



# **Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission**

## **Tuesday, February 26, 2013 DRAFT Meeting Notes**

Minneapolis Central Library

**NCEC member attendees:** Latrell Beamon, Kenneth Brown, Doron Clark, Gregg Massey, Jeffrey Martin, Kenya McKnight, Carol Pass, Saciido Shaie, Jeff Strand and Tessa Wetjen  
**NCEC members excused:** Denis Houle, Ishmael Israel, Henry Jimenez, Marcea Mariani and Ali Warsame  
**NCEC members absent:**  
**Commission staff:** Howard Blin, Lance Knuckles and Cheyenne Erickson  
**Guests:** Lissa Jones, NCR Consultant

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Content</b>
<b>1. Introduction, &amp; agenda</b> (Action)	<b>Action(s):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consensus to approve February agenda by changing agenda item 5.A from an action item to an informational item.</li><li>• Consensus to approve December 2012 meeting notes as presented with two corrections to add the link on the summary of agenda item 4 and the wording "authority was delegated" to action on agenda item 5.</li></ul>
<b>2. NCR Report</b> (Informational)	<b>Summary:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NCR staff shared a timeline for the upcoming NCEC elections and appointments process. The department plans to send an email to neighborhoods on March 1<sup>st</sup> with the timeline.</li></ul>
<b>3. NRP Report</b> (Informational)	<b>Summary:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The NRP Policy Board welcomed a new School Board representative Josh Reimnitz and elected new officers, Chair – Jeffrey Strand, Vice-Chair, Liz Wielinski and Secretary, Gail Dorfman.</li><li>• The Board also sent two policy documents out for a 45 day review period on the new Neighborhood Priority Plan Policy and the Changing of Neighborhood Plans Policy.</li></ul>
<b>4. Adoption of Bylaws</b> (Action)	<b>Summary:</b> <p><b>Adopt Bylaws:</b> Commissioner McKnight reviewed the background and work of the Bylaws Task Force and those who attended the Committee of the Whole meetings. Two items weren't addressed by the Task Force and they were the issue of alternates and the creation of a Policies and Procedures manual.</p> <p><b>Commissioner Comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The alternates discussion should be referred to the Policies and Procedures Task Force.</li><li>• It is important that the alternates discussion i takes place and is not forgotten. This is something that the neighborhood organizations wanted from the City Wide meeting that was held in April 2009.</li></ul> <p><b>Action(s):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The commissions reached consensus to move conversation regarding alternates addendum A to the Policies and Procedures Task Force with a reporting back method.</li><li>• The commission reached consensus to adopt the Bylaws with one correction to strike the second paragraph on section 14.4.</li><li>• The commission reached consensus to disband the Bylaws Task Force.</li><li>• The Commission reached consensus to establish the Policies and Procedures Task Force. Members include: Ken Brown, Marcea Mariani,</li></ul>

Carol Pass, Kenya McKnight, Latrell Beamon, Saciido Shaie and Jeff Strand. Commissioner Brown will serve as the Task Force Convener to set up the first meeting of the Task Force.

- The commission reached consensus to set the officer elections during the March 26, 2013 NCEC meeting.

## **5. Task Force Reports** (Informational)

### **Boards and Commissions Diversity Task Force:**

- The Task Force met to finalize the report in time to present the recommendations to the City Council on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Strand presented the Task Force's recommendations on behalf of the Commission. The NCR department will report back to the Rules committee with some additional recommendations for potential process improvements related to membership and recruitment strategies in April 2013.
- NCR Staff will keep the commission updated with outcomes.

### **One Minneapolis Fund Task Force:**

- There will not be any action taken tonight. The Task Force will need to ask for an extension on its charge at the next NCEC meeting. The Task Force is in the process of reviewing proposals and is very pleased at the breadth of proposals received.
- Next month the Task Force will share the selected proposals and the following month will share the final report with the full commission.

### **Action(s):**

- The Commission reached consensus for Commissioner Jeff Strand to join the One Minneapolis Fund Task Force.

## **6. Blueprint for Equity.**

### **Summary:**

- Lissa Jones and Lance Knuckles shared the final questions to use during the outreach process. They are questions 1, 2,3,4,5 and 6. Lissa also reviewed the stakeholder engagement process. The document can be viewed here:  
<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@ncr/documents/webcontent/wcms1p-105018.pdf/>.

### **Commissioner Comments:**

- When we use the term equity are we talking about people of color or geographic, age, gender etc.
  - We are talking about Equity on the broadest scale.
- Will there be an explanation for the "lingo" that is used in the document?
  - Definitely, "lingo" can be a barrier for participation.
- Are there any concerns of how this timeline might be affected by the new NCEC members who will be seated this July?
  - We plan to orient the new members and invite them into the process but be very clear that there is only 1 month to jump in.
- How are you planning on getting on Neighborhood Organization agendas?
  - We will work with the neighborhoods to determine what works best for them.
- Is visiting 20 cultural organizations an adequate number?
  - It's a good start; more can be added if needed.
- Equity is a loose term and the City has the worse racial disparity. How

can we ensure that it is captured?

- Through this process we hope to identify the communities who are the target of disparities and they will rise to the top.
- This work shouldn't have to change, new members will have to hop on board and learn quickly.
- Would love to see the bigger picture of the blueprint work from the NCR Department.
- Those who are council appointees could move around to other parts of the city if necessary.
- Is there a training commissioners will go through?
  - Yes, that can be set up for some time in March. A Committee of Whole meeting could be held to do the training.

**Action(s):**

- The commission reached consensus on the six questions 1, 2,3,4,5 and 6 to use for the stakeholder engagement portion of the Blueprint for Equity work.
- There was a meeting in the Windom Park neighborhood and a question arose about CPP funding for 2014. Neighborhoods will receive CPP funding in 2014 unless the City Council takes an action to change that by June 30<sup>th</sup> 2013.
- Call 311 to report areas that need snow removal. Especially around the intersections where plows have created snow mounds.
- The Northside Neighborhoods Council is hosting an Event on March 12<sup>th</sup>. The event will look at planning on the Northside for the future.
- CARAG hosted the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Chilly Chili fest – it was a great zero waste event.
- North Minneapolis Greenway Planning Survey is out – check with the Minneapolis Health Department for more information.
- 2013 Precinct Caucuses – check with your local political party to get involved.
- East Philips is building is last NRP Housing development – it's the only affordable housing on the greenway.

**7. Open Forum**

**Adjourn**