

WBCC Board Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2006

Attached: Cam Gordon office hours and wifi forum, WBCC Goals for 2006, Bulk mail Permit info, Sign Up Sheet

Call to Order 6:13pm

Roll Call

Attending: Robert Metcalf, Susannah Dodge, Todd Smith, Mary Mellen, , Africa Abdi, Abia Ali, Mohamed Issa, Marvin Loxterkamp, Jim Ruiz

Ed Sanders, Laura Silver, Jan Morlock, Ann Forsythe, Deven Nelson

Absent: Brian Monroe, Doris Wickstrom, Hashi Abdi, George Gammans, Xan Cassiel (late 7:00)

If there is something to be voted on, that should be moved to new business and not discussed in committee reports.

Bob Metcalf brought up the point that the Land Use Committee should create some sort of neighborhood input. Susannah says that Jim White, Fine Associates, will continue to keep the neighborhood posted.

January minutes passed.

Executive minutes read.

Mary Mellon made a note that it is up to the new board to deal with new grievances. Grievances took place under 2005 Board of Directors.

Treasurer's report – Abia is thinking about doing a quarterly input report.

Jan Morlock introduced herself from office of University Relations. She discussed a new building along Riverside Ave between 19th and 20th Streets. They are currently planning a process for that. She will send an email address and phone number.

Ed Sanderson, student of Ann Forsythe

Committee Reports

- Land Use Committee – no meeting
- LRT Safety – met February 8, next meeting 1:00pm March 8 at Hard Times. They are putting together a fund raising packet.
- Bluff Street Task Force – next meeting February 23 at 5:30pm at Riverview Tower

- Safety Committee – Met with the mayor and got a commitment for the city to provide \$108,000 of the funding for the safety cameras. Total cost would be around \$240,000, bid ranges up to \$247,000. Will try to raise money from big institutions in the neighborhood.
- Housing Committee – next meeting 6:00pm February 21 at Bruegger’s. They are currently compiling a list of housing tours and will give the list to Deven to disperse. They are looking at how to work with NRP work group.
- Riverside Park Committee – looking at crime and graffiti prevention and planting flowers in the Spring.
- By laws Committee – will have meeting by next board meeting
- NRP Steering Committee – Joint work group meeting Tuesday, February 21, will be making large decisions.
 - Should we use Dania Hall funds that have been restored? This should be voted on by the community at large at Robert Thompson’s insistence.
 - Fund entire First Step Plan?
Polling: community vote on the First Step Plan
Will they vote on the entire plan or just certain programs?
They have 300 surveys left and can come back Friday
- Currie Park Committee – no rep but have the restorations been completed? Abia asked and Ann said they ran out of money. LRT was supposed to do something. Rosemary and Abia will follow up.

Ann Forsythe – Metropolitan Design Center director

U is doing a lot of strategic planning. Ann is co-chair of planning academic health center Precinct Plan

Task Force – not doing a lot of design, just figuring out square footage

Students – Designing the project. 19 students, all urban planners

Clinical, Training and research – 1/2 block on East Bank

On west bank, there will be an expansion of the hospital.

Mary expressed her concerns about traffic flow

Rosemary asked if there would be a lot of parking. Ann answered that CRBA deals with parking but it could be more like a shopping street than a hospital.

Susannah thinks it is a good idea and can be added to the Land Use Committee, which can meet with Ann and then plan neighborhood input meetings.

Ann says this will get taken over by the main precinct in May.

Rosemary suggests someone could come to the monthly board meeting instead of the Land Use Committee.

Ann says the Task force and student input will come from weekly meetings. Susannah says the LUC can help with public meetings

Wifi – Xan updates on wifi meetings and the pilot project. The pilot project is taking less precedence and the group is concentrating on writing a Community Business Agreement that could be part of the contract the city would sign with a vendor for city-wide wifi service.

Todd wanted to stress the point that the primary purpose of this project is efficiency in city services and cheap wifi for the rest of the city is auxiliary.

Councilmember Cam Gordon report (see attached) – Will have public hours 1 Tuesday a month at the Hard Times, people can also schedule times at his office. He will hold a Community roundtable concerning wifi at Brian Coyle on March 6 at 6:00pm. Discussed NRP revolving loan funds staying in the neighborhood when they are repaid. Discussed the Carlson School expansion and the new service lot between 21st and 22nd. There is a potential to get commercial space to Riverside or there is a potential for a wall dividing the U from the neighborhood.

Jim asked if the councilmember went to the meeting

CG did go and saw very preliminary drawings.

Todd asked if the U wants to make better pedestrian functioning.

Cam responds the U will probably try and listen, noting that the People's Center, the Co-op and the Lutheran center are across the street which provides a good opportunity for pedestrian interaction.

Rosemary states that that is a dangerous corner when turning in front of the co-op. Maybe we could leverage the U to make that corner safer as part of the new building.

Cam states 4th st. is slated to be redone in '07.

Old Business

Where is Monica's registration?

Susannah has a copy. Rosemary emailed a copy to Jim.

Goals for 2006 (see attached)

Marvin asks about NRP blog or Cedar-Riverside blog

Susannah moves to table and discuss/brainstorm on internet. Seconded and passed.

New Business

Bulk Mail Permit – Laura researched bulk permit after postcard was approved (see attached)

Bob Metcalf moves to authorize executive Committee to find most efficient way to print and mail with consulting the Board of Directors

Motion seconded

Passed with one abstention (Marvin)

Committee info Sheet

Bob Metcalf clarifies that this is one time, not every month. Todd notes that CRBA committees are focusing on the same issues and suggests that the fall under NRP committee categories and to perhaps find a way to merge NRP committees with WBCC committees.

Motion for Committees to fill out sheets and return by March 5. Seconded.

Rosemary recommends to everyone that they should start a new committee if they have a cause.

Todd recommends that Committee Info sheets be filled out annually and defunct committees should be collapsed.

Motion carries.

Motion for Xan Cassiel to be WBCC representative at wifi Community Benefits Agreements meetings. Seconded. Motion carries.

Adjourn

Approved and Corrected 4/19/06