



Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission **Tuesday, November 27, 2012 DRAFT Meeting Notes**

Minneapolis Hiawatha Maintenance Facility

NCEC member attendees: Kenneth Brown, Doron Clark, Denis Houle, Ishmael Israel, Gregg Massey, Marcea Mariani, Jeffrey Martin, Kenya McKnight, Maria Sarabia, Sacido Shaie, Jeff Strand, Carol Pass and Tessa Wetjen.
NCEC members absent: Latrell Beamon, Henry Jimenez and Ali Warsame.
Commission staff: David Rubedor, Howard Blin, Lance Knuckles, Robert Thompson and Cheyenne Erickson.
Guests: Repa Mekha and Terri Thao.

Agenda Item

Content

1. Introduction, Action(s): & agenda (Action)

- Consensus to approve November agenda, with the following changes:
 - Strike agenda item number 4A; re-letter the remaining sub-agenda items under agenda item 4.
 - Change the Boards and Commissions Diversity Task Force from an action item to a discussion item.
 - Change the One Minneapolis Fund Task Force from a discussion item to an action item.
- Consensus to approve October 23rd meeting notes as presented.

2. NRP Policy Board Report (Informational)

Summary:

- At the November 20th NRP Policy Board meeting the board approved the Cedar Riverside Neighborhood NRP Phase II plan as well as the Central Neighborhood NRP Phase II plan. In addition the Policy Board approved a 45-day review period for the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) Policy for neighborhood organizations and recommended that alternates be chosen for all seats on the NRP Policy Board.

3. NCR Report (Informational)

Summary:

- The NCR office will be moving on December 20th to the Crown Roller Mill, this will allow the NCR department to work more closely with CPED.
- NCR will work with CPED and Regulatory Services regarding their reorganization to assist with engagement and outreach efforts.
- Voter turnout in the 2012 election in Minneapolis was the highest since 1972 with an 81% turnout rate.
- There was a report on the work of the efforts to end homelessness in the City at the Community Development Committee of the City Council today. The NCR department is planning on how they can be a part of the solution. Will bring information back to the commission.
- The NCR department is wrapping up the last session of the City Academy tonight. It was a 5 week course where residents got to get a firsthand look at how the city works. Plans to continue the City Academy's in the future.
- The 2012 Resident Survey is now underway. Every two years the City surveys residents by phone. The final report will be available in January 2013.
- The 45-day review period for the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) Policy for neighborhood organizations will be out on Friday, December 1st for comment.
- Currently the NCR department is seeking a 501 (c)(3) non-profit

organization to administer non-profit insurance pools covering neighborhood organizations. Information can be found on the NCR website.

Commissioner Comments:

- The loss of the rental assistance is a major loss. We need leverage to get that funding back, this would specifically impact families.
- Is the NRP Policy Board still looking at how alternates will work for the board?
 - The recommendation they made is referred back the NCEC.
- What work is the City Council doing to reduce homelessness?
 - The information that was before them today was a report or a public briefing to update them on what has been done to date.
- Will there be a public hearing for homelessness? There are different issues that need to be taken into consideration, such as family homelessness vs. chronic homelessness.

4. Task Force Reports
(Informational and Discussion)

Summary:

- A. Boards and Commissions Diversity Task Force: The task force has been communicating offline since the last meeting and is reviewing the recommendations and will create a writing committee of the task force to put the information into one document to be reviewed by the full task force. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for this coming Friday at 7:30am.
- B. One Minneapolis Fund: Commissioner Wetjen explained that The One Minneapolis Fund RFP is awaiting one more approval from the City and then it will be ready to be distributed out. She also would like to bring forward two action items for the Commission to consider:
 - 1. To change the One Minneapolis Fund Task Force to a standing committee to operate continually or until it's no longer needed, or if the Task Force is not made permanent to extend the Task Force charge to March of 2013.
 - 2. To add to the charge the responsibility of the Task Force to operate as the facilitators of the Blueprint for Equity work.
- C. Bylaws Task Force: Director Rubedor stated at the beginning of the discussion that the department has no position on the bylaws and the bylaws task force is bringing this forward without consensus. Staff's recommendation at this point is to bring these forward as they were posted knowing full well that there is no consensus tonight for the first reading and then on to the full commission for a vote.

Commissioner Comments:

- What is the charge of the Boards and Commissions Diversity Task Force?
 - The outcome is to get broader diversity on our Boards and Commissions. The primary job of this task force is to get boarder diversity on our boards and commission through the appointments process but also to ensure we are retention of members also goes hand and hand with that.
- Is there a possibility that there may not be funding in 2013 for the

One Minneapolis Fund?

- Staff has no indication of changes on the Mayors proposed budget.

Action(s):

- The Commission reached consensus to extend the One Minneapolis Fund Task Force to March 2013.
- The Commission reached consensus to move the discussion and action to add the responsibility of the One Minneapolis Fund Task Force to operate as at the facilitators of the Blueprint for Equity work to the December 2012 NCEC meeting.
- The Commissions reached consensus to use the next month to review the proposed bylaws and discuss them on Google Groups and bring them back to the December 2012 NCEC meeting for a discussion.