



November 21, 2011

Re: Community Participation Program Draft Guidelines

Dear Neighborhood and Community Relations,

The Cedar-Isles-Dean NRP Committee would like to submit the following questions and concerns regarding the draft guidelines for the 2012 Community Participation Program.

- Our committee would like to express our disapproval of the City's decision to take \$10 million from neighborhood NRP dollars to fund NCR and the CPP program for the next two years. Neighborhood organizations' trust level with the City was greatly damaged by this action. CIDNA lost \$89,000 in Phase II NRP funds, while our CPP allocation for 2011 is \$16,000.
- We feel strongly that the new NRP Policy Board should have neighborhood-elected representatives serving on the board.
- Have the neighborhood maps changed (referenced in Section II A. 2.)? When will the newly amended maps be released?
- Concerns about the Neighborhood Priority Plans:
 - Requirements for the NPP are unclear.
 - Processes need to be streamlined so neighborhoods administration of the CPP and NPP are commensurate with the funding.
 - If a survey is recent and relevant (only 18 months old) can the results be used for NPP development?
- Offering food at community events helps engage residents. Why allow food as an eligible expense in 2011 but remove it in 2012? Get creative with the funding so that a small percentage of the CPP can go toward food or find a way to ease that NRP restriction.
- CIDNA is busy with implementing our Phase II plan. We do not feel confident that a plan is in place to handle our NRP contracts, etc. after the end of the year. What is the department's plan to handle all CPP, NPP and NRP workload for 71 neighborhoods?

Sincerely,

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