concerned that they don't have the capacity or funding to complete them and believe that they are doing twice the paperwork for the same amount of money.
- There needs to be more structure and clarity surrounding the NPP.
- Would like to see more accountability and outcomes documented in the CPP and the NPP's.

4. Task Force Reports
(Informational)

Summary:

- City Department Engagement Task Force: Task Force members handed out preliminary recommendations to the commission for review. The next meeting of the Task Force will be held on February 15th from 5:00-6:30pm at the NCR offices.
- Bylaws Task Force: Discussion was held regarding the current scope of the Bylaws Task Force and the possibility of amending the scope to encompass the Bylaws in their entirety. It was requested that this item be placed on the next commission meeting agenda.

5. Preparation for 2012 NCEC Work Planning Meeting
(Informational)

Summary:

- This item will most likely occur at the March 2012 meeting. Please begin thinking about ideas and meaningful projects for 2012.