

**Northern Metals Advisory Committee Meeting**

**11/19/2018 Meeting Notes**

**Compiled by The Public Policy Project**

**Meeting Location:**

East Side Neighborhood Services 1700 NE 2nd St, Minneapolis, MN 55413

**Next Meeting:**

**Dec 17th from 6pm to 8pm | 1101 West Broadway Ave Minneapolis, MN 55411**

**Attendees:**

Annie Krapek

Adam Spees

Melissa Newman

Meilsa Illes

Anita Urvina-Davis

Roxxanne O'Brien

John Hemp

Channy Leaneagh

**Facilitator**

James Trice - **CEO of Public Policy Projects(PPP)**

Sam Grant -**Lead Consultant**

Shaundelle Darris-**Lead & Asthma Organizer**

Mary Tim- **Intern**

**City Staff**

Lisa Smestad

Patrick Hanlon

Gretchen Musicant

Kelly Muellman

**Absent Member**

Amber Ortiz

Andre Bornhoft

Katrina Gordon

### Rules of engagement for group

- Honesty and respect
- No condescending language
- Giving everyone an opportunity to speak
- Not being afraid to ask for clarification
- Be mindful of time
- Don't take information personal

### Sam Grant ( Facilitator)

#### Introduction

- First half of meeting will be open to the community.
- Room introductions given from council members members, city staff and PPP.

### Bottineau Neighborhood Association (BNA)

- Provided a recommendation which was also presented during the first NMAC meeting
- Would like to hold Northern Metal accountable, and believes money should be spent the following ways:
  - testing around cancer and asthma in the areas believed to be effected from Northern Metals pollution
  - soil boring in mississippi river 113,000
    - demand test be done independently
  - have lead blood testing given in the “fall out” Zone area

**Melisa Illes ( Council Member):**Is this project annual or one time cost?

**BNA:** One time cost.

**John Hemp ( Council Member):** If you hold them accountable what is it that you are looking for?

**BNA:** Simply to hold Northern Metals accountable .

**Andrew Spees ( Council Member):** Do you believe the evidence used from this information will hold them accountable?

**BNA:** Yes

**Community member :** I am in agreement with BNA

**Community member:** I am concerned about the number. I believe they are high and would like to see more research before agreeing to any recommendation requesting that large amount of money.

**Roxanne O'brien ( Council Member):** Please understand that there was a lot of work put in to get this lawsuit. We need to focus on the plan to make sure the community gets funding some how, some way.

**Sam Grant ( PPP):**

- Closing the meeting from public comments and would like to now discuss among council members only
- Remind ground rules for meeting

**Lisa Smestad and Gretchen Musicant (City Staff):** Reread consent decree for better clarification

**Roxanne O'brien ( Council Member):** Was it the city's hope that resources would be shared with green zone?

**Gretchen Musicant (City Staff):** No

**Roxanne O'brien ( Council Member):** Has the city's proposal been taken off the table?

**Lisa Smestad (City Staff):** NO, just wanted to clarify no money would be used to fund for city staffing.

**Patrick Handlon ( City Staff):** Want to echo that no funding will be used for the city staffing

**Sam Grant ( PPP)**

- Read Dr. Brottman's recommendation
  - Identify children and at risk resident
  - Provide direct referral
  - Would like NHUB to be family referral source

**Gretchen Musicant (City Staff):** I know that we are working with MVN on projects to increase the number of community health workers and wondering if we can add them as a resource to Dr. Brothman's recommendation or maybe even propose as a group.

**Sam Gant ( PPP):** I would like to move forward and start processing and discussing the investments in the four areas.

**Anita Urvina-Davis (Council Member):**

- Likes Bottineau idea of putting money in research
- But would like it extend no and ne
- Also should included Minnesota Pollution Control to help the community
- Wants more funding to go to asthma than lead

**Melissa Newman (Council Member):**

Is in agreement of no duplication for what's going.

- Agrees money should go back to the people
- Agrees putting more money to asthma than lead
- Organizations should be willing towards partner to get the work done

**Melissa Newman (Council Member):**

- I can't make a full decision, however believe most funding should go to asthma more than lead
- Lead  $\frac{1}{3}$  lead and  $\frac{2}{3}$  asthma

**John Hemp ( Council Member):** I agree with melissa

**Adam Sprees (Council Member):** Agrees with melissa

**Annie Krapek( Council Member):** Agrees with melissa, however should be flexible based on feedback from doing the work.

**Channy Leaneagh Council Member):** Agrees with melissa

**Roxanne O'brien (Council Member):**

- Believes some money should go to Bottineau, however, still believes funding should go directly to community ( schools and clinics)
- Money should be put aside for incentives to organizations, families and general

**Sam Grant( PPP):**

- Based on results more money should go to asthma side
- People need to be educated on asthma and lead
- We need to be more creative on how we address and reach families
- Impact family directly receive funds
- We need to hold MPCA accountable
- Funding should also go towards healthy diet
- Also, incentive should also have time value, for example a filter only has a few months where a vacuum may have a full life.

General questions, where is the appetite for investing in incentives and if we agree what percentage would go towards incentives ?

**Anita Urvina-Davis (Council Member): Yes**

**Melissa Newman ( Council Member):Yes**

**Melisa Illes ( Council Member):Yes**

**John Hemp ( Council Member): Yes**

**Annie Krapek( Council Member): Yes**

**Channy Leaneagh (Council Member):Yes**

**Roxanne O'brien ( Council Member): Yes**

**Gretchen Musicant (City Staff):** A question to think about with incentives, what are we purchasing, since it will determine how many families we can help?

**Patrick Hanlon (City Staff)** Also agrees funding should go to directly to impacted families

**lisa:** I would like to see incentives attached to participation in a program

**Melissa Newman (Council Member):** Questions for the city, how much does a family get now with funding? Who do you get your products from? Are we able to get discount rates for the products to be able to help more families?

**Lisa Smestad (City Staff):** About \$350 per family.

**Sam Grant (PPP):** What would you like allocation to be for staffing and incentives?

**Anita Urvina-Davis (Council Member):** 80% towards incentives and 20% towards programs

**Melisa Illes (Council member):** Same as Anita , we want to be welcoming and to get into people's business, we should provide some compensation for that.

**Melissa Newman (Council Member):**This feels appropriate for asthma, but not the same for lead. He also agrees funding should also be incentives for honoring time the families are giving.

**John Hemp ( Council Member):** Agrees with Anita that information is free, however, if you give them incentive you will get further.

**Adam Sprees (Council Member):** Concerned because services (staff time) cost as well. If we can partner with other programs without funding it could work. However, anything else costs money. Believes the 80/20 is too large, wants more of a 60/40 split.

**Annie Krapek( Council Member):** Believes services also cost funding too, and more funding should go toward services. Would like to do 50/50 split.

**Channy Leaneagh (Council Member):** Agrees with 80/20, there are a lot of education programs already.

**Roxanne O'brien (Council Member):**

- Believes we should use 50% of money towards to incentives, but not link to a requirement participation.
- If we can't make a decision today, I think we should give funding to schools and clinics today so work can be done.

**Community member:** how much is money for education going to the county to do the work?

**Melissa Illes (Council member):** 3 million dollars can not be used for screening, grant prohibits that.

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**Melissa Newman (Council member):** For funding purposes, we can also funnel to their own clinics to help reach families without cost.

**Sam Grant (PPP):** Close out that we take all recommendation and package to make it easier for the committees to make a decisions.