

## **Memorandum**

Date: July 22, 2008

To: Policy Board Members and Alternates

From: Robert D. Miller, Director

Subject: Information on Community Interest Members

At the Policy Board meeting on April 28 members of the Board expressed some concerns about the declining level of attendance by some of the Community Interest members of the Board. As a result, the Board directed me to “query Community Interest Policy Board member organizations that have been absent at three or more consecutive meetings of the Policy Board to ascertain those organizations’ interest, or lack thereof, in holding their positions”.

To be fair and comprehensive, I sent a letter (attached) on May 7 to all five of the Community Interest organizations. The results are as follows:

- **United Way:** I received a phone call from the United Way expressing their interest in continuing on the Policy Board and their confidence in Dave Ellis to serve as their representative.
- **Building Trades Council:** I received a phone call from Bill McCarthy indicating strong interest in continuing on the Board and having Ken Kelash serve as their representative.
- **Minneapolis Foundation:** I received a phone call from the Minneapolis Foundation indicating that they were no longer interested in serving on the Board.
- **Minneapolis Chamber:** I received an email on behalf of Todd Klingel indicating that he would no longer be able to continue to serve on the Policy Board and offering to find one of their board members as an alternate.
- **Urban Coalition:** The Urban Coalition has ceased to exist.

With all of the discussion that has occurred as part of the development of the “Framework for the Future” about the composition of a governing board for the proposed

new neighborhood and community engagement program and department, it is my recommendation that the Policy Board thank the Minneapolis Chamber and the Minneapolis Foundation for their support of the Policy Board and the neighborhoods of Minneapolis, remove them as members of the Board, declare their seats vacant and use this opportunity to review its own composition to determine what, if any, changes should be made in the Board's membership. The seat for the Urban Coalition should also be declared vacant and left unfilled.

I am, therefore, recommending that the Board consider the following action:

**RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP ) Policy Board ("Board") expresses their appreciation to the Minneapolis Chamber and the Minneapolis Foundation for their service on the Board and their support of NRP;**

**RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Chair send a letter of appreciation to the Minneapolis Chamber and Minneapolis Foundation on behalf of the Board;**

**RESOLVED FURTHER, that these seats on the Board and the seat previously filled by the Urban Coalition be declared and left vacant;**

**RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Chair appoint a Committee of the Board of three members (an elected official, a neighborhood representative and a community interest representative) to review the Joint Powers and By Laws provisions on membership to provide any recommendations for changes to the Board for its August meeting.**