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## Meeting Minutes - Approved NORTHPORT-WARNER PARK-SHERMAN NEIGHBORHOOD STEERING COMMITTEE

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Thursday, April 24, 2008

6:00 PM

Packers Community Learning Center  
1927 Northport Drive

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 10 -

Lydia S. Maurer; Jodi L. Hanna; Pat Steele; Benjamin C. Cashin; Lorie A. Walker; Cynthia M. Wood; Jolena K. Presti; Mary Schumacher; Karen M. Thompson and Donald B. Bruns

**Excused:** 6 -

Olga Cardenas; Pacia J. Harper; Madeline Scherb; Diane L. Jetzer; Thomas C. Blake and Julie A. Savidusky

**City Alderpersons and Staff:** Alderperson Michael Schumacher (District 18); Alderperson Satya Rhodes-Conway (District 12); Jule Stroick and Linda Horvath (Planning & Community & Economic Development).

**Others:** Betty Thompson; Jenny Carter of the Woodlands and Jacqueline Wilson of Vera Court.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5 minutes)

**In the list of land uses for Land Use Area 5B, delete the word, "unofficial" from the item, "Unofficial dog park." Delete the Public Comment as it came from a Steering Committee member, not a member of the public. A motion was made by Schumacher, seconded by Thompson, to Approve the Minutes with changes noted. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

### 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A small group of Steering Committee members will meet tonight after this meeting at the Pierce's Market coffee shop. All members are invited.
- The Sundance documentary, "The Greening of Southie," is now being shown on cable T.V. This show provides good green building examples from South Boston.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. [09095](#) Assets and Issues

During confirmation of the 8 issues of highest importance, there was disagreement over including Issue #7 Airport Noise and flight patterns diminish quality of life. The Steering Committee decided that more information is needed to determine whether or not this issue remains in the top 8.

**A motion was made by Maurer, seconded by Schumacher to combine Issue #'s 4, 6, and 10. The motion passed by voice vote, other.**

The Steering Committee's list of resource speakers and questions to ask them for each of the 8 issues of highest importance are included in the attached, "Preliminary Issues in Steering Committee Order of Importance with Resource Speakers and Questions to Ask the Speakers."

**A motion was made by Cashin, seconded by Maurer to extend this agenda item by 15 minutes. The motion passed by voice vote, other.**

6. [09720](#) Land Use

The Steering Committee shared what's working and what's not in the Northport and CV corridors. The results of this exercise are included in the attached document, "Aerial Map Exercise". Also during this time, Steering Committee members answered the question, "What could the northside be known for? Stand out? The following are the results:

- Functional/Healthy Diversity
- Warner Park-Open Spaces
- Cherokee Marsh
- Lakeview Hills
- Troy Gardens
- "Top of the City"
- Sustainability
- Building a Healthy Community
- Greenspace and clean lakes (Mendota and marsh)

7. **DISCUSS STRATEGY FOR OBTAINING INPUT FROM UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS (15 minutes)**

The Steering Committee generated the list below of ways to obtain input from underrepresented groups:

List of Steering Committee input ideas beyond what has already been done:

- Develop Public Service Announcements for WORT multi-lingual programs.
- Develop 5 or 6 questions to obtain input and use for all groups that we reach out to (e.g. each SC member take questions to their particular neighborhood).
- Introduce SC to neighborhood associations, ask to attend meetings and share questions.
- Invite Kennedy Heights residents to our Steering Committee meetings by introducing our group to Kazoua Moua Thao.
- Community festivals (Cinquo de Mayo, etc.).

- Share information and ask for input at WPCRC concerts.
- Ask youth to evaluate the highest importance issues.
- Identify and connect with informal leaders (e.g. invite Hmong residents to attend meetings or ask to be included in their group meetings through Hmong leaders).
- Dryden Terrace.
- Share information with and ask for input from all food pantries - Lakeview Lutheran, St. Paul's etc.
- Connect with youth through the schools and library.
- Attend Kennedy Heights Spring Fling with multi-lingual planning materials - bring aerial photos to use in an exercise.
- Find out when other groups hold meetings and find out if we can be on their agendas.
- Setup table at Farmer's Market.
- NE Senior Coalition, ask to attend Bingo and share information and ask for input.
- Northside Business Association.
- Northside News.

## **8. NEXT STEPS**

- Meeting location logistics/communications - the Steering Committee discussed advantages and disadvantages of current and future meeting locations:
  - Northport Center (parking might be tough, could park at Popeye's)
  - Room layouts difficult at some of the locations.
  - Warner Park Community Recreation Center meeting rooms for Open House offered great space. Would provide more space, consistent location, better parking situation for the upcoming Steering Committee meetings.
  - Space affects ability of committee to do job.
  - Outreach to community can help fill void of not holding meetings at all neighborhood community centers.
  - Enjoyed being in variety of community centers.
- The Steering Committee decided to change its upcoming schedule of meeting locations as shown on the attached schedule.
- Develop agenda for Steering Committee meeting that will take place Thursday May 8, at the Northport Community Learning Center, 1740 Northport Drive, 6:30 p.m:
  - Continue land use discussion.
  - Followup on broader outreach.
  - Report back on Kennedy Heights Spring Fling.
  - Issues matrix.
  - Facilitation.
  - Tours of community centers.

## **9. CHECKOUT**

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Wood, to Adjourn at 8:12 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.