

**District Councils Collaborative of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
Governing Council Meeting**

Central Corridor Resource Center (old Lexington Library)
1080 University Ave W, St. Paul
Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Chairing the Meeting: Anne White
Recorder: Karen Inman
Staff Present: Carol Swenson, Executive Director

Roll call:

Member Organizations	Representatives	Present and Voting
District Council 6 (North End, South Como)	Bill Lipkin	Present
District Council 7 (Frogtown)	Karen Inman	Present
District Council 8 (Summit-University)	Steve Wilson	Present
District Council 11 (Hamline-Midway)	Steve Samuelson	Present
District Council 12 (St. Anthony Park)	Mark Nelson	Excused
District Council 13 (Union Park)	Anne White	Present
District Council 14 (Macalester-Groveland)	Mikael Carlson	Excused
District Council 16 (Summit Hill Association)	Adam Vetvick	Present
District Council 17 (Capitol River)	Ellen McPartlan	Present
PPERIA (Prospect Park-East River Road Improvement Assoc.)	Phil Anderson	Present
SECIA (Southeast Como Improvement Association)	Lynn Anderson	Present
Marcy-Holmes	Doug Carlson	Present
Cedar Riverside-West Bank Coalition	Tim Marass	Absent
University of Minnesota Area Community	Ron Lischeid	Present
	Alternates	
District Council 6 (North End, South Como)		
District Council 7 (Frogtown)	Anthony Fernandez	
District Council 8 (Summit-University)	Tim Jorissen	
District Council 8 (Summit-University)	Woody Erickson	
District Council 10 (Midway-Como)	Tony Hainault	
District Council 11 (Hamline-Midway)	Mike Dean	
District Council 12 (St. Anthony Park)	Renée Lepreau	
District Council 13 (Union Park)	Sheila Sahu	
District Council 14 (Macalester-Groveland)	Joel Clemmer	
District Council 16 (Summit-Hill)	Tim Parnas	
District Council 17 (Capitol River)	Andrew Schlack	
PPERIA (Prospect Park-East River Road Improvement Association)	Susan Larson-Fleming	
SECIA (Southeast Como Improvement Association)		
Cedar Riverside (West Bank Community Coalition)	Andrew Lee	
Marcy-Holmes		
University District		

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Approve agenda: A motion was made by Steve Samuelson, seconded Steve Wilson, to approve the agenda. Approved.

Approve January Minutes: Doug Carlson made a motion, seconded by Phil Anderson, to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Approved.

Financial Reports: The Governing Council discussed the December 2009 revised and consolidated financial reports that included the finances under University United, Jewish Community Action and the DCC as a stand-alone organization. Doug Carlson made a motion, seconded by Steve Wilson, to approve the revised and consolidated 2009 financial reports. Approved.

A motion was made by Doug Carlson, seconded Steve Wilson, to approve the 2010 budget. Approved. Phil brought up the fact that board training expenses are not included in either budget. Carol explained that the expense for the board training will be minimal and can be covered under consultant fees or conference fees.

Updates on CCLRT Project: Carol presented an update on the CCLRT Project. The 3 missing stations at Western, Victoria and Hamline are to be included in the Civil East bid package and in the final project scope. The total project is projected to cost \$956.9 million. The additional stations are expected to cost \$5.2 million each. Ron asked if that included the amount already budgeted for the infill stations infrastructure, since the cost seems high. Carol will enquire about that. The cost does not include any money for public art. If the amount projected does include the infrastructure, perhaps that would allow for public art at the 3 stations. The Met Council anticipates the environmental assessment will result in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) from the federal government, since the infrastructure for the 3 stations is already included in the project and the stations to be built out share many of the same features of the others along the line.

There is no new update on the University of Minnesota MOU II; the Met Council and U of M are continuing to negotiate.

The FTA 2010 Project rating of CCLRT was Medium High, the highest of any new project currently in the federal funding pipeline. However, that rating was determined before the inclusion of the three stations. Building the stations will likely lower the project's Cost Effectiveness Index rating (still 20% of the criteria for federal funding), due to added capital costs and reduced rider time-savings, but may improve ratings in other categories such as Economic Development.

The Met Council's Community Advisory Committee will be finished in April and will be replaced with Construction Communication Committees serving approximately 2-mile segments, designed to deal with the affected neighborhoods that are experiencing construction. Advance work will be started on the University of Minnesota campus this summer to improve traffic flow in the areas adjacent to the Washington Avenue pedestrian/transit mall. We need to make sure that the community has input, even before the CCC is up and running. However, it was noted that none of the Governing Council members from Minneapolis are directly impacted by the pre-work.

Three Stations: At the July meeting of the Governing Council, the DCC took a position in support of the concerns that the Rondo neighborhood identified in their complaint and later in their lawsuit. We took no position on the complaint or the lawsuit. It was moved by Ron Lischeid, and seconded by Doug Carlson, that we reaffirm our support for the Rondo group's concerns, and the need to address and resolve them, while still not taking a position on the lawsuit.

Approved.

Hiring and Contracting: A motion was made to a) authorize the hiring of a part-time Administrative Assistant, b) authorize contracting with a development/fundraising consultant and c) authorize contracting for IT assistance. Moved by Karen Inman, seconded by Doug Carlson. Approved.

Community Agreement(s): Nominations are due by March 8th for membership on the Community Agreement(s) Coordinating Committee. The Governing Council nominated Adam Vetvick and Doug Carlson to be the DCC nominees. Moved by Steve Wilson, seconded by Karen Inman. Approved. There was further discussion regarding securing additional nominees from the community. The amount of time required to serve on the Coordinating Committee is estimated to be a minimum of one monthly meeting, plus some e-mail communications between meetings. Questions related to what would be the power of the group and what rules of operation would be established will be left to the Committee to determine once it is up and running.

Mission Statement and Work Plan: A motion was made to table adoption of the Mission Statement and Work Plan until the March meeting, given that a portion of the board retreat would address these issues. Moved by Steve Samuelson, seconded Doug Carlson. Approved.

Communications and Outreach: Anne introduced Ellen McPartlan as the Chair of the Communications and Outreach Committee. Anne and Ellen reviewed initial thoughts on what the charge of the committee would be. Ellen asked for 3 to 5 volunteers to be on the committee. Governing Council members should let Ellen know if you are interested or if you know of others in your neighborhood with communications skills who might be interested.

DCC Retreat: The Governing Council reviewed the proposed agenda for the Retreat and offered suggestions for changes. Carol outlined assignments to be completed before the actual meeting, including an online survey, individual biographies and a list of the top priorities for each member organization.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Inman