



**Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission
Committee of the Whole Notes**

City Hall, Room 319, 350 South Fifth Street

NCEC CoW member attendees: Doron Clark, David Crockett, John Finlayson, Bill Helgeson, Mark Hinds, Matt Massman, Ed Newman (associate facilitator), Matt Perry (facilitator), Karen Lee Rosar, Breanne Rothstein, Jeffrey Strand

NCEC members absent: Tony Anastasia, Crystal Johnson, Marcea Mariani, Melanie Majors, Ami Thompson

NCEC CoW staff: David Rubedor, Robert Thompson

Agenda Item	Content	Outcomes/Next Steps (Person Responsible)
1. Introduction & announcements (Informational)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The facilitator noted the agenda items were reflect of the new program development process approved by the NCEC 	
2. Funding Economics (Informational)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matt Perry introduced the topic by saying this was a part of the Education key element and to note that a program's purpose would be influenced by the amount of funding it had Robert Thompson reviewed NRP funding for Phase I and Phase II David Rubedor reviewed funding and its history for the new programs noting that projected funds from the new TIF districts would be lower and that there were no statutory "strings attached" to that funding source except that it must be for neighborhood revitalization purposes Handouts for the topics reviewed by both Mr. Thompson and Mr. Rubedor were distributed to attendees Conclusion was that funding for the new program would be far less than was available for NRP Phase I and somewhat less than for NRP Phase II It was promoted by some members that TIF funding alone should not be considered the sole source of funding of the new programs 	
3. Principles and Purposes (Discussion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group agreed that the City of Minneapolis' Seven Core Principles of Community Engagement adopted from the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) should <u>minimally</u> serve as the principles for the new program Further discussion was held on how these principles could be utilized in the new programs 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What basic city service(s) neighborhood organizations provided was used to frame the discussion of what the purposes of the new program should be • To help with identification of what basic city service(s) neighborhood organizations provided the group asked these questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. What do neighborhood organizations do well? ii. What does the city do well? • Neighborhood organizations are good at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Building relationships between residents ii. Building local vision iii. Capacity to be flexible and nimble iv. Responding quickly v. Community building • Brainstorming characteristics of a good program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Adequately share information from the city with residents and preferences, priorities and concerns from residents to the city ii. Conduit and advocate by which Minneapolis achieves 7 Core Principles of Community Engagement iii. Greater inclusion of residents in city processes and at the beginning of these processes where they can have influence iv. Leadership development for community organizers, volunteers and even elected officials v. Flexibility vi. Accountability both by the city and the neighborhood organizations vii. Communicate the local perspective that is visible to those that live in the neighborhood viii. Share with the city "lessons learned" on programs and projects tested at the neighborhood level ix. Promote sharing of "best practices" both inter-neighborhood organization and between city departments and neighborhood organizations x. Define role of City Council Members that is additive xi. Promotion of safety and support of block clubs xii. Wise stewardship of limited resources xiii. Coordination of neighborhood organization planning and city planning 	
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<p>4. Next Steps (Discussion)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group agreed to not hold a meeting to create the stakeholder engagement plan on Saturday February 27, 2010 due to several members who wished to meet civic responsibilities by participating in party conventions held on that same day. • Group agreed to set Saturday March 6, 2010 as tentative reschedule date for developing a stakeholder engagement plan • Group agreed to request that Anne Carroll, consultant during first two meetings of the NCEC and a board member of the IAP2, be hired to facilitate the development of the stakeholder engagement plan • Next NCEC CoW meeting needs to include getting closure on the purposes of the new program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Rubedor to research availability of funds to hire Anne Carroll to facilitate development of stakeholder engagement plan • Robert Thompson to contact Anne Carroll to determine interest and availability to facilitate development of stakeholder engagement plan on March 6, 2010 from 9am – 1pm
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