

Number of participants: 33

Council Members: --

Presenters: Steven Bosacker, Bob Miller

Communications Staff: Clara Perrin

- 7:05 pm - Bob Miller welcomed participants, made announcements and introduced presenters. He briefly reviewed the agenda.
- 7:15 pm – City's presentation of the community engagement report.
- 7:30 pm - Clarifying questions
- 7:35 pm - Small group discussion
- 8:10 pm - Small group reports
- 8:30 pm - adjournment

Clarifying questions from the CE Report:

- 1) When will the summary of these meetings be available for the public to read?
- 2) I feel confused -- why we are here and what do we need to do with this report? Is this because NRP is ending in 2009?
- 3) Thank you for referring to the International Association for Public Participation. (referring to the eight organizing principles that were used in the CE report)
- 4) If I have no internet how can I get a copy of the report and all the information?

Small Group Discussion question: ***What can the City do to help you (and your community) better participate in decisions? What is working now? What needs to change?***

Small group reports (top three priorities only – complete discussion to be transcribed by NRP Staff and provided later)

Group 1:

- Get young people involve in community engagement.
- Put a face on the City at the community level.
- What is working: Geographical neighborhood based and multi-jurisdictional organizations.

Group 2:

- Small groups (neighborhoods) are doing a good job at engaging people around decisions and moving those decisions up to the City.
- Use neighborhood resources to engage residents
- NRP is doing a good job at getting people together

Group 3:

- Need more communication and empowerment - the more clear and user friendly tools the City can offer the better. Examples: 311 and One Stop great working tools!
- Don't use acronyms or jargon. Use simple language that we can understand.
- The City should have specific liaisons between the City and neighborhoods.
- Keep small neighborhood system (better to engage residents)

- Involve us early in the planning vs. agreeing on a decision between 2 alternatives that the City already has.

Host Neighborhoods:

Van Dusen – Nadine Knibb from Steven Square Community Organization

Plaza Verde - Shirley Heyer and Suzanne Roberts from Midtown Phillips

Minnehaha Methodist - George Jelatis from Nokomis East

Marcy Open –

Firefighters Hall Museum –

North Regional Library -

Mill City - Kimberly Motes