



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development**

Date: October 15, 2007

To: Council Member Paul Ostrow, Chair
Ways and Means / Budget Committee

Presented by: Jonathan Palmer, Director _____
Minneapolis Empowerment Zone, 673-5016

Approved by: Chuck Lutz, Deputy Director _____
Community Planning and Economic Development

Subject:

Accept \$5,500 from Round II Urban Empowerment Zones for annual Round II Urban EZ Conference costs.

Recommendation:

- 1) Acceptance of \$5,500 in funds from other Round II Urban Empowerment Zones.

Financial Impact

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

Background/Supporting Information

The Empowerment Zone holds an annual peer-to-peer summit for the EZs to share relevant topics and best practices. This year the conference was held in Minneapolis from May 2-4, 2007. Mayor R.T. Rybak and Council Member Don Samuels took part in the activities. Topics discussed included federal funding of the EZs, home foreclosure, loan underwriting, re-entry of ex-offenders, bonding and tax incentives, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program, as well as a tour of Minneapolis EZ projects. To help defray the costs of hosting such an event, the participating EZs contribute to each conference.



ROUND II EMPOWERMENT ZONE COALITION DIRECTORS SUMMIT

May 2-4, 2007
Chambers Hotel
901 Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55403
612-767-6900

RECEPTION

Wednesday
May 2, 2007

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Meet & Greet

Welcome to Minneapolis!

DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday
May 3, 2007

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast and Networking

9:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.

Welcome & Overview

- RT Rybak, Mayor, City of Minneapolis, EZ Governance Board Co-Chair
- Jonathan Palmer, Director, Minneapolis Empowerment Zone

9:20 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Introductions of EZ Directors – Best Practices

- Boston Connects, Inc. - *Shirley Carrington*
- Cincinnati Empowerment Corp. - *Harold L. Cleveland, II*
- City of Santa Ana Federal Empowerment Zone – *Deborah Sanchez*
- Columbus Compact Corp. - *Jonathan C. Beard*
- Cumberland Empowerment Zone Corp. – *Jeanine MacDonald*
- El Paso Empowerment Zone Corp. – *Larry Romero*
- Empowerment 2010, Inc. - *Dr. Landis D. Faulcon*
- Empower New Haven, Inc. - *Althea Marshall Richardson*
- Gary, East Chicago, Hammond Empowerment Zone, Inc. - *Venus Cobb*
- Huntington-Ironton Empowerment Zone - *Jennifer Evans*
- Miami-Dade Empowerment Trust, Inc. – *Aundra Wallace*
- Minneapolis Empowerment Zone - *Jonathan Palmer*
- City of Knoxville Empowerment Zone - *Madeline Rogero*
- St. Louis Regional Empowerment Zone – *Tara Buckner*
- Sumter-Columbia Empowerment Zone - *Milton A. Smalls*

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Mid-Morning Break



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10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Federal Funding Strategy and Recap

- Jonathan Beard, Columbus Compact Corp.
- Aundra Wallace, Miami Dade EZ
- Jonathan Palmer, Minneapolis EZ

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Foreclosure Issues & Prevention Strategies

- Kellie Rose-Jones, City of Minneapolis, Department of Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED)
- Dana Snell, Program Director, Minnesota Home Ownership Center

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Luncheon

Keynote Speaker

- Council Member Don Samuels, 5th Ward, EZ Governance Board Co-Chair

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Loan Underwriting and Small/Medium Sized Business TA

- Dave Chapman, Minneapolis Consortium of Community Developers
- Grover Jones, Northside Economic Opportunity Network

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Mid-Afternoon Break

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Re-Entry /Ex-Offenders, Employment & Empowerment Strategies

- Dan Cain, President, RS Eden
- Sharon Lubinski, Assistant Chief of Police, Minneapolis Police

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Bonding & Tax Incentives, Overview, Success and Challenges

- Bob Lind, Director, Business Finance, CPED
- Deborah Sanchez, Santa Ana EZ
- Tara Buckner, St. Louis EZ

4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Break

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Depart for Dinner

Dinner – Blue Nile Restaurant (Somalian Food)



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May 4, 2007

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| 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Breakfast and Networking |
| 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Round II Coalition Partnership Ideas and Next Steps |
| 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Mid-Morning Break |
| 10:30 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Tour EZ Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Northside Revitalization▪ South Minneapolis – The Phillips Story End at Global Market |
| 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Lunch at Midtown Global Market |
| 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Neighborhood Revitalization Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Bob Miller, Director, Neighborhood Revitalization Program |
| 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Sustainability (Positioning the Organization to Continue)
Restructuring Your Organization <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ All EZ Directors |
| | Conclusion |

National Round II Empowerment Zone Director's Conference

Sources

Boston Connects	\$	500.00
Cumberland County	\$	500.00
Empower New Haven	\$	500.00
Greater STL Regional Empowerment Zone	\$	500.00
Miami-Dade	\$	500.00
Total	\$	2,500.00

Uses

Name	Description	Amount
Barnes & Noble	Materials	\$ 240.02
Walker Art Center Shop	Materials	\$ 120.01
Blue Nile Restaurant	Dinner on 5.3.07	\$ 740.08
MGM Room Service	Session @ Global Market, including lunch	\$ 671.46
Schmitt & Sons School Buses Inc	Bus Tour of EZ	\$ 397.00
Chambers Hotel Minneapolis	Host location	\$6,396.58
	Total	\$8,565.15