

**West Bank Community Coalition  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 15, 2006  
Brian Coyle Community Center**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Jim Ruiz, President and roll call was taken.
- II. Present: Jim Ruiz, Xan Cassiel, vice chair; Abia Ali, Treasurer and NRP steering co-committee chair; Doris Wickstrom, Secretary; George Gammons; Rosemary Knutson; Robert Metcalf; Mary Mellen; Marvin Loxterkamp; Brian Monroe; Hashi Abdi; Susannah Dodge
- III. Excused: Mohamed Issa; Todd Smith; Africa Abdi
- IV. **MOTION made and seconded to approve agenda.**  
motion made and seconded to approve Agenda. Agenda approved, with 1 change: move old business to goals, behind new business.  
Motion passes
- V. **Approve Minutes** - Xan has not recorded minutes. They will be finished before next meeting, along with sign in sheets.
- VI. Officers Reports
  - A. President's Report
    1. Jim passed out WBCC Board rooster for updating information from members.
    2. Postcard has been sent and cost was \$1329.13. There will be a refund of \$291.20 when Bulk permit is approved.
    3. Liability Insurance paid.
  - B. Treasurer's report next month.
  - C. Executive committee report. see notes attached
- VII. Committee Reports:
  - A. LRT Safety Committee continues to meet. Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at Maps Coffee Shop --1 PM. The committee is focusing on raising money for infrastructure (street lighting and safe zone) around LRT station and for cameras. They are working on establishing communications with Institutions - U of M, Fairview Hospital and Augsburg College.
  - B. Housing committee meets Tuesday nights from 6 pm to 8 pm at Bruegger's. They are working with the land use committee. Don Schneider frm CPED is putting together different options for a program.
  - C. Land Use Committee has not met. Next meeting will be at the Monday, March 20, at the Hard Times Cafe at 8:15 PM.  
  
Agenda:
    - Jim White of Fine Associates will talk about new plan for the area.
    - Student from University/Fairview project will talk about the project.
    - Discussion on clarifying neighborhood boundaries.
  - D. By-Laws committee meet one week ago to review by-laws Next meeting is March 29th, 6:30 PM at the Lucky Dragon.

- E. NRP Committee: Deven reported on vote for First Step Plan will take place April 6th-8th. There will be a "line item voting on each project. Also, people will be able to vote on relocating Dania Hall Funds to other projects, if they want. Voting will be for those who live and work\* in the neighborhood. (\*A new addition to the process.)

The NRP Steering Committee added new members to their committee and elected new officers. Co-chairs are Rhonda Eastland of the Brian Coyle Center and Abia Ali; the Treasurer is Rosemary Knutson and Secretary is Robin Gillette of the Mixed Blood Theater. They have a new rule to elect new officers each year.

After the neighborhood vote on the First Step Plan, the WBCC BOD will then have a chance to vote on the first step plan, possibly in April. After approval from WBCC, the First Step Plan will go to the City Council. This could be as earlier as May.

- F. Web Site Update will happen soon. Xan has a new operating system.

- VIII. Council member Cam Gordon Report: Council member Gordon will have office hours in our neighborhood on the first Tuesday of the Month at the Hard Times Cafe, for 9:30 to 11 AM. He will be in other locations in the Ward on other Tuesday Mornings. Call his office at 673-2202 for an appointment or to find out about other locations. The Wi-Fi Project is getting started.

Fine Associates are moving forward on buying the Heller properties to the West of Riverside Plaza. Access to Riverside Plaza will on either side of the properties not directly through at 5th Street and 15th. Rosemary Knutson, Rhonda Eastlund and Bianca Fine met and discussed using a van for those who need to get access to the Coyle Center.

Lot A, parking lot behind Red Sea will up for RFP. The process will begin in May. Fine Associates is interested in purchasing the property. Conversations have begun with Judy Cedar of CPED to discuss parking. Rod Johnson of Midwest Mountaineering is concerned about keeping parking and Jim White from Fine Associates is willing to talk about parking issues.

Beth Elliot is the new planner. She can come to the next WBCC meeting. Cam encourages a small area Master plan to focus on historic preservation for Lot A. See attached report.

- IX. John Van Heel, a representative of Loring Neighborhood on the Minneapolis Transportation Plan, gave a presentation on the 10 Year Transportation Action Plan. He would like to see increased attendance at the next round of meetings to begin in April. The Transportation Steering Committee will be prioritizing spending over the next 10 years. It will include pedestrian, bike, auto and freight. Planning started 5-6 months ago. Discussions will be made by the end of the year. The plan will bring major changes for buses downtown. It will determine the primary transit network. The committee is looking at plans from Denver, CO and Portland, OR. They are looking at a circulator-bus model for downtown or a transit mall on Marquette Avenue. A study of trolley lines has been added to the plan.

John has a Web Page for future information - downtown2015.com

Xan can reprint maps off of the Web site for community use.

- X. Jim Ruiz will contact Ann Forsyth about attending next Board meeting.

- XI. New Business.

- A. Neighborhood Map. Motion made and seconded : The WBCC approves the purchase of a black and white , line drawing map from the city for \$24. Xan will mount it .  
Motion Carries.

- B. Letterhead - Last month Rosemary suggested we use minutes letter head for official letterhead. There are also letterheads and forms stored on the old WBCC computer which is in storage. Deven will be asked to pull out old computer for samples.  
Motion made and seconded: The WBCC will combine the letterhead skyline from the web site on the top, with the address and web site on the bottom, and CEDAR Riverside on the side.  
Motion carries.
- C. Finance Committee: The WBCC Board of Directors resolves to form a standing finance committee and appoint the treasurer as chair.
- D. The Bluff Street task force co-chair Doreen Bower, who has worked on the Bluff Street Park task force for five years, asked for support for the task forces' efforts to promote park land on the top of the bluff. This noble cause has prevented the area from being sold by the Park Board to private developers for high rise structures. The task force in partnership with Groundworks Minneapolis, will work with on restoration of the vacant and contaminated land. Executive Director of Groundworks, Karen Swenson will work with Doreen to draft a resolution for the WBCC board, to establish waivers for volunteers and the organization. Copies of the final version will be e-mailed to all members.

The task force wanted to announce their Earth Day Clean up, April 22 9:30-12:30 on the Bluff Street site. Volunteers are needed.

XII. Table Goals.

XIII. Motion made and seconded to Adjourn  
Meeting Adjourned 8:05 PM