



Community Relations Board

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**Community Relations Board
General Meeting**

Thursday, September 11, 2008

2nd Floor Conference Room
5:30pm – 7:00pm

**FINAL
Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Gerike and began at 5:36pm.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Bre Austin, Orman Gordon, John Garry, Steven Gerike, Brent Hepp, Jessica Hermann-Wilmarth

Members Not Present: Kevin Ford (excused), James Rodbard (excused), and Mary Watson (unexcused)

Others Present: Fay Peek (Acting City Liaison/Assistant City Manager), David Anderson (Commission Liaison), Alfrelynn Roberts (via conference call)

III. Public Comment

No public comment

IV. Approval of Agenda – September 11, 2008

Approved without amendment

V. Approval of Minutes – August 14, 2008

Approved with changes listed below:

- Bre Austin (Present)
- Jessica Hermann Wilmarth (Excused) Absence

VI. Discussion of Agenda Items

VII. On-Going Issues

A. Community Budget Forums Re Cap

Final Report to City Manager – Delivered

- CRB discussed final report submitted the City Manager regarding the Blueprint for Action. Group would like to receive follow-up information regarding the status of the FY 2009 budget process

B. Community Forums in the Future

- Members had a candid conversation regarding the community forum process, purpose of group and impact CRB would like to have on the community. Each members was given a neighborhood to schedule future community forums:
 - Steve – Edison & Milwood
 - Bre – Northside & Eastside
 - Erma – Arcadia & Vine
 - Jessica – Winchell & Oakwood
 - John – Westside
- City Liaison will begin scheduling city department leaders to come and speak to the group regarding various city services
- CRB also expressed interest in meeting with Chief Hadley
- A sub-committee was formed to discuss formalizing the forum process

C. Other Discussion

- Ms. Wilmarth requested that CRB revisit some of the other projects that were set aside because of the budget centered community forums

VIII. Community Involvement

No Discussion

IX. Other Business/Announcements

No Discussion

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

DATE: Thursday, October 9, 2008 · **LOCATION:** Community Room (Room 202) – City Hall 2nd Floor · **TIME:** 5:30pm – 7pm