

NCEC Committee of the Whole

Staff Report

TO: Members of NCEC Committee of the Whole
From: Howard Blin, Community Engagement Manager
Date: February 11, 2015
Subject: **Committee of the Whole Agenda**

Agenda Item 3 – Blueprint for Equitable Engagement

The Blueprint Work Group is meeting on Friday, February 6th to continue work on the report. An updated Blueprint will be forwarded to Commissioners early next week.

Agenda Item 4 – City Council Charge

As part of the 2015 Budget process, the City Council gave the following directives to NCR and the NCEC:

- 1) Staff directed to engage neighborhood associations and the NCEC in developing policy and procedural recommendations for the Council which would establish guidelines for allowable balances of unspent NRP fund allocations and require any neighborhood association not meeting those guidelines to develop a plan with specific timelines on how they will use those funds, as well as developing reporting and monitoring procedures for the deployment of these resources. Staff are to present a draft policy recommendation to Council no later than May 31, 2015.
- 2) Neighborhood & Community Relations staff directed to work with the Neighborhood & Community Engagement Commission developing recommendations for future expenditures of the consolidated TIF fund for neighborhood revitalization purposes.
- 3) Directing the Neighborhood & Community Relations Department to provide guidelines for expenditures of the consolidated TIF fund for neighborhood revitalization purposes, using existing and previous policies, practices, and precedents, such as special uses like the Affordable Housing/Commercial Corridor Reserve Fund. A key feature that should be included from past guidelines is the requirement for neighborhood review and sponsorship. The guidelines should be specific for intended uses, be they special initiatives or larger scale activities such as Large

Tract Development activities. Staff is to present this recommendation to the City Council no later than May 31, 2015.

At the November 24, 2014 NCEC meeting a task force was created to address the directives. The Task Force, comprised of Commissioners Strand, Israel and Dobratz, has met and will provide a brief update on the work to date.

Agenda Item 5 – NCEC Strategic Planning

Attached are the notes from the January 21st Strategic Planning meeting (the names under Goals/ issues to address indicate Commissioners who expressed interest in working on that topic). That meeting ended before the Strategies/Action Plan was completed. It was agreed this work would be continued until the February 11th Committee of the Whole meeting.