



## **RESOLUTION ADOPTING PRELIMINARY FRAMEWORK FOR CEDAR RIVERSIDE WORKFORCE CENTER**

WHEREAS, the Cedar Riverside Partnership is committed to working collaboratively to identify and mobilize long-term, strategic investments to promote a vibrant Cedar Riverside neighborhood as a safe and healthy place to live, learn, work, and play;

WHEREAS, the Partnership has identified that young adults in Cedar Riverside ages 18-25 are often lacking important resources and support to advance their education and find employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, the Partnership has identified potential public and private resources that could align to provide support for a Cedar Riverside Workforce Center as a location for integrated education and job counseling and placement resources, including:

- Strong history of Augsburg College, the University of Minnesota, Fairview, and St. Catherine University in partnership with HealthForce Minnesota to provide Scrubs Camp opportunities for Cedar Riverside youth to immerse high school students in a vision of college and healthcare careers;
- Hennepin County's work with the University of Minnesota to envision 21<sup>st</sup> Century library resources for Cedar Riverside and other Southeast Minneapolis neighborhoods;
- Sherman Associates' participation in the West Broadway Education and Career Center, which reflects a public private partnership approach to a workforce center;
- Fairview Health Service's offer of approximately 7,000 square feet of office space in the Smiley building;
- Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development's investment and expertise in workforce centers and data on the needs of Cedar Riverside residents;
- Minneapolis Community & Technical College's "MCTC Works" software package to provide real-time job and career path information in a user-friendly environment; and
- Expressions of interest by the Department of Justice in Minneapolis as one of three pilot sites for investment of resources in East African youth.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cedar Riverside Partnership hereby directs its Counsel to provide support to explore the development of a Cedar Riverside Workforce Center as follows:

1. Determine the feasibility and interest of key partners in hosting a job fair within the next three months for Cedar Riverside residents, targeting especially persons ages 18-25; and
2. Prepare a report to the Partnership by the end of the first quarter of 2015 on the feasibility of a workforce center in Cedar Riverside, including the following elements:
  - a. Clear statement of mission and purpose;
  - b. Specific statement of services, resources and activities;
  - c. Preliminary budget with cost estimates for critical services and activities;
  - d. Confirmation of participating partners and identification of partner resource commitments;
  - e. Schedule for further planning and development; and
  - f. Identification of lead partner.



Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Pribbenow, Chair

Date: November 13, 2014