



Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission
Tuesday, May 27, 2014 Meeting Minutes
Hennepin County Central Library

NCEC member attendees: Denis Houle, Matthew Dobratz, Jeffrey Strand, Ishmael Israel, Kirk Roggensack, Matt Barthelemy, Doron Clark, Andy Hortillosa, Brittany Lewis, Kenya McKnight, Carol Pass and Tessa Wetjen.

NCEC members excused:

NCEC members absent: Henry Jimenez. Sacido Shaie, Francisco Segovia.

Commission staff: Howard Blin and Robert Thompson

1. Public Comment:

Peter Rickmyer was present and gave public comment prior to the meeting. He suggested that neighborhood organizations create committees on disabilities and recruit members who are disabled.

2. Introduction (Action):

The meeting was called to order at 5:08pm with Israel in the Chair.

Agenda: The agenda was approved with the change that Item 4, NRP Policy Board Report was removed from the agenda to allow more time to discuss the SUN Neighborhood Priority Plan.

3. Executive Committee Reports (Informational and Action):

Chair's Report:

Chair Israel noted that the election for NCEC seats in Districts 2,4,6 and 8 will be held on June 12th at the Crown Roller Mill building.

Secretary Report:

A. Minutes:

Motion: Commissioner Strand moves to approve the minutes, Clark seconds the motion. Motion carried.

B. Attendance Report: Commissioner Strand reported on attendance. No members are excused from the meeting.

4. Committee and Task Force Reports (Informational and Action):

A. Committee of the Whole (Action):

1. Blueprint for Equitable Engagement:

Summary: Commissioner Lewis, representing the Blueprint for Equity Steering Committee presented the concept paper the Committee had drafted. This represents a shift from the Blueprint for Equity to the Blueprint for Equitable Engagement. The distinction is the efforts of the NCEC and NCR will be focused on building more equitable engagement processes at the City and in neighborhoods. Also, rather than trying to meet with over 50 neighborhood organizations, which may be difficult to accomplish, the plan is to be intentional in reaching out to groups but to keep it realistic by focusing on a smaller number of groups.

Discussion:

- Lewis further noted that at the Committee of the Whole, it was recommended that renters be added to the groups to be contacted.
- Strand noted that action was taken at the Committee of the Whole to accept the Blueprint Concept Paper and recommended that the committee accept the plan.
- The Commission discussed the purpose of the concept paper and whether it represented a final product or a work plan to develop a Blueprint.
- Rogensack stated there were two terms on page 1 of the paper. We should not use the word “political” since neighborhood organizations should not be political. Also, using the term “millions of dollars” overstates the amount of money actually available. In addition, the paper makes no mention of City workers.
- Hortillosa responded that references to the City of Minneapolis includes all residents and employees of the City.

A Motion by McKnight to call the question failed.

- Pass asked if we acting on the paper for purposes of sending it out for neighborhood review. The process should be developed by more than a committee.
- Lewis responded that the Steering Committee was formed to develop the paper and guide the work. Any Commission member could have joined the Committee.
- Strand noted that among the many stakeholder groups with which focus groups will be held, are three focus groups with neighborhood organizations. This will be the opportunity for neighborhood organizations to participate.
- Pass stated she would like to see unions involved as there is nothing to address economic issues.
- McKnight asked if she was clear on the purpose of the concept paper. It appears that it is to describe the purpose of the Blueprint effort, describes the work completed to date and lays out the next steps going forward. Members of the Steering Committee confirmed that this summarizes the intent of the paper.

Motion: Motion by Lewis, Seconded by Clark, to accept the Blueprint for Equity Concept Paper with the additions of a request to the City Clerk to explore equitable funding for

residents who serve on boards and commissions and including renters as a group to be met with. Motion Carried 11-0, 1 abstention.

2. Community Innovation Fund (CIF)

Summary: Blin reported that the Committee of the Whole has met several times over the past months to review the draft guidelines for the CIF. The Commission and staff also held nine listening session with neighborhood organizations earlier in the year.

Clark noted that a key element of the guidelines for which neighborhood comment is sought is the limit on individual grants. The guidelines state that a range of \$20,000 to \$30,000 is being considered.

Motion: Motion by Stand, second by Wetjen to approve the draft CIF guidelines for purposes of 60 day review. Motion carried unanimously.

B. One Minneapolis Fund Committee (Action):

Summary: Hortillosa gave a review of the process for reviewing the 24 applications that were received. The review included a scoring tool in which Committee scored each application on an agreed upon set of criteria.

Blin reported that four applications were recommended by the Committee to receive full funding and three were recommended for partial funding. Those recommended for partial funding were contacted and, this far, two have stated that they would be able to carry out their proposed projects with less funding. One applicant was still determining if that would be possible.

Wetjen noted that the next step for the Committee would be to conduct an evaluation of the first year of the program.

Discussion:

- McKnight stated that it is not enough for the Committee to rely solely on the evaluation tool in recommending applications to be funded.]
- Dobratz said that while a tool to score the applications is needed, it is also necessary for the Committee to discuss the applications.

Motion: Motion by Wetjen, seconded by Hortillosa to approve, for submittal to the City Council for final approval, the following recommendations of the One Minneapolis Fund Committee for applications for 2014 funding from the One Minneapolis Fund program:

Lake Street Council	\$15,000
Appetite for Change	\$15,000
Council on American Islamic Relations	\$10,000

Asian Media Access	\$15,000
Youth Care	\$10,000
Twin Cities Media Alliance	\$10,000
Organizing Apprenticeship Project	<u>\$5,000</u>
Total	\$80,000

C. City Department Engagement Task Force (Informational):

Clark reported on the recent work of the Committee. The Committee will bring forward in the future a manual and set of principles for department engagement activities. Recent Public Works Department projects will be used as test cases for the work.

D. Equity Steering Committee (Informational):

Lewis reported on the work of the Committee which was reviewed earlier under the Blueprint for Equitable Engagement concept paper. She asked about the status of the Ad Hoc committee working on the joint meeting between the NCEC and The City Council Health, Environment and Community Engagement Committee of the City Council.

Ismael responded that two meetings are tentatively scheduled for August. Two facilitators have been hired for the meetings. Work of the Ad Hoc Committee will diminish as we move closer to those meetings.

Motion: Motion by Lewis, seconded by Wetjen, that the work of the Ad Hoc Committee be completed by the end of June and that the members of the Committee be asked to join the Blueprint Steering Committee.

E. Community Connection Conference Committee (Informational):

Roggensack stated that a report on the Conference will be presented to the City Council Health, Environment and Community Engagement Commission on June 2nd.

5. NCR Report (Informational):

Summary: Blin reported that the Department has two new staff. Michael Yang is the new Southeast Asian Access and Outreach Specialist and Abdirashid Ahmed is the new East African Access and Outreach Specialist.

Adjourn:

The April 22, 2014 meeting was adjourned by Chair Israel at 6:47p.m.