

**West Bank Community Coalition
Board of Directors Meeting
June 21, 2006
Brian Coyle Community Center**

- I. Call to order by the president, Jim Ruiz at 6:06 PM.
- II. Roll Call: present: Todd Smith, Marvin Loxterkamp, Mary Mellen, Rosemary Knutson, Bob Metcalf, Doris Wickstrom, Hashi Abdi, Xan Cassiel, Susanna Dodge, Abia Ali, Mohammed Isse, Jim Ruiz. Absent: Brian Monroe, George Gammans, Susanna Dodge, Africa Abdi
- III. Approve Agenda: Motion to approve agenda, **Motion Made and Seconded. Motion Carries**
- IV. Approve Minutes - Motion to approve minutes from May 17, 2006. **Motion Made and Seconded. Motion Carries**
- V. Officer Executive Committee Reports
 - A. Presidents Report:
 1. Small Area Planning Committee: Beth Elliot from Planning and Economic Development has requested 3 representatives and one alternate for the small Area Planning Steering Committee. Those who are interested need to contact Jim . If more than 4 people reply, the Board will elect representatives.
 2. Stadium Advisory Group is looking for a Representative to planning for the U o M stadium. Jim will send out a request for volunteers.
 3. Letter to Gloria Hiner from the chair. Gloria's' request has been sent to the Land Use Committee for a recommendation.
 4. Directive to Deven Nelson, NRP Director, to forward all information she sends out about the WBCC to Jim.
 - B. Treasurer's Report.
 1. NRP Contract expires end of June, 2006. \$15,000 remains unspent. NRP will write a new Scope of Services for a new contract. \$7,000 has been requested from NRP. New procedures are in place to correct problem of bounced checks.
 - C. Secretary: The Coalition has a new office space, #16. It is located in the computer room. Coyle staff has not yet assigned phone extension. Coyle Center will move files to outside of office. The CPED contract is complete. The American Family General Liability Insurance policy needs to be located. The secretary will check into it further.
- VI. Committee Reports:
 - A. Marvin will facilitate and stack requests to speak on By Law issues.
 - B. By Laws Committee: Bob presented rationale for changes to by laws coming from the committee. Amendments can be proposed by signatures of 50 members or by petition of 2 WBCC Board directors. He requested to open discussion of 5 Areas. Article 4, Section 4, presents notice of annual meeting and numbers and categories of candidates. Article V, Section 1 and 4 , the bulk of the directors are elected by geographic areas. These areas are chosen on the basis of housing units in the four geographic areas. Lots will be drawn for the first years' election to determine who will have one year term and who will have a 2 year term. Section 3 Tenure. Article 5 Section 7, Director can be removed for cause with a 3/4 vote of directors. Section 9, President sets agenda. Section 10, Committees do not need to operate by

parliamentary procedure. Article 4 - Term Limits are abolished. Article 5, Section 10, establishes executive committee. All agree on this point.

Susanna presents discussion on mandatory participation. Election by district may be difficult to conduct. However, this allows for greater participation from under represented areas. Discussion was spirited and Bob will take into consideration points raised by individuals. He will send redraft out via e-mail. Next by-laws meeting is tentatively set for July 5th at the Lucky Dragon at 6:30 Pm, Bob will send out information.

- C. LRT Lighting/Safety Resolution for fundraising is missing. Safety committee will we meeting at Mapps Coffee shop on July 11 at 1 PM. The committee will discuss what are the problems. Todd encourages community to have input. Rosemary commented that people coming off the LRT are targeted. Block Clubs may be a solution. The Somali community is having a special meeting Friday June 23, 5-8 PM at the Brian Coyle Center to discuss youth and crime. There may be different ways to reach people. The community needs to be more aware of problems and in finding solutions.

Fundraising Resolution: Be it resolved that the WBCC will establish a separate savings account to be used for the deposit and subsequent distribution of funds raised by the WBCC to be used for the improvement and support of our neighborhood. Signatures on this account will be the same as on the WBCC checking account.

Resolution Made and Seconded.

Resolution Passes.

- D. Land Use Committee will meet on July 2nd at 6:30 PM at the Hard Times Cafe. Seward redesign will talk about zoning and work on neighborhood boundaries.
- E. Bluff Street Task force needs park board letter signed. Motion Made and Seconded for Jim to sign Park Board Letter.
- F. NRP Steering Committee: Deven passed out new list of people on work groups. See attached handout. The task ahead is to write up scope of services and begin implementation.

VII. Cam Gordon Report: see attachment

VIII. Peg Wolf of the University of Minnesota stated that the University is not going to purchase the 7th Street parking ramp.

IX. Old Business Doris will proceed with writing RFP for organization development.

Motion Made and Seconded to Adjourn

Motion passes

Adjourn at 8:25 PM