



**RESOLUTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS POLICY
ON SELF-MANAGED SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS, the Cedar Riverside Partnership has committed to focus on initiatives that have identifiable support through neighborhood and community planning (as expressed in such plans as the Cedar Riverside Small Area Plan and the Cedar Riverside NRP Action Plan), including safety, transit and transportation infrastructure, economic development, and youth;

WHEREAS, the Partnership adopted a resolution to endorse a Partnership focus on the Riverside Avenue Streetscape and the CHANCE Special Service District Study on December 21, 2010 to consider ways to improve Riverside Avenue and to support the student consultant team working on the CHANCE Special Service District Study that prepared a series of estimates of the services and costs for a Special Service District in Cedar Riverside which were refined based on Partnership input;

WHEREAS, the Partnership adopted a resolution on May 23, 2011 to endorse the concept of a Cedar Riverside Special Service District, support further outreach and support the preparation of a petition, based on the results of the CHANCE student study on the Feasibility of a Special Service District in the Cedar Riverside neighborhood;

WHEREAS, the West Bank Business Association (WBBA) believes that a self-managed special service district would have support from local businesses whereas a regular special service district would not because a self-managed district would allow for daily monitoring and adjustment of services as needed; the evaluation of streetscape furniture locations and relocation if needed; the ability to set and manage goals for the maximum time until graffiti is removed; the option of adjusting the scope of services as needed; and more flexibility to be able to hire locally;

WHEREAS, at the March 12, 2012 Partnership meeting, the Partnership acknowledged the strong WBBA preference for self-managed special service district and agreed to move forward a timely manner with the implementation of the West Bank Improvement District, a self-managed special service district, preferably by January of 2013;

WHEREAS, the at its August 29, 2012 meeting, the Partnership agreed to discuss the proposed policy on self-managed Special Services Districts that would affect and provide comments on the draft policy which was anticipated to be shared in November 2012;

WHEREAS, the Partnership adopted a resolution on November 16, 2012 to request to the City that the West Bank Improvement District move forward as a pilot demonstration project pending development of City policy on self-managed districts due to the delay in the City's policy process on self-managed special service districts;



WHEREAS, Cedar Riverside Partnership staff provided initial comments on the City's self-managed policy process in a letter dated February 8, 2013 based on the Partnership's experience working with the WBBA to create the WBID;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cedar Riverside Partnership hereby expresses its support for a self-managed special service district policy that can create the conditions for successful districts and that includes the following provisions:

Governance

- A good faith effort should be made to ensure that the district board composition reflects the district, which may include contributing nonprofit, residential and institutional participants;
- The district board may be the same or different from the board of the managing entity and in the event that the two differ, the ordinance that creates the district should establish a formal relationship between the board and the managing entity;

Management


- A sole-sourced contract may be used if it is recommended by the district board members and the local City Council Member;
- Annual meetings will follow open meeting law requirements and the managing entity should ensure that the district board, operating plan, annual work plan and annual budget are available to the public;

Service Procurement

- Self-managed districts should be exempt from City contracting requirements;
- Self-managed districts should follow living wage rate requirements but not prevailing wage rate requirements;
- Self-managed districts should be required to have affirmative action plans and should be required to include businesses on the small and underutilized business list when soliciting proposals;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Partnership hereby requests the Minneapolis City Council to include the provisions listed above in its future City policy on self-managed special service districts.

Attest:


Paul Pribbenow, Chair

Date: February 20, 2013