

Meeting Minutes

Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission

April 24, 2018

University of Minnesota Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC), Room 107, 2001 Plymouth Ave N, Minneapolis, MN

NCEC commissioners present: Boyd, Cichowicz, Dedeaux-Swinton, Eichten, Esmaeili, Houle, Kimmons, Lewis, Louwagie, Mills, Mussa, Strand, Vogel.

NCR staff present: Cheyenne Brodeen, Rebekah Tedrick.

Members of the public: 6

1. Chair opened the meeting: 5:11p.m.
2. Conversation on board diversity best practices for neighborhood organizations.
 - a. Presenters unable to attend. Discussion to be rescheduled.
3. Public Comment: 5:15 p.m.
 - a. Northside resident expressed need for investment in security camera system.
 - b. Jordan area resident expresses concern about violent crime in the area.
 - c. Public comment pauses for introductions and resumes at 5:34p.m.
 - d. Northside resident comments that criminal reputation of the North is exaggerated. Neighborhoods need more funding and community buy-in to support public safety efforts. Be more proactive than reactive. Apply same effort to securing the North as securing the Super Bowl. Landlords can remove tenants because of police visits, making people afraid to call 911. City should fund grassroots organizations and be more lenient with deadlines for grant applications. When community sees police helping to evict someone, it damages police-community relations. Residents sometimes are so afraid of court, they don't fight unjust evictions. Gave overview of Habitat for Humanity neighborhood grant program.
 - e. Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association staff supports option 4 on Neighborhoods 2020 Roadmap. Does not support increasing dependency on other neighborhoods. It's difficult to coordinate.
 - f. Waite Park resident expresses gratitude for the large volume of public engagement accompanying the Neighborhoods 2020 Roadmap. Should extend NRP funding indefinitely. Funding should not require a certain amount to be used on projects. Remove language about 7 year review. CPP is working well. NCEC should be replaced or at least kept as an elected body.
 - g. NCEC needs to be more visible and give constant updates to neighborhoods.
 - h. Staff from Sheridan requests that all financial and grant forms be in one easy to find place online, including templates for governance, policy and other essential nonprofit forms. Would like NCEC to advocate for neighborhoods and be

- strengthened. NCEC needs a dedicated City staff person. City should notify neighborhoods 90 days before construction projects break ground.
- i. Leave NRP as is. Choose model 3 from Roadmap.
4. Commissioners introduce themselves 5:29 p.m.
 - a. Amended agenda to change Bylaws item to 7a.
 - b. Added an item 7b, discussion of Committee of the Whole.
 - c. **Motion passes** to approve amended agenda.
 5. Executive Committee Reports: 6:23 p.m.
 - a. Chair's Report – Executive committee was planning the COW on 2020.
 - b. Secretary's Report
 - i. 14 present, 2 absent on March 27, 2018.
 - ii. Motion carries to approve minutes from March 27
 - iii. 13 present April 24 and 3 absent, all excused.
 6. Minneapolis 2040 and open public comment period: 6:28 p.m.
 - a. Breynone Golding presented opportunities for the public to give feedback on the City comprehensive plan.
 - b. Members of the public present requested a downloadable, single document version of the plan.
 - c. Update the website to be more easily navigable.
 7. Bylaws Committee: 6:49 p.m.
 - a. One edit is that NCEC commissioners can only chair one committee at a time in addition to the Executive Committee.
 - b. Commissioners argued pros and cons of capping committee chair commitments.
 - c. Esmaili to add language that, for committee chair commitments, preference will be given to candidates that are not yet chairing any other committee, as opposed to instituting a cap.
 - d. Houle mentions 7.2, clarify whether it refers to excused absences or unexcused. Add teeth to the requirement. Asks if "membership in good standing" status should be affected by grievances.
 8. Committee of the Whole: 7:03 p.m.
 - a. Created NCEC work teams: structure of neighborhoods (Vogel, Mills, Houle), funding (Strand & Russell), equity and inclusion (Esmaili, Michael Malone, Mariani, Mussa, Eichten), an overall values statement.
 - b. Clarified the Neighborhoods 2020 timeline. NCR director will present draft of Neighborhoods 2020 Roadmap with public comment report on May 14, 2018 to PECE committee of City Council. Will request approval of establishment of official work groups.
 - c. Discussed the selection process for the work groups at the last COW.
 - d. **Motion passes** to have Commissioner Cichowicz organize a COW.
 9. Committee Reports: 7:20 p.m.
 - a. **Motion passes** to adjourn NCEC without committee reports.
 10. Adjourn: 7:18p.m.