



Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission Tuesday, January 22, 2013 Meeting Notes

Urban Research and Outreach – Engagement Center (UROC)

NCEC member attendees: Kenneth Brown, Doron Clark, Denis Houle, Ishmael Israel, Gregg Massey, Jeffrey Martin, Kenya McKnight, Carol Pass, Jeff Strand and Tessa Wetjen

NCEC members excused: Henry Jimenez and Marcea Mariani

NCEC members absent: Latrell Beamon, Sacido Shaie and Ali Warsame

Commission staff: David Rubedor, Howard Blin, Lance Knuckles and Cheyenne Erickson

Guests: Lissa Jones, NCR Consultant

Agenda

Content

Item

**1. Introduction,
& agenda**
(Action)

Action(s):

- Consensus to approve January agenda by adding the Blueprint process task force discussion to agenda item 6 and make it an action item instead of a discussion item. Move agenda item 6 to agenda item 3.5 and remove agenda item 5 from the agenda.
- Consensus to approve December 2012 meeting notes as presented with a correction to update the vote tallies.

2. NCR

Report

(Informational)

Summary:

- The department has developed its Top 5 Priorities and 2nd Tier Priorities for 2013. The information can be found on the NCR's website.
- From the work of the Latino Engagement Task Force the City Council will be bringing forward legislation as it relates to undocumented residents getting access to drivers licenses and scholarships at the federal and state level.
- The 2013 Neighborhoods, USA Conference partnership has changed. The CLPC board voted to no longer serve as the fiscal agent for the conference. A new partner, NEXUS, will step in and carry out those duties.

3. NRP

Report

(Informational)

Summary:

- There was no January NRP Policy Board meeting. Officer selection will occur at the February meeting and the NCEC appointees to the Policy Board will serve until June of 2013.

4. Blueprint for Equity

(Discussion)

Summary:

- Lissa Jones (NCR Consultant) and Lance Knuckles (NCR Staff) discussed the goals, partners and approach of the work for the Blueprint for Equity with the commission. The Commissioners were asked to give their input and feedback regarding the proposed questions that were presented. These questions will be asked of neighborhood and cultural organizations during the stakeholder engagement phase of the Blueprint for Equity Work. The questions and additional information about the goals, partners and approach can be found here:
<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@ncr/documents/wbcontent/wcms1p-104914.pdf>.

Action(s):

- The Commission reached consensus that the NCEC will be leading the Blueprint for Equity discussion and attend the stakeholder engagement meetings.
- The Commission reached consensus to not form a committee on the Blueprint for Equity.

5. Task Force Reports
(Action and Informational)

Boards and Commissions Diversity Task Force:

- Commissioner Strand reviewed the Report from the Task Force and shared that the Task Forces recommendations will be presented to the City Council on Thursday, February 7th. Some of the Task Force members felt that another meeting was necessary to finalize the document.

One Minneapolis Fund Task Force:

- Commissioner Wetjen explained that the Task Force is creating a rubric to grade proposals. It was noted that the full commission would like to see a formal list of applicants, and no other discussion would be needed.

Bylaws Update:

- Commissioner Israel explained that there were two Committee of the Whole meeting to finalize the bylaws, however an additional meeting is needed in order to finalize the work and bring a complete document to the committee for final approval. This was one of the main reasons for the agenda changes at today’s meeting.

Action(s):

- The Commission reached consensus to delegate authority to the Boards and Commissions Task Force to finalize their work product and present it directly to City Council without it coming back to the full commission for approval.

6. Open Forum

Summary:

- A commissioner felt that better communication could have been used by the NCR Staff and Facilitation Committee to inform the full NCEC on the proposed agenda changes prior to the agenda going out.
 - NCR Staff and the Facilitation Committee agreed.
- NCR Staff will send out a Doodle right away to schedule the next Committee of the Whole meeting and the Boards and Commissions Diversity Task Force.

Adjourn