

Vacant Property Coordinating Council
Meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 2005, 12:00 Noon
Draft Minutes – subject to approval at the next meeting

Attendees:

Ed Rybka, Assistant Planning Director, City of Cleveland
Chris Ronayne, Mayor's Chief of Staff, City of Cleveland
Councilman Jay Westbrook, City of Cleveland
City Council staff Bob Jackimowicz, City of Cleveland
Treasurer Jim Rokakis, Cuyahoga County
Paul Herdeg, Community Development Department, Cuyahoga County
Judge Raymond Pianka, Cleveland Housing Court
Mikelann Rensel, CNDC
Mary Helen Petrus, CNDC
Eric Hoddersen, NPI
Frank Ford, NPI

Following discussion, there was agreement among the participants on the following items:

- The consensus of opinion was that a Coordinating Council is a good idea.
- The Coordinating Council should endorse the Crossroads report.
- For now the Council should remain small, with the exception of inviting the Chairperson of the First Suburbs Consortium.
- Additional participants would be brought in as needed, or at the "working group" level.
- There will be a need for staffing, and CNDC, or NPI, or some combination of both should be considered.
- The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Wednesday, July 20, 12:00 noon
- Purpose of the next meeting
 - identify the high priority issues to tackle
 - determine which working groups should be established
 - consider who should be recruited for those working groups
 - discuss how the council should be staffed
 - review an outline for a funding proposal

Next Steps - in preparation for the next meeting:

- Everyone was asked to review a worksheet with a list of action items (see attached electronic copy)
- And come prepared with their thoughts on which are high priority, and whether the list is missing anything
- NPI will work on an outline of a proposal for funders
- NPI and CNDC will have a discussion about staffing