

**West Bank Community Coalition  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 16, 2006  
Brian Coyle Community Center**

- I. Call to order at 6:04 PM
- II. Roll Call: Marvin Loxterkamp, Mary Mellen, Rosemary Knutson, Bob Metcalf, Doris Wickstrom, George Gammans, Africa Abdi, Hashi Abdi, Xan Cassiel, Abia Ali, Mohamed Issa, James Ruiz, Todd Smith. Absent: Susannah Dodge
- III. Approve Agenda: Motion Made and Seconded to approve agenda. Motion Carries.
- IV. Approve Minutes for July 19, 2006: Motion Made and Seconded to approve minutes as amended. Motion Carries.
- V. Council member Cam Gordon report moved to later time.
- VI. Officers Report:
  - A. Presidents Report:
    1. Bob Cooper has OK'd use of funds to pay 2004 Charitable Organization Report Penalty.
    2. President is trying to contact Arlene McCarthy at the Metropolitan Council about the possibility of getting someone from the West Bank Community Coalition on Citizen Advisory Group for the Central Corridor LRT.
    3. Brian Monroe's' seat is vacant.
    4. Executive Committee decided not to pursue NRP training Opportunity at the Community Leadership Institute at St. Thomas.
    5. Request by Mike Freedman's aide to speak to Board has been referred to the WBCC Safety Committee Chair.
    6. Request for WBCC representatives to the U of M Stadium Committee has been forwarded to the General Membership with accompanying note from the President.
    7. Executive committee decided to delegate further exploration of the training contact to Board member(s) already in contact with the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond.
    8. Land Use Committee will continue to work on Land Use Procedures and seek input from the Board through e-mail
    9. Let the minutes show that Bob Metcalf has informed the President that he will be unable to attend September 20, 2006 Board meeting due to scheduling conflict.
  - B. Vice Presidents Report:
    1. Xan has many concerns about changing by-laws. He presents a motion: **The West Bank Community Coalition hereby discards all proposed charges to the bylaws and disbands the Bylaws Committee until such time as a Conflict of Interest Policy, as required by the WBCC bylaws, the NRP and Minneapolis City Ordinance, is put in place and**

**implemented including full disclosure from all board members. Motion is seconded, Motion is ruled out of order by the President.**

A discussion continued around bylaws changes.

The bylaws states: "A bylaw amendment shall be proposed by petition to the president, either by a minimum of two directors or by 50 WBCC members." This is the point of order.

**The ruling is appealed and a request is made for a roll call vote on the point of order. Roll Call vote supporting point of order:** In support- Hashi Abdi, Abia Ali, Africa Abdi, Mohammed Isse, Bob Metcalf, Marvin Loxterkamp, Doris Wickstrom Those opposed: Rosemary Knutson, Mary Mellen, George Gammans, Todd Smith, Xan Cassiel.

- C. Treasurers' Report: The organization will receive a reimbursement from NRP ( amount? ) . Jeanne Brose has not set up 2nd quarter financial report. \$5000 from CPED has been received.
- D. Secretary's' Report: RFP has been sent out.

#### VII. Committee Reports

- A. Bylaws Committee met the first week in August. This was the best attended meeting of the year. Bob will be submitting the proposed changes to the President. Rosemary will pass along e-mail notes from city staff, Robert Thompson, NRP and Robert Cooper, CPED.
- B. LRT/Safety Committee is working on fundraising. Robin Gillette is no longer with the committee. "They are looking for bodies." The McKnight foundation is requesting a proposal.
- C. Safety Committee discussed Restorative Justice at their last meeting. They need representation to hear cases of nuisance crimes. Downtown and Elliot Park neighborhood are involved. The Safety Committee has joined this group. Cameras will be done in September.
- D. Housing Committee and Economic Development. Economic Development is no longer meeting. The NRP housing money will be equally divided between homeownership assistance and home improvement.
- E. Land Use Committee met recently with Fine and Associates to review plans for re-doing street and sidewalks along parts of 15th Avenue and 4th Street. The plan calls for replacing utility poles and installing pedestrian level lights. These street plans are not contingent on their housing project. The committee recommends the WBCC Board support the street renovation work. **Motion Made and Seconded to endorse Fine Associates Grant proposal for street and sidewalk renovation. Motion passes.** Xan will write a letter to Metropolitan Council offering WBCC support for the project. Letter will be circulated to Executive Committee. Grant money will go to City, Public Works Department. Land Use also met with Andy Driscoll of the District Collaborative Council.
- F. Council member Cam Gordon Report:
  - 1. Cam highlighted the Mayor's 2007 recommended budget. It can be reviewed on-line at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/city->

