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MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WEST BANK COMMUNITY COALITION
Sunday, Jan 13, 2008
2:00 p.m., RPTA Offices

1. Call to Order – 2:10pm
Present: Jim, Jean, Abia, Laura, Tim Mungavan
2. Approve Agenda
3. Treasurer's Report
 - A. CURA grant meeting for engaging with the Somali community – a meeting is planned for 7pm on 1/14/08 at the CDC office (Abia, Jim, Laura, Deb, Abdisalam from Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Civic Center, Said from Shafie Mosque). Jim will email Said from CSCM and invite to the meeting and see if he is also available to attend the meeting. Abia will order food from Uba Restaurant and Jim or Laura will pick it up and bring it to the meeting. Jim inquired about inviting Jay Clark from CURA to the meeting. Abia thought it was not necessary since the planning group has a clear idea of what it will include in the presentation at the CURA conference. The outcome of the meeting tomorrow should be to build a relationship with these leaders so they can be called upon to help with outreach and support for general WBCC announcements and events in the future.
 - B. Budget 2008 – will be presented at board meeting
 - C. Financials – will be presented at board meeting
 - D. CIP contract – will be presented at board meeting
4. Secretaries Report – not present
5. President's Report – will be presented at board meeting
 - A. End of year spend down of 2007 CIP money
 - B. Signing of NRP reimbursement requests
 - C. Appointment CAC rep
 - D. Appointment to the University Alliance
 - E. Board vacancy/January Transitional meeting
6. Vice President's Report - none
7. New Business
 - A. Presentation by Tim Mungavan concerning recommendations to the board regarding October resolution re: Organizational Structure. In October 2007, the EC was empowered to engage in a discussion with the NRP SC regarding attempting to find a mutually agreeable resolution to the problems with the current administrative structure that the WBCC has identified. Jim contacted the NRP SC chair on behalf of the WBCC asking to set up a meeting to discuss the Oct WBCC resolution. A meeting never took place. The SC discussed the WBCC resolution at its December 3rd meeting without representatives of the WBCC and decided independently to pursue incorporating the NRP steering committee as an independent organization. Jim was informed by the NRP steering committee about this through an email from John Bueche dated 12/10/07. Jim, Jean, and Tim attended the January 7th NRP steering committee meeting to attempt to have a discussion with the NRP Committee and to learn about its decision-making process about choosing to incorporate. (Laura, a WBCC board member and a NRP Steering committee member, was also present at the steering committee meeting.) Tim presented a

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summary of the NRP Steering committee meeting and response options (attached). Laura added that Robert Thompson's critique of the WBCC suffers from inconsistencies in that the present board members are being held accountable for the actions of the WBCC 7 to 9 years ago. Further, Robert Thompson's lack of formal communication with the WBCC puts him in position of being able to claim that he is unaware of any improvement in the organization from the past. Jean added that his conversation with Robert Thompson after the NRP steering committee meeting did not answer any of his questions about Robert Thompson's critique. Abia also expressed her frustration with Robert Thompson's current unwillingness to give the WBCC any credit for its current efforts. All those present supported composing a letter refuting Robert Thompson's critique of the WBCC. There was discussion of whether to lobby NRP Policy Board members to require conditions that would be suggested by the WBCC with the incorporation of the NRP steering committee. The sense was that the board would be unlikely to take on this effort but could express recommendations in the letter refuting Thompson's critique.

8. Old Business

A. Pending: Committee guidelines, People's Institute training

9. Approve Minutes – Executive Committee minutes from 11/17/07 – approved

10. Adjournment – 4:07pm

Report to WBCC Executive Committee
From Tim Mungavan
January 13, 2008

Situation

- A. Both SC & Thompson have abandoned their previous insistence on the old contract relationship
- B. Both have also embraced the concept of incorporating the SC so it can contract with the NRP
 - a. They do not seem to be contemplating any role for the WBCC in the future of NRP
 - b. There is at least the possibility that they plan to establish a competing democratic community organization
 - c. They don't seem to be thinking about how the NRP will be accountable to the neighborhood
- C. This reaction seems to be driven by Thompson's negative but weak critique of the WBCC which lacks any kind of due process
 - a. He failed to notify Coalition of problems/consequences
 - b. Has no written policy that establishes standards used
 - c. Cites obviously flawed standards for democratic process
 - d. He seemed to rely on rumors/hearsay
 - e. Offered no opportunity to remedy alleged violations

Action options

- 1. Protest letter/accept decision
- 2. Lobby political process to change decision
 - a. Full WBCC control
 - i. Unlikely success
 - ii. Consistent with last resolution?
 - b. Negotiated future WBCC role
 - i. New participation agreement with WBCC
 - ii. No citizen participation role for new organization
 - iii. WBCC concept approval of NRP work (Scopes of Work?)
- 3. Legal action- damages to WBCC (loss of \$400,000) as described in Plan