

**McKinley Community Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, November 15th, 2010, 6:30 p.m. – Center for Families Room #22**

Present: Ricky Venson, John Hemp, Jonathan Rich, Rick Maas, Barbara Kennedy, Yenviset Xiong, Candace Lund, Chris Morris (Staff). Guest: Stacy Sorenson (NRP Representative)

1.) Opening: Ricky Venson, Chair

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Board Chair.

2.) Consent Agenda:

a.) Motion made, seconded and unanimously to approve the proposed agenda for this meeting.

b.) Motion made, seconded and unanimously to approve minutes from the February meeting with specified changes.

3.) Discussion Items & Votes: Various

a.) NRP Phase II action plan:

1. Board reviewed the Phase II plan. Morris and Sorenson answered questions and Sorenson affirmed that the Plan seemed solid. Board expressed gratitude to Morris for outstanding work.

2. Motion made, seconded and unanimously to approve the NRP Phase II action plan

3. Plan will be presented at the 6 Dec. Community meeting for Community approval. Noted that with Community approval the Plan will be presented 20 Dec. for NRP Policy Board approval.

4. Motion made, seconded and unanimously to approve maximum \$125 budget for food/beverages at 6 Dec. Community meeting.

b.) CSA Director hiring status:

1. Rich reported that the Personnel committee is working to have a job description complete by 3 Dec. The Board agreed to an on-line vote to approve the completed description. Board recommended the following things for the job description: salaried position, CSA director reports directly to the Executive Director, and CSA director updates the Board at the monthly meetings.

2. The position will be advertised for two weeks in a broad range of locations. Hiring goal is by the end of 2010.

c.) McKnight Grant application for the CSA:

1. Morris reported that the application was turned down. Sarah Hernandez (McKnight representative for McKinley) encourages us to rework proposal, seek additional grant sources, and resubmit. The Board endorsed continued efforts to acquire this grant.

d.) CPI Update:

1. Maas reported that a meeting with General Mills for continued grant funding will occur 6 Dec. A current effort is focused on how to keep program active year-round. Monthly meetings are held with former participants. Enquiries are already being received about participating in next summer's program. The Step-Up program is the central hiring/acceptance mechanism for applicants. The application period ends in Feb.

e.) City View School:

1. Morris reported that the questions about the future of City View School remain questions. No reliable information is currently available. The Board expressed frustration over this situation, noting that the School's future has a significant impact on the McKinley Community.

4.) Financial Review: John Hemp, Board Treasurer

a.) Financial documents were presented for review. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the October 2010 financial reports.

5.) Staff Update: Morris

a.) McKinley's annual amount under the new NCR system for funding neighborhood organizations has been increased to \$49,000.

b.) A problem properties update will be presented at the Dec. meeting. Staff is waiting on additional data from Hoffstede's office.

c.) The 2011 budget proposal will be presented at the Dec. meeting.

d.) Continue to work on the empty property list.

e.) The property at 3306 Lyndale (former dentist office) is now available for \$50,000. The Board endorsed Staff to visit the property and present details for future Board consideration.

f.) North News reporter wants to interview Morris about the Lowery Market. After discussion the Chair instructed Morris not to grant an interview.

g.) Morris presented situation of a resident home owner in need of a home improvement loan (roof) who does not regularly qualify (bad credit), but also does not qualify for the emergency assistance (earnings too high).

1. McKinley rules establish 50% of MPLS median income as threshold for income qualification. Morris reported that research revealed 75-80% a more usual community standard. Board agreed after discussion that 50% is too low.

2. Motion made, seconded and unanimously to increase the income threshold for the Community Home Improvement Emergency Assistance to 75% of the MPLS median income.

8.) Motion, seconded and unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:00 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Jonathan Rich on 04/05/10.