

Approved Minutes  
WEST BANK COMMUNITY COALITION  
Board of Directors Meeting - Wednesday, April 16, 2008  
6:00 p.m., Brian Coyle Community Center

Call to Order (6:00)

Present: Todd, Russom, Bob, Doris, Anne, Jennifer, Ben, Jim, Laura, Jean Lawrence

Absent: Abdifatah Samatar (excused), Abdi Abdi, Abdille Mohammed

Approve Agenda Jim motioned, Todd 2<sup>nd</sup>

Approve Minutes – 3/19/08 Board of Directors meeting minutes approved as amended. Jim motioned, Todd 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Officer Reports

President's Report: See attached written report

- No April Executive Committee Meeting – written President's Report submitted
- BOD vacancies – 2 Renter Seats, both terms through the 2008 Annual Elections, no nominations for April
- WBCC is seeking a representative to the DCC board and to the DCC Northern Alignment Committee

Vice President's Report: not present

Treasurer's Report: Financial Statements

Secretary's Report: Capacity Building meeting went well, but low attendance. Tim will summarize meeting.

Cam Gordon Report

- Small Area Plan 1st draft submitted and coming before the City Council this week.
- Augsburg is doing master plan for improvements.
- Todd and Russom discussed murder on 6th Street at Cedar Ave last week. Todd mentioned if it was Uptown it would be front page headlines and we'd be getting Safety funding. Russom suggested better lighting in that area and requested a WBCC resolution that coalition have City Council install light at bus stop at 6th & Cedar. \*\* see Safety Committee report
- Doris questioned if sidewalk grant submitted. Cam replied yes, proposal submitted and waiting to hear feedback on grant.

Committee Reports/Items

**NRP**

**MOU with CR NRP**: Transition of NRP contracts (second meeting with Cam was held on 4/8) – Minneapolis NRP would like a letter from the WBCC indicating approval of the contract between the City, PUC and CR NRP.

- Bob made motion for adoption of the following resolution:

The WBCC hereby adopts and agrees to the following statement of principles, contingent upon the statement being adopted and agreed to by CRNRP and the President is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the CR NRP whereby the WBCC and the CR NRP will be mutually bound to abide by this statement of principles. (full resolution at end of minutes)

Todd seconded. **Motion passed.**

**Staff salary increase**

Resolution made by Laura, seconded. **Motion passed.**

**Scope of Service for Strategy 3.2.1** re: revitalization of the business district to be accomplished through CRBA in combination with the Great Streets grant they have received.

- Resolution to pass this Scope of Service for Strategy 3.2.1 made by Todd, Jim seconded. **Motion passed.**

**LUC**

- No LUC meeting set until Scott Vreeland meeting set up re: sale of Coyle Center. Northern Alignment, Augsburg master plan will be discussed.
- No submission was made to University Good Neighbor Fund.
- City of Minneapolis Grassroots Climate Change Micro Grant was accepted for funding. Trees and shrubs will be planted in Riverside Park, Riverside Plaza and 20<sup>th</sup> Ave townhomes.

**Safety**

Russom wants WBCC resolution that coalition have City Council install light at bus stop at 6th & Cedar due to safety concerns. Lack of lighting has been a major safety concern.

Bob made motion to urge the City of Minneapolis to install appropriate street lighting near the bus stops at

both sides of Cedar Avenue & 6th Street. Russom seconded. **Motion passed.**

- There will be a neighborhood cleanup Saturday 4-26 from 9-10:30. Ben mentioned youth coordinators conducting Peace March 9 am on April 26th from Dania Hall Site to Coyle Center.
- No submission was made for Wells Fargo grant
- Cedar Ave clean up /Block Club recruitment event on 4/26 (see above & flyer to come from Russom/Ben)

#### Presentations

**Metropolitan Council** - Jessica Hill, Dan Soler

Presented map Re: Traffic study to look at impacts in area around U campus with potential impacts as result of LRT construction study & traffic off Washington on main campus area, especially in regard to closure of Washington Ave. Discussed some future improvements will be necessary at Cedar/Riverside intersection due to predicted traffic patterns for 2030.

**University District Partnership Alliance** – Dick Popple, co-chair of Alliance & Jan Morlock, UofM Moving Forward Together Report (on file at WBCC office) also available on LUC website. Purpose is promoting this neighborhood & U campus area as a place to live & invest in. (see Q&A sheet). Alliance came about from Stadium issue and effects of University on surrounding communities. Consists of 4 workgroups - Demonstration Project, Outreach, Vision & Planning, Enforcement of Housing, and Student Education.

#### Other Reports

##### • **Dania Partners**

Jim reported stipend received for attending quota of meetings

Due to Bina building and conclusion of Small Area Plan it redefined scope for Dania Hall project. There will be a presentation on 4/30 about Bina building.

