

MEETING MINUTES - Revitalizing Neighborhoods Committee 11/18/08

**I. Call to Order/Introductions**

Present: Chris, John Gussenbauer, Jill Meyer, Russ Lewis, Carol Townsend, Frank Lynn, Kim VanDyk, Kevin Wesselink, Pamela Benjamin, Mike William, Christine Helms-Maletic

Christine Helms-Maletic, secretary, called the meeting to order at 9:35am.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes approved.

**III. Review Proposed Indicators**

**A. Comments**

- Add "and Neighborhood Business Districts" to the second sentence of the description of Indicator I, after "Downtown."
- In section II, add a preference for rehabilitation of existing housing stock rather than demolition and construction of new housing, where feasible.
- Under Indicators for section II, change the third indicator (economic diversity) to read " . . . approximates the income distribution of the County as a whole."
- The first indicator under III should be "1/4 mile" rather than "1/2" mile to a transit line and the second bullet should include redevelopment as well as new development.
- Under Section IV the second indicator should be measured per driving age occupant; the third indicator should refer to the restoration of native habitat in parks; and a bullet should be added regarding the assessment of a neighborhood's tree canopy.
- For Section V several indicators were discussed as possible addition to those already listed: "leaky bucket" cash flow assessments into and out of a given area, the number of locally owned businesses (using Local First data), the variety and types of services available (possibly using LEED for Neighborhood Development standards), and the number of banks or Community Development Corporations reinvesting into central-city neighborhoods.

**B. Next Steps**

The subcommittee that developed the indicators will re-convene to work on ideas for the measurement of each of the indicators. This draft will be emailed out to the entire RNC for consideration prior to the next meeting.

**C. Implementation**

The RNC will consider how to implement the measurement and potential interventions to improve neighborhood's "scores."

**IV. December Meeting**

The subcommittee will determine whether there is a need for a December RNC meeting following the United Growth Coalition Holiday Breakfast. The RNC will be alerted via email if a meeting is called.

**V. Calendar of Activities**

Carol has a draft of activities for the RNC to consider in 2009.

**V. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:00

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Helms-Maletic  
Secretary