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, March 10, 2010

Chairing the Meeting: Anne White
Recorder: Karen Inman
Staff Present: Carol Swenson, Executive Director
Invited Visitor: Emily Seru, HECUA, Director of Central Corridor Internships

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	Excused
District Council 11 (Hamline-Midway)	Steve Samuelson	Excused
District Council 12 (St. Anthony Park)	Mark Nelson	**Present**
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**
PPERRIA (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 Pramas	
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 7:10 pm.

Approve agenda: A motion was made by Phil Anderson, and seconded by Ron Lischeid, to approve the agenda. Approved.

Approve February Minutes: Phil Anderson made a motion, seconded by Ron Lischeid, to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Approved.

February Financial Report: Carol and Ron reported on the financials. There were no non-routine expenses. The balance in the Bigelow Foundation grant account is lower than the Saint Paul Foundation account, because December 2009 expenses were paid out of the Bigelow grant which was received in December. Beginning in January, expenses are being split between the Bigelow Foundation and the Saint Paul Foundation. Ron Lischeid made a motion, seconded by Doug Carlson, to approve the February financial report. Approved.

DCC Intern Projects: Carol reported on the three intern projects that are currently underway. Erin Harrington, from Hamline University's Social Justice program, is helping with preparations and publicity for the Community Assembly on March 28th. Greg Pates, a research assistant from the University of Minnesota, is preparing an overview of affordable housing and land use issues from the neighborhood perspective. And Katie Wagoner, from Metro State's Public & Nonprofit Administration program, is surveying the DCC's administrative needs and will be preparing a proposal for Executive Committee review, most likely focusing on a calendar of administrative deadlines, personnel policies and board/staff relations.

HECUA Summer Internship Opportunity: Emily Seru outlined a HECUA program that would offer summer internships. Funding has been secured for five interns, and an additional grant proposal has been submitted for five more interns. The focus is to be on issues in Rondo and Frogtown. Each intern would work 400 hours, paid for by HECUA and supervised by the University. Doug moved, and Karen seconded, a motion to explore jointly with Frogtown and Summit U proposals to use a HECUA intern. Ron had concerns about who would be responsible for payroll for the HECUA intern. Carol and Anne indicated that would be one of the issues that would be discussed. The motion was approved with one abstention, Ron Lischeid. It was agreed that the Executive Committee would finalize any HECUA proposal.

Committees By-law Amendment: Karen presented two alternative amendments to the Committees section in the Bylaws. One would retain language that establishes one standing committee, the Executive Committee. The other would establish three standing committees – the Executive Committee, the Program Committee and the Communications Committee. After discussion, the Governing Council agreed to stick with one standing committee, while allowing the Chair to establish other committees as needed. The composition of the Executive Committee was revised to include "the elected Officers and the immediate past chair of the Governing Board plus two committee chairs, as appointed by the Chair". It was agreed that "If the immediate past chair cannot or wishes not to serve, an election will be held to fill the position as an at-large position." It was also agreed that while the Chair may appoint any member to a committee, any committee Chair appointed to serve on the Executive Board must be a Representative to the Governing Council.

It was moved by Ron Lischeid, seconded by Doug Carlson that the Bylaw amendment be edited to reflect the agreed provisions. Approved. The amended Committees section of the Bylaws will be circulated and submitted to the April 14th Governing

Council meeting for approval. (The amended Committees section is attached at the end of these minutes.)

Nominations for Officers: There was discussion regarding a nominating committee to seek nominations for Officers for the Annual Meeting in May. We debated whether the Nominating Committee should prepare a slate to be elected or a list of those who were seeking each position, as we have done in the past. No decision was made. Anne indicated that she would be e-mailing people to see if they wanted to serve on the Nominating Committee. Ideally, committee members would not be interested in running for one of the Officer positions.

Updates on CCLRT project: The negotiations between the Met Council and the University of Minnesota have still not resulted in the hoped-for agreement in the form of an MOU2. In the meantime, the U will not agree to grant a temporary easement for preliminary roadway improvements because they think it would dilute their bargaining position, even though the U has requested that the construction be done over the summer to avoid disruptions when the school year begins again in September.

