

**WEST BANK COMMUNITY COALITION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, September 20TH 2006, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Game ROOM, BRIAN COYLE COMMUNITY CENTER**

- I. Call to Order Jim Ruiz called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM
- II. Roll Call: Todd Smith, Marvin Loxterkamp, Rosemary Knutson, Doris Wickstrom, George Gammans, Xan Cassiel, Abia Ali. Mohammed Issa, Africa Abdi, James Ruiz
- III. Approve Agenda: **Motion Made and Seconded to approve agenda. Motion Approved**
- IV. Approve Minutes – 8/16 BOD minutes
Motion Made and Seconded to approve minutes. Motion Approved
- V. Officers Reports
 - A. Presidents Report:
 1. President directed by the Executive committee to announce a possible opening for MET Council's Citizen Advisory Committee concerning the Central Corridor LRT.
 2. President signed completed contract and related comments for the Cedar Riverside NRP Projects approved by the NRP Steering Committee , a WBCC Committee. The Documents include four copies of the contract, a payment to the organization fro carrying out these projects and related documents.
 3. President will sign contract Amendment tonight (the contract for the First Step Plan strategy for staff and resources)
 4. Executive Committee directed Doris Wickstrom to check references for 2 candidates who sent RFP'S concerning organizational development.
 5. Executive Committee directed Xan to get NRP Directors' job description
 6. Executive Committee directed Xan to contact Haila Maze about Small Area Planning Committee.
 7. Executive Committee directed President to contact NRP Director and let her know requested items will be added to the Agenda contingent that all Board members receive documents by Wednesday September 13th.
 8. Executive Committee directed President to contact Todd Smith of the Safety and Infrastructure Committee and inform him there would not be time for a presentation at the the September Board meeting.
 - B. Treasurer's Report : The WBCC is not receiving NRP funding on time.

(NRP will not pay WBCC back for insufficient funds). The NRP Director will meet with Accountant Robert Thompson, and the finance committee to discuss charges. The group will work on procedures.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Bluff Street Park documents are signed.
- B. LRT Safety : Rosemary informed the board that the wrong street lights went up. However, Mark Garner from CPED corrected error. Mark's work with the Coalition needs acknowledgement. On December 2004 the WBCC approved this lighting project. Rosemary would like to have a media event to commemorate the new lights. The NRP Director, Todd Smith and Rachel at KFAI (publicist for the Nomad Bar) will work on planning this Saturday event.
- C. Safety Committee: Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 2 pm. Todd will send out e-mail on Restorative Justice. Cameras are note upset. Youth violence seems to be up. Todd reminded the Board of the importance of filling out Community Impact Statements. On October 3rd Safety Coordinator Job will be posted.

Xan Arrives

- D. Land Use Committee: Committee not met. Xan sent letter to Jim White of Fine Associates and to the Metropolitan Council about support of Street work on 15th Avenue and Fourth Street. Xan would like to bring Peter Bell the head of the Metropolitan Council to tour the streets needing repair. Xan would like to work on the Small Area Plan within the Land Use Committee along with Augsburg, U of M and NRP.
- E. NRP: The NRP Steering Committee has formed a personnel Task Force, consisting of Rhonda Eastlund, Abia Ali, Jim Ruiz Laura Silver, John Bueche and Eunice Eckerly. The Personnel Task Force will write job descriptions and hire for 4 positions. October 2nd recommendations will be mad. October 3rd jobs will be posted.

- VII. Cam Gordon Report: see hand out. Cam discussed the lack of support from the city for the sidewalk connecting Cedar Avenue and 5th Street. Last December the city postponed construction because of the winter weather. Cam will discuss this issues with Public Works and whoever is above Judy Cedar. There was a discussion about the noise from the "Ruckus on the West Bank" event . Cam encouraged the Coalition to be involved in the University Group studying the impact of the U on the surrounding area. The Draft will be out in November. Get in touch with with Peg Wolfe and Jan Morlock if interested in joining group.

VIII. New Business

- A. Special Service District Plan Modification – Strategy 7.1.4 Establish a Special Service District.

Motion Made and seconded to accept revised language as written to strategy made by NRP Steering Committee. See attachment dated August 8, 2006.

Motion Passes.

- B. Executive Committee recommends WBCC hire Roger Meyer to implement an organizational development plan. Motion made and seconded to accept recommendations of Executive committee.

Motion Made to table election committee, joining District Collaborative Councils and planning committee.

Motion passes

- IX. Adjournment 7:40 pm