



RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT CREATING A YOUTH SERVICE PROVIDER COLLABORATIVE

WHEREAS, the Cedar Riverside neighborhood has a higher population density than the rest of Minneapolis, with a significantly greater number of children under 18, and substantially higher poverty level than the City average; the Cedar Riverside Partnership has consistently recognized that expanded community center facilities are an identified need in Cedar Riverside, in particular for youth programming space;

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2014, the Partnership adopted a Resolution to Affirm Youth Programming Needs and Priorities, highlighting that these issues have been researched and analyzed extensively in recent years, including studies that provide in depth research and recommendations about the interrelated issues of early childhood education, youth programming, workforce development and community space; the Partnership found that it is clear that Cedar Riverside does not lack for research that documents existing needs, program information, or recommendations for moving forward; rather the real challenge is that hardly any of the recommendations from these many studies have been implemented;

WHEREAS, numerous studies completed by the CHANCE program and others prior to 2014 have documented the common refrain for increased coordination and collaboration between the various programs in Cedar Riverside, recommending that various organizations “get on the same page” regarding space and programming needs, yet changes are slow to occur;

WHEREAS, programs are the most successful when staff are able to spent time not only on basic program coordination but also acting as a *connector* – a person with a personal relationship with program participants who can act as a trusted advisor, helping participants step by step with program enrollment and mentor them through a program;

WHEREAS, the overarching recommendation in the CHANCE study, *Connecting the Dots: Empowering Young Adults in Cedar Riverside*, is to form a Youth Service Provider Collaborative in Cedar Riverside, similar to the collaboratives convened by the Youth Coordinating Board (YCB) in other parts of Minneapolis;

WHEREAS, at the July 1st Partnership meeting, YCB staff expressed interest in exploring a potential youth service provider collaborative in Cedar Riverside and have had several positive conversations to date about a future collaborative;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cedar Riverside Partnership hereby supports efforts by the YCB and others to realize a Youth Service Provider Collaborative that serves Cedar Riverside;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Partnership will convene an Implementation Committee meeting in January for the purpose of gathering together youth service providers to define a vision for a Collaborative and will continue to support the YCB efforts in making a Collaborative a reality.

Attest: _____
Paul Pribbenow, Chair

Date: November 13, 2014