- **Central Corridor CAC** – submitted by Tim Schwarz, distributed by Jen via email
- CURA grant (Project Open Door) presentation at Dar Al-Hijrah scheduled for 7pm on 4/20
- Central Corridor resolution

#### **Resolution of the West Bank Community Coalition**

**WHEREAS**, the Central Corridor is one of the most significant economic development initiatives for Saint Paul, the metropolitan region and the State of Minnesota in recent history; and

**WHEREAS**, local and county governments, community, business, labor, and foundation leaders have formed a historic, diverse partnership to advance the Central Corridor as the spine of a strategic regional transit plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government will be asked to commit \$455 million to Central Corridor at such time as a 50% local match is identified and that federal funding cannot be obtained without the state's commitment; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Pawlenty included the Central Corridor in his bonding proposal for \$70 million while requesting local units of government to come together to cut costs; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments have worked together to address the requirements that Governor Pawlenty established; and

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota House and Senate passed a bonding bill including Central Corridor funding of \$70 million; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Pawlenty chose to line-item veto the funding for Central Corridor in the bonding bill;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the West Bank Community Coalition does hereby call on the Governor and the Minnesota Legislature not to adjourn from the 2008

legislative session without an appropriation of at least \$70 million for the Central Corridor.

Bob moved adoption of resolution, Jim seconded. **Motion passed.**

- Wbcc Capacity Building – Tim Mungavan summarized 4/9 meeting and provided handout.

Adjournment: 7:54pm

### **Wbcc President's Report – April 16, 2008**

1. The April executive committee meeting was cancelled due to the number of meeting during the week of 4/7.
2. I have given Mike Wilson, accountant that the Minneapolis NRP contracts with, financial information in order to prepare our Form 990 (due to IRS on 5/15). This confirms that Minneapolis NRP will be covering the expense of the Form 990. Outstanding NRP expenses associated with the contract transition that remain are: Smith Partners contract, Hani's salary increase, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter payroll taxes, year end payroll fillings and W-2's.
3. Minneapolis NRP has not provided confirmation of Director's and Officer's Liability Insurance for the Wbcc.
4. The NRP contracts have been administratively extended through 4/30/08. Robert Thompson has not picked up the hard copy amendments that he delivered.
5. NRP housing amendment to increase the maximum amount of Home Buyers Assistance Funds from \$7,500 to \$10,000 is being processed.
6. Organizational Development workshop lead by Tim Mungavan and Deb Wolking took place on 4/9. Roger Meyer cancelled due to illness. Meeting notes are being prepared and will be sent out later.
7. Robert Thompson began processing NRP reimbursement #11 on the NRP program contract in the amount of \$6,223.68 on 4/4. We are currently spending down the final funds on the NRP administration contract. That is, we still need to report, but we will not be receiving additional funds on this contract. \$4942.14 remained as of reimbursement #21, which contains reporting of transactions through 2/29.
8. Mailed 2005 Charitable Organization Report From and 2007 extension request to MN Attorney General's office. I have not received a response.
9. Neighborhood Partnership Initiative grant proposal to be submitted to CURA on 4/15. This grant proposes a partnership with Dar Al-Hijrah to administer a youth/senior oral history project.
10. Comment letter on Citizen Engagement Task Force Report were emailed on 3/22.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Bank Community Coalition (WBCC) hereby adopts and agrees to the following statement of principles, contingent upon the statement being adopted and agreed to by the Cedar Riverside Neighborhood Revitalization Program (CR NRP), and the President is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the CR NRP whereby the WBCC and the CR NRP will be mutually bound to abide by this statement of principles.

AGREEMENT

1. The CR NRP will recognize the authority of the WBCC as the City of Minneapolis' recognized citizen participation organization in the West Bank/Cedar Riverside neighborhood. The CR NRP will support the WBCC in that effort .and will not attempt to compete in any way for that recognition.
2. The WBCC will recognize the authority of CR NRP as the organization responsible for planning, implementing, modifying and reviewing the Cedar Riverside NRP Neighborhood Action Plan and will support CR NRP in that effort.
3. The CR NRP will allow the WBCC to review and comment on:
  - a. Neighborhood Action Plan scopes of services of \$25,000 or above;
  - b. Neighborhood Action Plan modifications of \$25,000 or above; and
  - c. The proposed new bylaws of the new CR NRP organization.
4. The WBCC and the CR NRP agree to form a joint Work Group made up of individuals from within the leadership boards of each group. The purpose of the Work Group is to find a path that will both build the Coalition's capacity and facilitate moving ahead with successful and full implementation of the neighborhood's NRP Neighborhood Action Plan. The Work Group will:
  - a. Meet as needed and agreed to by its members;
  - b. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding based on the above, which will include the additional following agreements;
  - c. Determine if there are other agreements or decisions where review and comment (1) by WBCC would be appropriate, and (2) by CR NRP would be appropriate;
  - d. Explore and consider ways to have NRP funding and/or staff support and/or other funds help build the WBCC's capacity; and
  - e. Identify, and clarify the roles of, other organizations active in the neighborhood that may play a role in community engagement.
5. Unless extended by mutual agreement, this agreement shall terminate on March 31, 2011 unless earlier terminated by mutual agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the execution of the above-described Agreement by the CR NRP, the President is authorized to executive the documents necessary to transfer the administration of the Cedar Riverside NRP Action Plan to the CR NRP, with Pillsbury United Communities being the fiscal agent.

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