

**Resolution
of
West Bank Community Coalition Board of Directors
October 17, 2007**

Whereas: The Board of Directors has, with assistance from the West Bank CDC, reviewed the administrative operations of the WBCC especially in relation to its role in administering the Neighborhood Revitalization Program activity in Cedar Riverside and

Whereas this analysis (based on the attached diagrams) raises questions about whether the WBCC can adequately meet its fiduciary responsibilities under the terms of the existing contract with the NRP and

Whereas this analysis identifies the following issues related to WBCC's role in administering NRP Cedar Riverside activity:

1. The contract between NRP and WBCC delegates the authority to conduct administrative duties, including hiring and firing staff, to the Steering Committee even though all funds are disbursed to WBCC and all expenses are paid by WBCC.
2. This puts the WBCC and its Board of Directors in the position of being responsible for the proper use of NRP funds without the authority to insure that funds are used appropriately.
3. This problem is made worse by the fact that the WBCC has no staff or operating budget of its own. This creates a situation where valuable neighborhood volunteer time is being dedicated to time-consuming bureaucratic activity.
4. There are at least three reasonable alternatives to this arrangement
 - a. Full authority to the WBCC in contract with NRP-any delegation of authority decided by WBCC
 - b. Contract between the NRP and Steering Committee to disburse funds
 - c. Direct disbursement from NRP to program activity

Therefore be it resolved that the WBCC Board of Directors is concerned about the administrative structure of the present contract with the Neighborhood Revitalization Program because it does not provide adequate authority for the WBCC Board of directors to meet its fiduciary responsibilities in relation to the program and

Further resolved that the Board desires to resolve these issues in a timely way to insure responsible administration of this important public resource and avoid delays in the implementation of the plan and

Further resolved that the Board authorizes and directs the Executive Committee to engage the Steering Committee and NRP staff in discussions about these issues to explore the possibility of arriving at a mutually acceptable solution to the identified problems and report back to the full Board with the results of these discussion and with a recommendation for further action by the Board.