



**Work Group 2: Governance Advisory Structure for Neighborhood and Community Engagement
Notes for Meeting 4: September 26, 2018**

Check In:

Introductions

- All members, guest speakers, city staff and members of community were asked to introduce themselves, their neighborhood, plus the name and one thing they like about fall.

Grounding Review:

Brief review of previous meeting -

- The group named its framework/structure Planet 11 purposely to avoid using standard jargon
- Reminder:
 - List of duties the group brainstormed last meeting are on page 2 of the notes from 9/11
 - The group is discussing duties and representation. So all thoughts should come from that space instead of over-reliance on what is done elsewhere (i.e. “At NCEC we do this”). The task is coming up with the structure – let’s focus on that, not what is done elsewhere/previously.

Working Group/Discussion:

Expanding on the model of “Planet 11” -

Steve walked through a document that laid out three potential structures that the group had asked for in meeting #2 along with an explanation of where the NRP Policy Board fits. The following helps explain each model beyond what is written on the document.

- Reminder from Steve: We put the work groups together and this group is looking at who oversees those plans.
 - Structure 1 (page 1 of doc): City departments report what their engagement process is like to Planet 11.
 - Structure 2: NRP and Community Engagement Commission combined into one commission.
 - NRP policy board – Steve talked to the City attorney, and members could be on a larger Planet 11 or their own subcommittee. If the former, as long as all NRP board members are on it this would still suffice as statutory requirement (even if they didn’t show/have a quorum)
 - Notes: Statutory requirement remains as long as there are dollars still there and state govt says we have to keep it
 - We don’t want to bring the issue of revisiting requirement to the state to re-evaluate and take the chance that we lose the funding (not a risk worth taking)
 - Structure 3: Essentially the current City structure (minus cultural communities)
 - Think about this as the citywide community engagement commission
 - Comments on “swimming up top” - and instead turning the model upside down
 - Decisions should be made by those that live and breathe this 24/7 (residents/neighborhoods)

- We are getting mired in city protecting positions instead of thinking about what is the best way to support something that has more of a voice for neighborhoods and community groups.
- We all have been on boards where it makes it look like the city is equitable model but really, they don't. We need to find a way for all to have a say and get around barriers.
- Comment on structure
 - Like the idea of a commission – so you have to engage them.
 - It will boil down to will there be a formal recognition or not. Need some form of control or empowerment.
 - Neighborhoods should not be expected to do “everything”

Small group activity –

The work group divided into two small groups and focused on the following questions as part of a two part process. Each group visually outlined a structure for future discussion.

Part 1 -

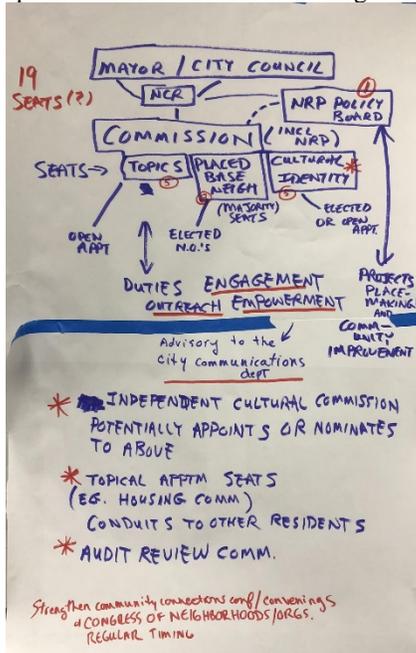
- What would you like to see?
- Do you like a part or all of the proposed structures?
- What would you combine change or add?
- Where does the NRP policy board fit in?
- What if anything you like from other city examples (homework) to incorporate?

Part 2 -

- Who should be on Planet 11?
- Part A:
 - Cultural Reps
 - Neighborhood Orgs
 - Appointments Council/Mayor
 - Who else?
- Part B: How many of each?

Large group presentations –

Note that no “decisions” have been made at this point. After both groups discussed they noted overlaps and what could be pulled from each to start creating solid framework. More discussion will follow in future meetings (see



below).

