



SCNA Board

May 8, 2007

Attendees: Chair Lynn Hauger, Vice Chair Jeffrey Strand, Treasurer Gail Anderson, Secretary Brock Hanson, Cheryl Anderson, Virginia Bratton, Brian Hitchcock, Lori Thayer, Guests: Cyndi Harper Metro Transit, Linnea Hackett Jenny Lind Community Ed., Teresa Jensen Public Library, Lori Hanson

1. Welcome and Introductions by Chair Hauger at 6:31pm

2. Note Lucille Pomerleau unable to attend

3. Approval of the agenda:

Add items:

- a. Low Rental Income
- b. Foreclosure
- c. Move Ms. Hackett up on the agenda
- d. Move agenda as amended by Mr. Strand, Mr. Johnson, m-c

4. Jenny Lind Community Education: Linnea Hackett

- a. Distributes a letter regarding July 2,3,4,5,6 new program
- b. 75 Surveys from parents said they would like a morning program
- c. 120 students for mornings
- e. Would provide safe activities for youth
- f. If we could get SCNA to match the LBNA \$500 to help for that week \$1200 Community Ed would match.
- h. 7-1 ratio for youth to staff
- i. Move approval of \$500 from Strategy Community Life B.1.1.2. add addendum and that the school board would support the future of NRP since this is an example of collaboration with the Community Ed. by Jeff Strand, Jeff Johnson, m-c
- j. Hennepin Community Historical Schools handed over to Linnea for the Historical aspect of Shingle Creek Elementary School

5. Mpls Library Systems: Jane and Teresa

- a. Opened two libraries this year
- b. Board has proposed capital budget
- c. CLIC Budget presented
- d. Merger: A lot of positive energy to bring two library systems together would stabilize what's happening in Minneapolis. Without it greater hardship
- e. LGA Funds would go to Hennepin Cty and the City would provide the CLIC funding for renovation
- f. 2.1 million for renovation at Webber. 7th in Priority schedule
- g. Schedule has been approved by Library Board
- h. Tried to time the renovations to help with others being closed
- i. Some rumor about whether this is the best location for Webber Library due to space and programming
- j. Planning, moving out? Renovation? Structural or Procedural
- k. Does it make sense to fill the Webber location and then close it again?
- l. There isn't money to open Webber until the merger occurs
- m. The money for renovation needs to be spent now to preserve the funds
- n. Webber is a small staff and small task to reopen
- o. Any new projects would be shared by Hennepin County moving forward
- p. How old is Webber: 1981, Residents have been in the building and it smells musty, hours are sporadic, this building is Minneapolis Park and Rec building. Have a problem with Lease hold improvements to a building you don't own, Availability is also a problem.
- q. There may be another location that might work better to allow for improvements and keep it within the neighborhood to meet the needs of the community. Shortened hours are a problem.
- r. We don't have to have all 15 libraries open if we have a much better solution to better serve the community. Need more hours.
- s. Salaries difference between the Mpls/HCTy have been an issue at community level
- t. No relationship when the library is open and library union contracts. Pay rate difference effect only 20% of staff by different wage rates
- u. The libraries are going to open but the City has to pay until Hennepin County takes over.

- v. SCNA residents felt the closure of the library very personally. Giving away the bride, City taxpayers will be paying for the system
- w. Trusting the guiding principles that the assets will be transferring to the new entity is unclear at this point.
- x. If merger doesn't happen by December 31, 2008 then all deals are off
- y. If merger doesn't happen, then Webber won't reopen
- z. Mr. Strand reminds attendees \$25,000 earmarked from SCNA
- aa. Residents question if Mpls Libraries have obligations from MPRB?
- bb. We own the building as long as there is a library in there
- cc. Wanted to come and keep you updated on what is really going on

6. Cyndi Harper: Metro Transit

- a. Three routes affected in this NorthWest Metro transit study: Urban local routes reviewed last 2 years
- b. 5 becomes route 22, 22 takes new route down Lyndale
- c. Starts north of Brooklyn Center transfer station to 94 761 reroute: follow local buses
- d. Brochures provide
- e. Bus stops will have a sign posted, some one on ones
- f. Press release in NorthNews and Camden News Bus Bench ads
- g. Ridership is doing well. Want 75 million rides this year. Last year 73 million, 71 year before. Already hit lightrail 2020 goal for ridership
- j. One third comes from fare, motor vehicle sales, State Corporations other third
- k. How can we be more efficient, money saving, if that's case will it be more secure
- l. All changes due to NW Metro transit study.
- m. Want to increase productivity, update bus routes trying to meet new travel patterns
- n. Residents raise security issue: Metro Transit working on hiring police and City/County have more police on routes and Met Transit on the bus. Word is out that the police are on the buses. If you look at overall 10% crime is down
- o. Some concern that it's not like it used to be
- p. SCNA comments that Met Transit should watch out for speeding on 51st
- q. SCNA also comments Osseo Road and 51st very unsafe intersection
- r. Suburban neighbors don't have sidewalks
- s. Brooklyn Center Transit location is this the best location?
- t. What service do you offer to Shingle Creek Commons: have Route 22 issue
- u. Tried to work with City to go to one set of RR crossings
- v. Could route change due to Kingsley Commons going in? Would look into this.

