

Meeting Minutes and Discussion Items

1. Individual Introductions were provided and purpose of meetings was discussed.
 - a. Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of every month with the exception of November. The November meetings conflicts with Veteran's Day. The meeting will be moved to 8:00 am on Wednesday November 12.
 - b. It was noted that the 8:00 am timeframe may not work for all community members who wish to attend, additional consideration will be given to alternate meeting times or other means of engaging community members.
 - c. Additional notice of meetings will be developed, along with additional outreach to increase participation.

2. Recap of Capri Meeting
 - a. A draft fact sheet was distributed including a summary of the project description, partners, project details and the themes that have been identified through the Nexus Community Engagement. A brief review of these items was provided.
 - i. A comment was made that the full research document from the Nexus work, representing community input from an estimated 200 North side stakeholders, needs greater distribution and analysis from all parties.
 - ii. Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development representatives and Workforce Center staff indicated that they are very carefully reviewing the Nexus research and incorporating the findings in planning.
 - iii. The importance of building design was discussed as a key element to ensuring community use of the building and ensuring design allowed for "permitting" of building use outside of workforce center hours.
 1. Support was voiced for engaging the DEED architect and the developer's architect in future meetings.
 2. Inclusion of local artwork and architectural "iconography" that represents the diversity of the neighborhood and workforce center clients was suggested both for building interiors and exteriors.

3. Project update
 - a. The project timeline was reviewed from the perspective that approval of the sale of the building and property is scheduled for a Minneapolis City Council committee meeting on October 21 at 1:30 (City Hall, Room 317). All attendees were invited to attend the meeting and voice support for the sale.
 - i. The only potential delay currently identified is a lien on the property by Department of Human Services.
 - b. Full Counsel Approval is expected the following Friday.
4. Discussion/ Question and Answer
 - a. Programming
 - i. Education programming decisions are still being made. Minneapolis Public Schools and MCTC will have a shared space on the second floor. Programming decisions will be made based on focus groups and further community input.
 1. A suggestion was made to very closely align programming with key economic indicators or expanding industries.
 2. It was stated that there is a preference for education credits that lead toward greater education attainment.
 3. Dual credit options, such as D3 – Destination Diploma to Degree, that supports students earning college credits while completing their high school diploma is an option.
 4. Identifying new and unique means of pursuing a G.E.D. is likely an option, but need to provide in a way that does not conflict with the G.E.D. programming at the MPS District Headquarters.
 - ii. Programming of the North WFC needs to be considerate of other programming offered in North Minneapolis.
 1. All present agreed an inventory of programming is necessary and the project should find an existing inventory (UROC may have) or develop one.
 - b. Community Engagement/ Further Outreach
 - i. The challenges facing specific groups related to engagement was discussed.
 1. Veterans often need support to stabilize housing before employment training and placement services can be effective. Much effort is being made to reach out to veterans in the community, rather than wait for them to come to the WFC.
 2. There is a desire to build additional pathways to prepare young people for work. The WFC's Employment Ready Youth program was described.