

MEETING SUMMARY

Community Development Committee

Community Assembly

Tuesday, February 3, 2015 – 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

West Central Community Center – Newton Room

ATTENDANCE: Brooke Plastino-Bemiss, Fran Papenleur-Northwest, Luke Tolley-Hillyard, Skyler Oberst on behalf of Karen Stratton –City Council, Roland Lamarche – North Hill, Amber Johnson – Riverside, Mike Brakel – West Central, Rick Biggerstaff – Browne’s Addition, Sally Phillips – Lincoln Heights, Marilyn Lloyd – Lincoln Heights, Teresa Kafentzis – Southgate, Dave Bentz – Minnehaha, Sandy Gill – North Hill, Henry Sasser – Logan, Valena Arguello – East Central

NEIGHBORHOODS PRESENT: Browne’s Addition, Bemiss, Hillyard, Lincoln Heights, Riverside, Southgate, Minnehaha, West Central, North Hill, Logan, East Central, Northwest

NEIGHBORHOODS ABSENT: Balboa, Five Mile, North Indian Trail, Comstock/Manito, Rockwood, Emerson Garfield, Grandview/Thorpe, West Hills, Cliff/Cannon, Latah/Hangman Valley, Comstock, Nevada/Lidgerwood, Chief Garry Park

STAFF PRESENT: Jonathan Mallahan, George Dahl

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: Roland called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. All in attendance were asked to introduce themselves and the neighborhood they represent. Following introductions, Roland asked the Committee for approval to shift the agenda to accommodate more time to discuss allocation models.

FACILITATOR OPEN DISCUSSION: Roland spent some time reviewing the proposal from Kathryn Alexander (Bemiss). The proposal from Kathryn was to facilitate a CDBG stakeholder meeting to help determine an allocation model moving forward. There was discussion among the Committee before a final vote was made to decline (3 in favor, 5 against) the offer at this time. The Committee remains open to Kathryn’s proposal later in this year.

APPLICATION UPDATE: Roland and a few Committee members met this past month to discuss the 2014 Neighborhood Application and possible improvements in 2015.

MODELS REVISITED: Roland turned time over to Jonathan and George to discuss some of the background behind the Neighborhood program and allocations. Jonathan shared a brief CDBG presentation and timeline with the Committee (copies of this presentation attached). Following Jonathan’s presentation, George initiated a neighborhood values conversation regarding CDBG funds set-aside for neighborhoods to benefit low and moderate income households. George listed each of the thoughts provided during this conversation, then asked neighborhoods to place dots next to the values most important to them (each neighborhood was allotted 3 dots/votes). The corresponding list reflects the results of this exercise and the total dots/votes for each value listed.

Question: What do we value?

Results/Votes:

1. Quality of Life (9 dots/votes)

2. Safety (8 dots/votes)
3. Job Creation (6 dots/votes)
4. Safe and Decent Housing (4 dots/votes)
5. Community Centers (3 dots/votes)
6. Equal Access (3 dots/votes)
7. Senior Programs (1 dot/vote)
8. Community Pride (1 dot/vote)
9. Parks (0 dots/votes)
10. Planning/Communication Funds (0 dots/votes)
11. Opportunity to Leverage Current or Future Projects (1 dot/vote)

Following the Neighborhood Values conversation Jonathan asked the neighborhoods to consider who will participate in the CDBG Neighborhood program in 2015. The following list reflects the results of the question and total dots/votes for each item.

Question: Who Participates?

Results/Votes:

1. Some Neighborhoods – Needs Based (18 dots/votes)
2. Some Neighborhoods – Opt-In/No Gifting (11 dots/votes)
3. All 27 Neighborhoods (9 dots/votes)

The next question that was posed to the Committee was how funds are allocated.

Question: How are Funds Allocated?

Results/Votes:

1. Intensity of Need – Volume/Density of Poverty (19 dots/votes)
2. 2014 CA/CD Committee Formula less Minimum Allocations (9 dots/votes)
3. Allocation by Council Districts – Equal Distribution or Needs Based (1 dot/vote)
4. 2014 CA/CD Committee Formula (0 dots/votes)

Lastly, the Committee was asked to consider how decisions are made.

Question: How are Decisions Made?

Results/Votes:

1. Individual Neighborhoods (27 dots/votes)
2. Collaborative by District (5 dots/votes)

The meeting concluded with Roland asking if members of the Committee could meet again before the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd. There was a consensus from the Committee to meet on Tuesday, February 24th from 5:30 to 7pm. Jonathan and George will come prepared to further analyze the results of this meeting.

The remaining agenda items were not discussed due to time constraints.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at the Northeast Community Center (South Classroom) from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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