7. Secretary's Report

- a. Minutes April Motion to approve Ms. G. Anderson, Ms. Bratton, m-c

8. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Motion to approve presented report May 2007, Ms. Bratton, Mr. J. Johnson, m-c
- b. 990 and MN Charities paperwork to be signed and submitted for SCNA this year by Chair

9. Housing Contracts

- a. NRP due to 2001 tax reform and the City's budgeting priority, NRP set up a requirement 70% Now with the City's Budget forecast shortfalls would want to go to 50-55%
- b. Or the City Community Engagement will come up with a replacement program but really the City Council is control of the funds
- c. If anything is going to preserve neighborhood organizations will be home improvement loans
- d. Due to the City's forecast projections and recent letter from Bob Miller, Does SCNA want to forego the grant program here? Or change any dollar amounts?
- e. Wouldn't be fair to put a moratorium on those waiting to go to Phase II.
- f. Take out grants, change dollar amounts if we're going to fund NRP Phase II.
- g. All SCNA Phase I loan amounts have been lent out,
- h. Mr. Johnson comments every time we hear from Bob Miller its bad news, and the second thing is the language in his letters seems progressively worse.
- i. The timing seems appropriate that we haven't signed the contracts todate.
- j. Mr. Strand comments he would feel bad about scrapping this contract, but would advocate to hold onto the contract until September 1st to wait and see what the NRP Policy Board and City action will take at that time
- k. The emergency grants could possibly help with mortgage foreclosure
- l. Motion to table the contracting until September or until such a time SCNA has more clarity around future of NRP by Mr. Hitchcock, Ms. G. Anderson, m-c

10. Shingle Creek Clean-up

- a. Thank you to all! From Jeff Johnson
- b. 24 cleanup sites: 2,000 volunteers, 10,000 pounds trash collected city-wide
- c. Owens Corning donates a 36x 48" map

d. Thank you letter will be drafted and sent for the map

11. Sign Contest:

- a. Had one submission, with four color submitted.
- b. Can contact Pat Grant about the sign to see what colors could be used
- c. How soon can we get it printed once Mr. Grant okays? Research needed
- d. Banner with grommets: Fast Sign: could also be investigated with new logo
- e. Move that SCNA accept Ms. Fenlason's submission as first place winner and use this as new logo, letterhead, and alter sign as appropriately Mr. Strand, Mr. Hanson, m-c
- f. Draft a letter and send and invite her to next meeting to honor

12. Election of officers

Mr. Hauger opens the floor to nominations:

- a. **Chair:** Ms. G. Anderson nominates Mr. Jeff Strand for Chair but he respectfully declines this year with his commitments but would accept the Vice Chair or other position, Mr. Hauger nominates Mr. Brock Hanson for Chair
- b. **Vice Chair:** Mr. Strand would accept another post if Mr. Jeff Johnson would accept nomination, Mr. Johnson accepts nomination by Jeff Strand
- c. **Secretary:** Jeff Strand nominated by Brock Hanson
- d. **Treasurer:** Jeff Strand nominates Ms. G Anderson
- e. **Motion nominations cease, three times, by Chair Hauger, m-c nominations cease.**
- f. **Motion to accept the Slate of Officers by Mr. J. Johnson, Ms. Thayer, m-c**
- g. Current Check signers are Mr. Hauger, Mr. Strand, Mr. Johnson,

13. Old/New Business:

- a. **Predatory Lending Saturday:** 1-3pm Cheryl Anderson, Postcards delivered by Ms. Anderson
- b. **School Reuse:** We should take a position on the reuse. We don't need more affordable housing.
Would rather see it as educational use, by nonprofit, training, ELS, something for this school.
- c. Park board is looking for work-out sites due to obesity
- d. General Mills blower goes 24/7 will it run continuously. Can anything be done?
- e. **Shingle Creek school:**
 - i. SCNA opposed to having it as a charter school since there is excessive choice and detrimental to current school system.
 - ii. Just writing a letter isn't strong enough. Need elected official and demand to get involved demanding we stay informed. Sent to School Board, Elected Officials
 - iii. Our SCNA plan, highlights, higher end housing situated in a prime location and use it possibly to enhance the commercial aspects of the neighborhood
 - iv. Would rather have high end housing over parkland.
 - v. Back in 1982 Mpls Schools only lost 10% Citywide in the last 25 years for school population
 - vi. Because there is so much choice due to open enrollment so the balance is off.
 - vii. Lori Hanson: Want to have Mpls Schools to be strong and diversity is great!! Each person send a letter, and talk to the parents. 16 plus neighbors if everyone would write a letter I wish there is something more that we could do. She volunteers to call people.
 - viii. SCNA is strong but not known. Perhaps Shingle Creek needs to form it's own Charter school for the neighborhood
 - ix. Can have safe streets initiative, but busing is an issue.
 - x. Have a draft letter for the School Board

14. Low Income resolution: Mr. Strand

- a. Presents resolution and recuses himself from voting on this issue
- b. Move \$3,600 reduced to \$1,800 more inkeeping B.1.1.3. Senior Community Programs
- c. \$350,000 written off by Common Bond in 2006
- d. The \$1800 from SCNA would be a modest subsidy to help with their quality of life
- e. Who would administer such a resolution to encourage people to move from the neighborhood into Common Bond
- f. Elderly are looking to have services
- g. Hud finances for 62 and older, 55+ and older than bringing in 70's
- h. Can now go to the 52 year older
- i. Motion to have staff do research by Ms. Bratton, Ms. G. Anderson & present at next mtg m-c

15. 11 Million Housing dollars: We want to be sure North Minneapolis get our fair share to have home owner occupancy.

16. Awards of Appreciation

- a. Virginia Bratton honored for her years of service as SCNA Treasurer plaque \$50 giftcard
- b. Jeffrey L. Strand honored for his many years of service as SCNA Chair and Vice Chair with plaque and painting

17. Adjourn at 9:00pm