

**West Bank Community Coalition  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, October 18TH 2006, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
COMMUNITY ROOM, BRIAN COYLE COMMUNITY CENTER**

- I. Jim Ruiz called meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- II. **Committee Reports :**
  - A. Rosemary reported for Bluff Street Task Force. She attended a meeting with Groundwork International, partners with the Bluff Street Task Force, in Minneapolis. Groundwork is working on 13 brownfield clean up sites in the U.S.
  - B. NRP Treasurer Report. Rosemary passed around NRP Treasurer's report.
  - C. Rosemary reported on LRT Safety Committe. The McKnight Foundation will visit the LRT site on October 24th, 2006. The Committee is seeking funds from the McKnight Foundation for help in completeing LRT lighting project.
- III. **Roll Call:**

Present At 7:15 PM– Marvin Loxterkamp, Rosemary Knutson, Bob Metcalf, Doris Wickstrom, George Gammans, Susanna Dodge, James Ruiz, Abia Ali, Africa Abdi, Mohamed Issa.  
Absent : Mary Mellen, Todd Smith, Hashi Abdi, Xan Cassiel
- IV. **Approve Agenda:** Agenda Amended to include appointment to 2006 Impact Report Task Group. **Motion Made and Seconded to apporve aqgenda as amended. Motion Passes**
- V. **Approve Minutes** – **Motion Made and seconded to approve minutes from 9/20/2006 Board fo Directors meeting, Motion passes.**
- VI. **Officers Reports**
  - A. President's Report:
    1. President contacted Rebecca Callahan at Assoicate Bank regarding enrollment in E-maanger– a way to view WBCC accounts online –pending.
    2. President has enrolled for conference titled "Successfully Involving Immigrants in Minneapolis Neighborhood

organizaion” sponsored by Cura and funded by CPED.

3. Executive Committee directed President to contact Coyle Center concerning availability of Game Room and Meeting Room on the night of Board elections – Both rooms are reserved.
4. President attended Cedar Riverside Small Area Plan Steering Committee meeting– October 11.
5. Flyer for Annual Meeting /Elections is created and should be out next week.

B. Vice President Report: Not present

C. Treasurer’s Report – Quarterly Financials  
Secretary Report  
Treasurer’s Report: A meeting was planned with Jeanne the accountant to see state of finances. Saturday Finance Committee with NRP Treasurer. Citizen IParticipation account is still being used to cover NRP expenses. Separate Accounts will be established.

D. Secretary has been working on Annual Meeting and Elections. She encourages all to attend the CURA presentation on “Involving Immigrants”

Africa arrives.

## VII. New Business

A. Blue Goose/Family Tree Refinance recommendation, Tim Mungavan presentation on a proposal to refinance 2 of the housing co-ops. They are asking the city for tax exempt housing bonds.

Mohamed Issa arrives.

B. At At this point in time, Minneapolis has an excess of tax exempt money. Money would be used to pay off first mortgage. Questions where raised as to the ownership of the co-ops. Tim explained role of limited partners. Rosemary supports affordable housing in the neighborhood. She sees request “as a proceeedural resolution of support”. Questions were raised as to wheather members of the Board belonging to the co-ops have a conflict of interest. The board agreed for all those who have involvement with the coops and the CDC to identify themselves. Two board members have a connection to the Co-ops. Jim Ruiz is on the Board of the CDC and lives in Blue Goose Housing Co-op. Africa Abdi lives in Family Tree housing Co-op.

Content of letters including background information is attached.

Abia made as motion to support the Blue Goose Family Tree refinancing proposal. Seconded **A letter of support will state the following:**

**October 18, 2006**

**To Whom It May Concern:**

**During our duly called meeting on Wednesday, October 18, 2006, the West Bank Community Coalition Reviewed and approved the proposal presented by the West Bank Community Development Corporation (WBCDC) and summarized in the attached letter.**

**Sincerely Jim Ruiz, President  
West Bank Community Coalition.**

**Motion Passes. Voice vote: 8 yes votes (as is customary, the president did not vote because there was no need to break a tie), Susannah Dodge opposed, no abstentions**

- VIII. Executive Committee recommends that Rosemary Knutson become the official WBCC representative to the Districts Communities Council (DCC)
- IX. Executive Committee recommends that Doris Wickstrom is recommended to be appointment as representative to 2006 Impact Report Task Group.

**Motion Made and seconded to approve Rosemary Knutson as official WBCC representative to the Districts Communities Council (DCC) and Doris Wickstrom as representative to 2006 University of Minnesota Neighborhood Impact Task Force.**

**Motion carries with one abstention.**

- X. NRP items  
The board discussed the formation of a new committee to the organization. Gera presented information about the Community Building committee and activities it has worked on and plans to work on. Examples are Bohemian Flats Day, Community Tent, Big Dinners at the Coyle Center, Welcome packets. Deven will store supplies. The committee will give us monthly updates and minutes of their meetings. Gera is not committed to attend meetings and give reports.

**Motion Made and Seconded to approve** Resolution: The WBCC Board recognizes the Neighborhood Relations Work Group as the Neighborhood Relations Committee of the WBCC.

**Motion carries**

**Purpose Statement:** The purpose of the Neighborhood Relations Committee is to determine goals and outcomes, plan for and evaluate community gatherings and increase neighborhood participation. The Neighborhood Relations Committee will assess measurable outcomes and provide recommendations for improving participation in terms of numbers as well as diversity in age, cultures, etc.

XI. **Additional Information:**

The Neighborhood Relations Committee will:

- Abide by the bylaws of the WBCC.
- Organize at least 4 events throughout 2006–2007. Input as to the nature of these events/activities will be received through: interviews, surveys, evaluations at other events, etc. Events will be held throughout the Cedar Riverside Neighborhood. The Events Coordinator will promote, coordinate volunteers and oversee the events. An evaluation will be conducted for all events. The events/activities will be sponsored by the WBCC and Cedar Riverside NRP.
- Plan and distribute welcome packets. (See Welcome Packets Scope for more details.) These packets will be sponsored by the WBCC and Cedar Riverside NRP.
- Research and recommend banners and signs to the NRP Steering Committee & WBCC Board.

The Work Group is currently chaired by Gera Proboda & Vicki Joan Keck.

The Work Group meets the third Monday of each month from 6:00–7:30pm at the Trinity Lutheran Church Offices located at 2100 Riverside Avenue.

XII. Adjournment (8:00)