[budget/annual-budget-proceess.asp](#) Cam would like to promote the Civilian Police Review Authority hearing to be held at the Coyle Center on Wednesday, August 30, 7 pm. This meeting will cover issues around racial profiling and promoting better communication.

2. There was a discussion of the abandoned buildings close to the Mixed Blood Theater. there are signs of people breaking into the run down structures. This issue is referred to the Land Use Committee. There is a need to look at this issue in light of the Mosque nearby.
3. see Council member Gordon's report attached.

- G. NRP is working with the Work Groups on Scopes of Service. The NRP contract ran out on June 30, 2006, it needs to be extended to June 2007 for \$48,0000. The contract is between the city and the neighborhood. There is also a unspecified amount of \$52,000? Serious questions have been raised about the way employment is being structured in the Scope of Services. The Coalition will be the employer and retains liability , yet all authority is delegated elsewhere. There appears to be no Board control over hiring or supervision. Some wonder if this has been thought through. NRP is part of WBCC. NRP follows the personnel Guidelines. A question was raised if NRP S/C could be the employers. The Board has not seen current employment contract for the Director. Some see the NRP and WBCC "drifting apart" and would like to see them work collaboratively. The Organizational Development Forum will look at these issues. The organization needs to do more fundraising to raise capacity of the organization. The Board needs to review the Personnel Policies.

#### VIII. Old Business:

- A. NRP Seven Scopes of Service need to be voted on. Board voted on language change before Scope of Service Vote.

**Motion Made and Seconded to amend all Scopes that refer to hiring to state within the narrative that The WBCC "agrees" ( not "through") that the Cedar Riverside Neighborhood Revitalization Program Steering Committee will Hire a . . . . . In the Section Process: the wording needs to change from "through" to "agrees that" the CR NRP Steering Committee.**

**Motion carries to change language in Strategy 14.1.3 Events Coordinator, Strategy 9.1.1 Identify /hire resource person, Strategy 11.1.1 paid interns, Strategy 5.2.1 Hire a Safety Coordinator, Strategy 8.1.1 Garden Coordinator and committee.**

**Motion Made and Seconded to Approve all Scope of Services as amended:**

**Strategy 5.2.1 Hire a Safety Coordinator,  
Strategy 11.1.1 paid interns,  
Strategy 9.1.1 Identify /hire resource person,  
Strategy 14.1.3 Events Coordinator,  
Strategy 4.2.1 Initiate regular meetings between neighborhood and police,  
Strategy 10.1.1 Provide uniforms for neighborhood youth sport teams.  
Strategy 8.1.1 Garden Coordinator and committee**

IX. IX. New Business:

- A. The Executive Committee Recommends that the WBCC join the Districts Collaborative Council for the Central Coordinator Transit Line. **tabled**
  
- B. The Executive Committee recommends that the WBCC set the date of the Special Membership Meeting re By Laws for September 13. **Motion Made and Seconded to approve Executive committee recommendation for Special Meeting September 13, 2006. Motion Carries**
  
- C. Bluff Street Task Force announce Adopt a Park approval by the Minneapolis Park Board. There will be a walk through by the Park Board. A clean up is planned as well as identifying sections to be replanted with native vegetation. Graffiti needs removal and there are erosion problems. This fall they will apply to Hennepin County Conservation District for funds for planting.

X. X. Adjourn at 8:44 PM