

Staff Report

Agenda Item: 7

Title: Update on NRP Policy Board and NCEC potential merger

Action Discussion Informational

Date: March 29, 2017

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Attachments:

Requested Action

There is no action being requested. This item is for informational and discussion purposes only.

Background

The January Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) Committee of the Whole meeting was held as a joint meeting of the NCEC and the NRP Policy Board to discuss a potential merger and restructure of the two bodies. The purpose of that Committee of the Whole meeting was to further discuss the components that could potentially make up a merged Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission and the NRP Policy Board.

The following components presented for the two bodies to consider were: neighborhood representation, cultural community representation, appointed members, other government bodies, professional staff and the statutory requirements required under the NRP law.

At the conclusion of the meeting the following items were agreed upon:

- Neighborhood Representation: The commission is in agreement to keep neighborhood representation on the commission.
- Statutory Requirements: The commission is in agreement to keep the structure in line with the statutory requirements.

The NCEC Committee of the Whole met again on Wednesday, March 15th to continue the discussion on the following components of the potential new board make up:

- Cultural Community Representation
- Appointed Members
- Other Government Bodies
- Professional Staff
- The number of members that will make up the body
- The process for selection of members

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- The purpose of the restructured body

At the conclusion of the March 15th Committee of the Whole meeting the following was agreed upon:

- The NCEC's neighborhood boundaries should be reexamined. It would be ideal to use an existing boundary map such as the school districts or planning districts.
- There needs to be more discussion on appointed membership, such as number of appointed members and from what bodies, Mayor? City Council? Park Board? School Board?
- There needs to be more discussion on Cultural Community representation. The discussion was that it is important to have, but what communities should be included and what would that selection process look like?
- Professional staff would best useful on the Committees and Task Forces rather than serving as voting members on the body.
- The purpose of the commission also needs to be reexamined. The role of the commission needs to be elevated.

Given these conclusions, staff and the executive bodies from each board will work to frame up some potential structures to bring back to the next NCEC Committee of the Whole meeting in May.