
MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION
FROM: HOWARD BLIN, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER
SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 28TH AGENDA
DATE: FEBRUARY 23, 2012

Meeting Location

The meeting will be held at the Minneapolis Central Library on the second floor in the Doty Room. Parking is available in the Library ramp with validated parking available for commissioners.

January Meeting Notes

The notes are being reviewed and will be sent separately prior to the meeting.

Agenda

Item 3 – Selection of Fourth Member to the Facilitation Committee

The Commission bylaws call for members of the Facilitation Committee. There are currently only three members. The Commission will be asked to nominate and select a fourth member of the Committee.

Item 4 – CPP Guideline Revisions

A final recommendation on the Guidelines is needed from the Commission in order to have final action by the City Council on March 8th. The schedule for approval and implementation of the Guidelines is as follows:

NCEC Recommendation	February 28 th
City Council Committee of the Whole Review	March 29 th
City Council Final Action	March 30 th
NRP Policy Board Adoption	March 20 th
Guidelines Available to Neighborhoods	April 1 st
CPP Submittals Accepted	June

The Commission discussion is organized to address the key elements of the guidelines individually. These include the requirements for Neighborhood Priority Plans, eligible expenses and the funding formula.

Item 5 – Review of Pending Legislation Regarding Zoning Moratoriums.

The Minnesota Legislature is considering a bill (HF 389) which would change the way in which cities may impose moratoriums on zoning and other land use matters. This bill was originally introduced in the 2011 legislative session and the City of Minneapolis continues to oppose it.

Moratoriums are typically enacted by cities to allow time to study the effects of a land use proposal and develop the appropriate controls over that use. Moratoriums are enacted by an interim ordinance and are usually in place for up to one year.

The bill would include the following changes:

- Moratoriums would not apply to applications for zoning or subdivision approval which were accepted by a city prior to enactment of an interim ordinance. Currently a moratorium freezes all decisions on land use applications, even those accepted prior enactment of an interim ordinance.
- Requires a two-thirds vote of the city council to enact a moratorium. Currently only a simple majority is required.
- Requires a hearing following a ten day notice before a moratorium may be enacted. There is currently no notice requirement.

The League of Cities has offered compromise language for the bill which would continue to apply moratoriums to applications received within 30 days of the interim ordinance. Minneapolis currently has no position on this compromise proposal.

This bill is currently moving through the legislature. Staff will update the Commission on the status of the bill at the February 28th meeting. Copies of the bill and bill summary are linked to the agenda.

Item 6 – Preparation for 2012 NCEC Work Planning Meeting

A session to plan the work of the Commission for the coming year has been scheduled for the March 14th. Preparations for that work planning session will be discussed.

Item 7 – NRP Policy Board Report

The first meeting of the Policy Board was held on February 21st. The Board selected Jeff Strand as Chair. Commissioner Strand will give a brief report on Board actions.

Item 8A – Revised Charge for Bylaws Task Force

The Task Force has suggested expanding the scope of its charge. The revised charge is linked to the agenda.