

**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, January 13, 2010

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

**Roll call:**

<b>Member Organizations</b>	<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Present and Voting</b>
District Council 6 (North End, South Como)	Bill Lipkin	<b>Present</b>
District Council 7 (Frogtown)	Karen Inman	<b>Present</b>
District Council 8 (Summit-University)	Steve Wilson	<b>Present</b>
District Council 11 (Hamline-Midway)	Steve Samuelson	<b>Present</b>
District Council 12 (St. Anthony Park)	Mark Nelson	<b>Present</b>
District Council 13 (Union Park)	Anne White	<b>Present</b>
District Council 14 (Macalester-Groveland)	Mikael Carlson	Absent
District Council 16 (Summit Hill Association)	Adam Vetvick	Absent
District Council 17 (Capitol River)	Ellen McPartlan	<b>Present</b>
PPERRIA (Prospect Park-East River Road Improvement Assoc.)	Phil Anderson	Excused
SECIA (Southeast Como Improvement Association)	Lynn Anderson	<b>Present</b>
Marcy-Holmes	Doug Carlson	Absent
Cedar Riverside-West Bank Coalition	Tim Marass	Absent
University of Minnesota Area Community	Ron Lischeid	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Alternates</b>	
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	
PPERRIA (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 7:19 pm.

There were no visitors to speak.

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

Approve December Minutes: Steve Samuelson made a motion, seconded by Steve Wilson, to approve the minutes from the December meeting. Approved.

December Financial Report: There was some discussion about the format of the financial reports. The Finance Committee will work on developing a format that will best meet our needs. There were no non-routine expenses; in fact, December expenses were held to a minimum, because anticipated grants had not yet come in or been confirmed. Bill Lipkin made a motion, seconded by Steve Wilson, to approve the December financial report.

Budget for 2010: Two draft budgets were presented and reviewed. The Governing Council will be asked to approve the budget at the February meeting. The proposed budgets are both designed to provide a carry-over to 2011 equal to six months' expenses. Both budgets are contingent on securing additional funding.

Officers and Directors Insurance: The DCC has been trying to secure Officers and Directors insurance for some time. The underwriter has indicated that our organization is considered the equivalent of elected political boards, so insurance would cost more than double what was anticipated. Carol is still working with the agent to find an affordable policy.

Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policies: Carol presented Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policies, which are necessary for many of the Grant proposals. The policies are boiler plate taken from the Council on Non-profits web site and modified to meet the needs of the DCC. Lynn Anderson made a motion, seconded Steve Wilson, to approve the Anti-discrimination and Anti-harassment policies. Approved.

### **Updates on Ongoing DCC Priority Issues.**

Build-out of stations at Western, Victoria and Hamline/Stops 4 Us Coalition: Anne White shared excerpts from a statement Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood concerning changes in the CEL, effective immediately, that will downgrade the pass / fail status of the CEL, and give equal weight to other criteria such as livability, development, and impact on the community. A discussion was held on the possibility of positive and negative impacts, especially since there are two lawsuits pending, one from the University of Minnesota and one from the Rondo neighborhood.

The Environmental Assessment of the impacts of building out stations at Western, Victoria and Hamline was published January 11th. Hearings will be held at Hallie Q. Brown Center Wednesday, January 27 at 11:00 am and at 6:00 pm. The DCC will give testimony. A discussion of the pros and cons of a) advocating for all the stations or deciding on one, b) the possibility of detailing the anticipated impacts of loss of on-street parking, gentrification, loss of business, and lack of mitigation. A motion was made by Steve Samuelson and seconded by Mark Nelson that : Testimony presented at the hearing would be consistent with DCC positions and resolutions, and would advocate for building out all three stations, while bringing out the DCC's concerns about lack of mitigation for impacts during construction and beyond. Motion passed.

The next meeting of the Met Council with the University of Minnesota will be held next week to continue work on a new Memorandum of Understanding to resolve the U's concerns about

protecting their research labs from damage due to LRT on Washington Avenue. It was noted that the FTA takes seriously the concerns of the U and Rondo. Both have great leverage.

Meanwhile, the Asian business association had a meeting with Peter Bell concerning their concerns about the need for mitigation to help small businesses survive during construction and to restore parking that will be lost. Representative Alice Hausman is still trying to arrange a meeting with Peter Bell for the Rondo and the Asian business groups, similar to the meetings with the U, but it will be more and more difficult to find a time with the legislative session starting soon, since Ms. Hausman is the Chair of committee that prepares the bonding bill.

Community Agreements: Work continues on designing a process to create written Community Agreements and to oversee implementation of the agreements, but there have been some delays. It is anticipated that the process will be back on track and we'll be able to hold the Central Corridor Community Assembly by the end of February or early March.

Increasing Organizational Capacity: Carol identified several student research assistants and/or interns that will be working with the DCC in the next year.

### **Mission Statement, Goals and Committee Structure:**

Mark Nelson presented the Mission Statement. While most of the members present thought the mission statement was appropriate, Karen Inman thought it was too broad and did not address our major focus which is LRT. Steve Samuelson was in agreement. There was a motion to add LRT to the Mission Statement. Carol indicated that might cause a problem with funders because most are reluctant to fund an organization's general operating expenses; they prefer to fund a project. A broad mission statement positions us to seek funding for Central Corridor as a "project", that can include staffing and overhead expenses in the budget. A spirited discussion ensued. Because of the lateness of the hour the discussion was tabled to the next meeting. The motion to table by Ron Lischeid was seconded by Steve Wilson. Approved.

A proposal was presented to change the Executive Committee structure which will require by-law changes. The new structure will be

- Chair -- elected
- Vice-chair -- elected
- Secretary -- elected
- Treasurer -- elected (will also serve as the chair of the Finance/Development committee)
- Program Committee Chair -- appointed by the DCC chair
- Communications/Outreach Committee Chair -- appointed by the DCC Chair
- Past year's Chair or if that person chooses not to serve, an At-Large Executive Committee member would be elected.

A motion made was by Ellen McPartlan and seconded by Lynn Anderson to accept this proposed Executive Committee structure. Approved.

DCC Retreat: The retreat will be held Saturday, February 13th, 1:00-5:00 pm. We have not yet decided on a location.

Ron asked that a discussion regarding the census be added to the next agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Inman