



Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission Tuesday, March 27, 2012 Meeting Notes

North Regional Library

NCEC member attendees: Doron Clark, John Finlayson, Matt Perry, Jeff Strand, Mark Hinds, Kenneth Brown, Carol Pass, Ed Newman, Maria Sarabia and Tessa Wetjen, Ali Warsame, Tony Anastasia and Crystal Johnson.

NCEC members absent: Christopher Hoffer, Latrell Beamon and Marcea Mariani.

Commission staff: 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:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Defer Agenda item 7 and 8A to the April Agenda.• Consensus to approve February 28, 2012 meeting notes.
2. Facilitation Committee Vacancy (Action)	Summary: There is currently 1 vacancy on the Facilitation Committee, discussion was held. No Commission members expressed interest in participating in the Committee at this time. Action(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The commission reached consensus to defer the item.
3. NCR Report (Informational)	Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• On Saturday, March 24th over 100 people attended the North First event. This event was organized by the Northside Neighborhood Council (NNC) and the goal is to have additional meetings that create a strategy for North Minneapolis focused around four areas: Transportation, Housing, Arts/Recreation and Economic Development. Commissioner Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commissioner Strand attended the event.• It is unfortunate that NCEC wasn't a partner on this, hopeful that NCEC will be involved in the future.
4. NRP Policy Board Report (Informational)	Summary: Commissioner Strand, Chair of the NRP Policy Board gave an update from the March 20 th Policy Board meeting. Holland Neighborhood Association gave a NRP Phase I recap; the Policy Board adopted their by-laws, but will revisit the grievance process. The Policy Board also elected officers, as well as approved a motion to send the Newsletter Policy out for a 45 day review process. Commissioner Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• When does the Policy Board meet?<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ The 3rd Tuesday of every month at 4:30pm.• Can NCR staff please add a list of Policy Board members to the website along with their email addresses?
5. 2012 Neighborhood Election Process (Informational)	Summary: Staff reviewed the election process that was adopted by neighborhood representatives at the April 2011 meeting, as well as the timeline for the 2012 process. Commissioner Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The last bullet under the election process is a request, not a process and should be deleted.• Will the candidates have to be present at the June elections?

- When will the city Council be making their appointments?
 - Likely May or June.
- Can neighborhoods weigh in on who they'd like to see be a member of the NRP Policy Board?
- How does the city promote the vacancies?
 - There is a large communication effort in the fall and spring cycles, the department's access and outreach team also do a lot of outreach regarding the vacancies.
- The appointed NCEC members should answer the same questions as those elected by the neighborhoods.

6. Review of CPP Funding Allocation Formula (Action)

Summary: Staff reviewed the City Council direction and the 3 options that were developed as an outcome of the direction; a fourth option was presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 14th. The options were:

- Option 1 – Use 10 percent of the 2012-2013 funding allocation, or \$570,000 to provide funds to neighborhoods that lost money in the 2010 shift of NRP funds. In relation to the original proposed 2012-2013 allocations, this option will increase funding for some neighborhoods and reduce funding for others.
- Option 2 - Increase funding by 10 percent, or \$570,000 to neighborhoods that lost funding. The funding source is CPP fund balance. In this option all neighborhoods would receive the same 2012-2013 allocation as proposed, with some receiving additional funds to compensate for that lost in 2010.
- Option 3 - Restore all neighborhoods to a minimum of 70 percent of NRP Phase II funding, costing \$860,000. The funding source is CPP fund balance. No neighborhoods experience reduced funding.
- Option 4 – In this option an additional \$1 million in funding would be distributed to neighborhoods which lost funding. In addition, this option creates a new program to fund initiatives by community groups and neighborhood organizations which are outside of the CPP program. This new program would be funded by reducing the proposed total allocation for the CPP. In the 2012-2013 cycle, this option would reduce funding from the proposed \$5.7 million to \$4.5 million.

Staff is recommending Option 3 to the City Council on Thursday, March 30th.

Commissioner Comments:

- Option 3 moves in the direction of restoring funding to neighborhoods that was lost to 100%. It's a cleaner option.
- The elimination of the NIF funding put all of the dedicated funds into CPP, there are no dollars left for additional programs, especially ones that benefit other cultural and community organizations. The staff recommendation was made without input from this commission.
- It is important to provide funding for programs that provide funding for cultural and community organizations. Can we find other sources of funding? CIF funds will come back into play in 2015. Right now it's important to repay those neighborhoods that lost funds due to the 2010 Council directive.
- Option 4 decreases funding to Hawthorne, East Phillips and Holland, neighborhoods that lost out on the 2010 Council

directive.

- Important to ask the City Council to find funding for CIF & NIF. Let's not add any more complexity to programs for neighborhoods. NIF & CIF dollars were meant for Neighborhood Organizations to work with cultural organizations.
- Underrepresented people aren't welcome in neighborhood organizations. Cannot support option 3.
- Is the table 2 locking in the funding amounts or for explanation, when are these amounts locked in?
 - Table 2 serves as a planning document for staff, however funding for 2012-2013 are pretty much fixed in terms of what revenues are.
- Will staff communicate the results of the NCEC meeting to the Council on Thursday?
 - Yes. Staff will report the outcomes of the NCEC to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Action(s):

- No consensus reached. Equal support for option 3 and option 4. The NCEC feels it is a priority to connect with all residents of the City. Those that are connected to neighborhood organizations and those that are not, including underrepresented and cultural communities.

7. Task Force Reports
(Informational)

Summary:

By-laws Task Force: Commissioner Brown reviewed the work of the BLTF and felt that the BLTF plan had been shot down. He asked for feedback from the commission on how they would like him to lead the charge of the BLTF.

Commissioner Comments:

- There seems to have been an unfair burden placed upon the BLTF, two things are most important to review, the commissions new purpose and options for a Chair and Vice-Chair structure.
- Is there a format that you would like to receive feedback in?
- Commissioners had lots of tasks last month, let's try to respond again.

City Department Engagement Task Force: The March meeting was cancelled for the Special NCEC meeting. The Next meeting will be held on April 18th at the NCR offices.

Commissioner Open Forum
(Informational)

Summary:

- Is there a process for bringing forth a resolution to the Commission?
 - Resolutions should be brought to the Committee of the Whole meetings if they are related to programming. There currently is no process to bring forth a resolution that is of broader issues and non-program related.

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