

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WEST BANK COMMUNITY COALITION

Sunday, October 14, 2007

10:00 a.m., RPTA Offices

Present: Jim Ruiz, Jean Caron, Jennifer Moates, Abia Ali

Guests: Deb Wolking, Laura Silver

1. Call to Order – 10:12 pm
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes – approved 9/12 Executive Committee minutes
4. Treasurer's Report – none
5. Vice President's Report - none
6. Secretaries Report – Jen will call The Bridge and inform them of the annual meeting date change from 11/21 to 11/28. Jen also reported that she is having difficulty sending out a calendar of committee meetings because committee chairs are not notifying her of their meeting schedules.
7. President's Report – Jim will deposit the \$50 speaking stipend that he received for speaking at the U of M class into the fundraising account.
8. New Business
 - A. Audit – Jim reviewed the Audit Wrap-up handout.
 - B. Financial Statements & Reconciliations – Laura reported on the financial tasks that need to be completed.
 - C. Vacation & Sick Leave Reporting – Laura presented the vacation and sick report handout. Abia will direct Paychex to zero out vacation and sick balances for Deven and Wally since they are no longer employed by the NRP steering committee.
 - D. 2007 Election Update – Laura gave an update about planning for the annual meeting including getting the announcement mailed and coordinating donations. Jim will propose at the November board meeting to create a task force that will work on coordinating donations.
 - E. University District Partnership Alliance steering committee – Doris has volunteered. The board needs to appoint her at the November board meeting.
 - F. NRP Full Action Plan – Jim discussed the logistics of having the plan approved by both the board and the steering committee at the November board meeting. Jen offered to send an email to committee chairs requesting written reports since it looks like the agenda will be full. All agreed to put the plan approval as the last item on the agenda. All responded favorable to a suggestion from Deb that there be separate discussion of (1) the process for the neighborhood approval and (2) the content of the plan.
 - G. Cedar-Riverside NRP Organization Structure – This will be a big item on the November board meeting agenda

- H. Announcement: Citizen Engagement Hearing – Cam Gordon Meeting: Oct. 15, 7-9pm Augsburg College Christensen Center Minneapolis Room; Deadline for receipt of all input is Oct. 19.
- I. CURA grant update – There is a conference on November 8th where the grant recipients will be report on their work. Other than \$100 to reimburse Ms. Park for her translation, the grant money has not been spent. Anne Gomez has suggested proposing to CURA using Susan Armington’s Talking Suitcases program as a format for the remaining meetings with community leaders and groups. A written report to CURA has been prepared. This written report asks for a meeting with CURA to ask for an extension.
- J. Land Use Committee meeting November 7th - Jim reported on the highlights of the October LUC meeting regarding the Fairview expansion. Residents that attended the Oct 10th meeting expressed concerns regarding the street closures and the possibility of institution expansion into what is currently residential property. An additional LUC meeting was scheduled for Nov 7.

9. Old Business

- A. People’s Institute training – Abia spoke with this group and asked if they do any pro bono work. They said they do not and they suggested that the WBCC do fundraising in order to get funds to pay for their services. Deb suggested inquiring with CURA whether some of the remaining grants funds could be used for diversity training.

10. Adjournment – 11:55 am