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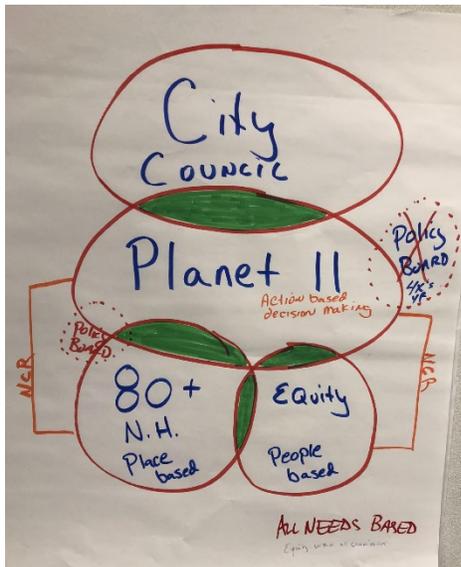
- Started with an idea of structure, moved into governance ideas, then went back
 - Governance Idea Structure –
 - Independent cultural commission
 - Potentiality appointed or nominated
 - Staff is the conduit to the city for
 - Community Engagement
 - Affinity Group seats
 - “Seats at the table”
 - Alternative cultural council (?) or nominate for council appoint (?)
 - Seats would have Topics, Placed-based, Cultural apt
 - Open apt for topics
 - Placed based – elected
 - Cultural elected or open
 - Retain legacy of placed-based community orgs (ie Neighborhoods)
 - Substantial” role for affinity (diversity) groups
 - Defined authority resources – other seats (EG, HSA, Renters)
 - NRP policy board would be in the commission
 - NRP board would include placemaking projects and community improvement
 - NRP included and still does stand alone work.
 - Duties – advisory to city communications department
 - Housing would be topical (limited mobility)
 - The way I was looking at is is all of these people are part of the neighborhood
 - Co-create agendas”

DISCUSSION

- Group really like that this is people related.

- A lot of these things are happening but how do we be a link to improve way community has a voice.
- Think of this as the Minneapolis UN – lots of ideas but they do feel like they have a place at the table. But still limiting. So having them have the extra seat at the engagement table, it gives them that extra ability to get the word out.
- How do we open that up to expand overall membership?
 - If this is open they would affirm authenticity and valuing the neighborhoods and they can say you may appoint but not from their own body.
- Audit review committee - Meet once a year to check

GROUP 2 -



- Structure will be borne out from after effects of what work group's 1 and 3 are doing – WG2 is the channel for those groups
- Main idea – Neighborhood groups overlap with equity – and incentive to work together
- Planet 11 is entirely new body to come in and deal with larger initiatives
 - This body helps filter it down
 - Toying with P11 being a stipend so it's not overtaxing free work
 - Asking for equity in all commissions
 - NRP policy board - Four times a year policy board comes in
 - NCR becomes the city work staff that helps trickle those messages down
 - City departments do some self filtering that comes down from bottom two
 - Action-based decision making
 - Equity box includes commissions already in place
 - It is intentional that we only chose city council at the moment
 - Streamline the work of P11
 - We ask a lot of these commissions and our thought was we need to filter that.
 - We aren't even focused on city depts. We are bringing in place-based
 - Size of graphical model is not to scale – P11 would be smaller and figuring out who is in there is another discussion
 - Concern in discussion about power struggles that could come up with appointments:
 - It is roulette at times - There is value to finding the right person that would be cohesive. But the flipside is there (someone who isn't)

Check Out:

- Next meeting is Thursday, October 4 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Location is Shingle Creek Commons 612-588-2303

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- - Topic: Should the government structure administer the plan that workgroup 3 comes up with (TBD)? How does this impact this, if at all?
- Reminder to use the [Workgroup Resource Library](#).
- Listening Session - October 25 scheduled meeting could be an opportunity to have a listening section
 - Finding a spot up to 60 people to attend
 - Questions about should outreach include another WG