



DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Date/Time: April 13, 2016 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Location: NCPRD Aquatic Park

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Citizen Participation***
- III. Consent Agenda –**
 - a. Approve March 9, 2016 meeting minutes
- IV. Discussion Agenda – No Action Required**
 - a. Old Business
 - i. Governance and District Reformation
 - ii. Happy Valley Update
 - b. New Business - None
- V. Business Agenda – Action Required**
 - a. Review FY 2016-2017 Proposed Budget
 - i. **Staff is seeking a recommendation to forward the proposed FY 2016-2017 budget to the NCPRD Budget Committee for review & approval.**
 1. Review the proposed FY 2016-2017 CIP and recommend a priority ranking.
- VI. Director Comments**
- VII. DAB Member Comments**
- VIII. Adjournment**

*Citizen Participation is limited to 3 minutes per citizen – If Comments are related to an agenda item, please wait until it is before the District Advisory Board



**DISTRICT ADVISORY NCPRD BOARD
SPECIAL SESSION
Meeting Minutes**

Date: March 9, 2016
Time: 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Location: NCPRD Aquatic Center

1) Chair David Noble called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. A Quorum was Present.

DAB members present: David Noble, Wilda Parks, Robin Condie, Lynn Fisher, and Suzanne Montalbano;
Absent: Michael Morrow, Bill Bersie, Susan McCarty, and Sharon Koester

NCPRD Staff members present: No NCPRD Sr. Staff were present at this meeting

NCPRD Board members present: Commissioner Paul Savas

Guests: Dick Shook – Former DAB Member and current District Resident

2) Consent Agenda (Action)

A. Approval of February 10, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

- Motion: Suzanne Montalbano
- 2nd: Lynn Fisher
- Changes: None
- Yeas: 5 Abstain: 0 – Motion Carried

B. Motion to approve staff recommendation to appoint John Smolinsky to the Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board (C/CAB):

- Motion: Wilda Parks
- 2nd: Lynn Fisher
- Changes: None
- Yeas: 5 Abstain: 0 – Motion Carried

3) Discussion Agenda (No Action Required)

Chair Noble introduced the agenda item by first clarifying for DAB members present that due to changes in the meeting structure and staff availability for the current meeting, he requested Director Barth allow him to take lead on the Agenda topics. Current monthly protocol is more of a collaborative approach with District staff requesting the DAB Chair input and approval of proposed agenda items.

Chair Noble elected to focus discussions on a resurgence of the topic of independent governance, previously addressed in the ballot measure attempt of November 2014.

Chair Noble expressed the opinion that many of the Districts current challenges are symptomatic of governance issues. He cited examples related to relationships with our partner cities, SDC methodologies, funding for various opportunities, amongst others. He opened the floor to DAB members present to discuss the reasons why they believe the prior attempt at a governance change failed, and what we might do differently if we tried again.

Discussion:

Wilda Parks – Heard through her constituents that the last attempt failed in part due to a lack of education and understanding about what the measure meant specifically to District residents. There was a lack of specificity around what projects the community could expect to see in exchange for the funding. Also the inclusion of the election of Board Members was presumptive and made the process very confusing for most people.

Lynn Fisher – It was simply too confusing and the NCPRD Board didn't listen to the DAB recommendations. The measure asked for too much money and throwing in the election of a new Board was too much. On the positive side, the loss was not significant at only 54% - 46%.

Chair Noble – Also heard it was too complicated and too much money

Commissioner Savas – Heard that half the district felt disenfranchised at the time of the ballot measure and the effort was not embraced.

Chair Noble asked for ideas and thoughts on how the DAB could help drive a new attempt to affect change and make this measure a success.

Ideas:

Suzanne Montalbano – It might be helpful to model another District in the State and make a correlation in the education of our constituents. Structure our efforts logically but be creative and engaging.

Wilda Parks – Be specific on the ballot about what we can and will provide in exchange for the effort. If it is governance only, make sure to provide a value that is tangible. If it includes a tax increase, even a small one, tell them what they can expect, SPECIFICALLY, for it.

Commissioner Savas – Governance and bureaucracy don't resonate, focus on the project and let governance be a side effect. Give the citizens something to be excited about.

Robin Condie – Make sure the District house is in order first. Resolve outstanding issues with Happy Valley and make sure our new Director is passionate and driven to see the effort succeed. Make sure our partner cities embrace the effort with us. [Note from Director Barth: Staff cannot advocate for ballot measures. Their role is limited to information and education only.]

Lynn Fisher – If we are going to ask for governance we might as well ask for \$.10 at the same time. All of the polls supported the number and it would allow us to provide the residents something to be excited about. If we wait until there are no other taxes on the ballot it will never happen because there are always competing taxes.

Chair Noble – Advocates for governance only but will support a \$.10 tax if that is what the rest of the DAB would like to pursue. He is concerned that funding may become too political. Commissioner Savas reiterated that a focus on the projects was key.

All DAB members present agreed that full Advisory Board participation and engagement was critical to a success of a second effort.

Next Steps:

- Chair Noble will take the feedback to Director Barth and review the meeting minutes with him when they are prepared.
- An unofficial poll of members present recommended by a vote of 4 to 1 that the effort include a \$.10 ask as well as independent governance.
- Maintain a standing Governance Discussion item on future monthly meeting agendas as DAB members continue to determine and refine their work plan and recommendations on the topic.

4) Division Updates:

Chair Noble reminded DAB members that all Division updates are in their packets.

DAB Members discussed the need for review of Division updates in future meetings and asked that the item be moved to Consent agenda for review and approval as is. The chair will ask members for any questions, followed by any specific critical updates by staff, after which he will call for a motion to accept of the reports as written.

Additionally, DAB members asked for more input as a body on future agendas. They will collectively and individually advise the Chair of any items they would like to discuss and he will collaborate with the Director to ensure the Agenda reflects everyone's input.

Adjourn: 6:02 p.m.