



**RESOLUTION TO REQUEST CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL  
FOR WEST BANK IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
AS PILOT DEMONSTRATION PENDING  
DEVELOPMENT OF CITY POLICY**

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 and the student consultant team working on the CHANCE Special Service District Study prepared a series of estimates of the services and costs for a Special Service District in Cedar Riverside that 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 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, the Department of City Planning and Economic Development has provided the West Bank Business Association with Great Streets funding for the purpose of establishing the West Bank Improvement District in a timely manner;

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 with the implementation of self-managed special service district a timely manner, preferably by January of 2013;

WHEREAS, between March and June 2012, the Department of Public Works advised the WBID organizing committee that the time requirements for the approval of self-managed special service district require all documentation and public process to be completed by April of the year prior to a district start and that support for the WBID should be gathered over 2012, documentation and



public process would need to be completed prior to April 2013 and the district start date would be January 1, 2014;

WHEREAS, at the June 22, 2012 Partnership meeting, the Department of Public Works shared that it planned to complete a policy report on self-managed special service districts by October 2012 and the Partnership strongly encouraged Public Works staff to ensure that the policy report process does not delay the implementation of the WBID and requested to comment on the policy report;


WHEREAS, the Partnership understands that policy guidance on self-managed special service districts is seen as desirable by the City as it does not currently exist, however at this time the draft policy report on self-managed special service districts had not been shared with the public and the completion date is currently unknown;

WHEREAS, a delay in moving the West Bank Improvement District forward would result in lost time, effort and momentum that is not desirable to the stakeholders of the neighborhood and neither serves City nor neighborhood interests;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cedar Riverside Partnership hereby expresses its support for continuing to complete the petition process as necessary for the West Bank Improvement District to start service on January 1, 2014;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Partnership hereby requests the Minneapolis City Council to treat the West Bank Improvement District petition as a pilot demonstration to inform future development of a City policy on self-managed special service districts.

Attest:

  
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Paul Pribbenow, Chair

Date: November 16, 2012