Agreements Coordinating Committee and Community Assembly: It was reported that more nominations have been received for the Agreements Coordinating Committee than there are positions available. The slate that will be presented at the March 28th Community Assembly will be selected based on the qualifications of nominees as well as to ensure that there is geographic, gender and racial balance. Once the Coordinating Committee is up and running, it will be up to them to determine their objectives and establish operating procedures. We anticipate there will be working groups to research and make recommendations on issues such as Affordable Housing or Business Mitigation. The DCC has offered to lead the Neighborhood Livability working group and we'll be asking Governing Council members to recruit neighborhood representatives to be a part of this working group.

Strategic Planning Committee: The Strategic Planning Committee is working on a DCC Work Plan for 2010-2011 and expects to have it completed soon. The new Mission Statement was presented as amended: *"The mission of the District Councils Collaborative of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is to facilitate community involvement and engage underserved populations on Central Corridor issues that affect multiple neighborhoods and are best addressed through collaboration, by sharing information, conducting research, and coordinating advocacy on common concerns*." Adam Vetvick moved adoption of the Mission Statement, with a second by Lynn Anderson. Approved with Karen Inman abstaining.

Communications Committee: Ellen McPartlan reported on the recent meeting of the Communications Committee. The discussion focused on updating the web site and the need to hire web consultants to help with designing and building the website; we are currently in the process of identifying web site developers and reviewing websites they have designed. The committee also plans to create a power point presentation about the DCC and develop a long range communications plan.

Parking Solutions: Several people expressed concern about the rumored plan by the City of Saint Paul to buy empty houses along the corridor, tear them down and make surface parking lots as a solution to the loss of parking on University Avenue. Frogtown (District 7) took a strong position against this. It was agreed that the DCC needs to address parking issues as they affect neighborhoods, soon. Carol attended the first meeting of a new Parking Committee set up by UABA; we hope this will provide a

forum to address business and neighborhood parking issues together.

Next Governing Council meeting: The next meeting of the Governing Council will be April 14, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Inman.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment

Revised version for final Governing Council review April 14, 2010 & adoption May 12, 2010
(This replaces the original Section A – Committees)

Section A Committees

1. Executive Committee. The Governing Council shall have one standing committee, the Executive Committee, which shall be composed of the elected Officers, the immediate past Chair of the Governing Council, and two additional committee chairs to be appointed by the DCC Chair. If the past Chair cannot or wishes not to serve, an election will be held to fill the position as an at-large position.
2. The term of membership on the Executive Committee will be from one Annual Meeting until the next, with no limit on the number of terms served.
3. All Executive Committee members must be Governing Council Representatives.
4. The Governing Council may, at any time, by a 2/3rd vote of all registered member organizations, change the number of members of the Executive Committee, fill vacancies, change any Executive Committee member, or change the powers and the functions of Executive Committee.
5. The Executive Committee is responsible for planning agendas of meetings of the Council and providing for orientation of new Representatives, and has all the powers and authority of the Council in the intervals between meetings of the Council, with all actions taken on behalf of the Council subject to the direction and control of the Council (but not requiring ratification of each action taken).
6. The Executive Committee may vote electronically on issues requiring timely action if it is not possible to convene a meeting.
7. Additional committees may be established as needed by the Chair or by a motion passed by a majority vote of the Council.

Original version

Section A. Committees

1. The Council shall have one standing committee, the Executive Committee.

2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the elected officers and one additional Representative elected by the Council.
3. The term of membership on the Executive Committee will be one year, with no limit on the number of terms served.
4. The Executive Committee is responsible for planning agendas of meetings of the Council and providing for orientation of new Representatives, and has all the powers and authority of the Council in the intervals between meetings of the Council, with all actions taken on behalf of the Council subject to the direction and control of the Council (but not requiring ratification of each action taken).
5. The Executive Committee may vote electronically on issues requiring timely action if it is not possible to convene a meeting.
6. The Council may establish other committees as needed, by a majority vote of the Council.