UNP Community Affairs Committee Brief

Companion to agenda for UNP Community Affairs Committee meetings.

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UPDATES

UROC-UNP UPDATES

Urban Research and Outreach/Engagement Center Updates

- UROC is currently reviewing responses to the RFP for its Strategic Plan; we hope to begin the process in June. Part of the process will include discussions with UNP partners about how this group should continue to function and the appropriate governance structure.
- The RFP for the Architect for the UROC space is available for viewing at Capital Planning and Project Management Website (www.cppm.umn.edu/rfp.html) and the Office for Business, Community and Economic Development (http://www.bced.umn.edu/).
- UROC seeks UNP partners interested in submitting letters of support for our proposal to the Bush Foundation. The final proposal is due in July. We have incorporated comments submitted by participants of this committee. A version of the most recent draft will be sent to those UNP partners who will provide letter of support. Please contact Makeda, if you are interested.
- The ED of UROC is scheduled to visit Barbara and Edward Netter Center for Community Partnership at the University of Pennsylvania from June 10-11, 2008; the Center is considered a national model for community engagement.

FIPSE Grant to Support activities for UROC

Introduction of Martin Adams and summer updates... Three workgroups: Vital Communities, Urban a=Wellness and Human Talent have been meeting on a regular basis to address the focus of the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE). For more information on the FIPSE-UROC grant please contact Geoff Maruyama at geoff@umn.edu or (612) 625-5861.
CENTER FOR URBAN & REGIONAL AFFAIRS (CURA)  
-- Northside Seed Grants (NSG) Spring Round of Competition  
These seed grants support community organizations that operate programs serving residents of the Minneapolis Northside community by providing student research assistants and faculty researchers to carry out neighborhood-initiated and neighborhood-guided projects. The program provides approximately 200 hours of student time to work on a project defined by the community (260 hours during the summer.) Applications are available online at the Center for Urban & Regional Affairs (CURA) website:  http://www.cura.umn.edu/NSG.php  For more information contact Kris Nelson, the University-Northside Partnership Seed Grant coordinator, by phone at 612-625-1020 or by e-mail at ksn@umn.edu. Next deadline: June 15, 2008

The Foreclosure Resource Survey  
The Foreclosure Resource Survey was a result of a meeting between the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs and the City of Minneapolis. The survey was developed with assistance from the Minnesota Foreclosure Partners Council and distributed to many organizations throughout the State of Minnesota. The focus of this presentation is an overview of responses to date, the types of services organizations are involved in and a statistical analysis of the results. The goal is to have this be an open, on-going survey to collect information on organizations involved in foreclosure work which will ultimately be available in a web-based format to everyone.

Twin Cities Daily Planet  
The Twin Cities Daily Planet is a daily newspaper showcasing the best work of the neighborhood and community press, as well as work by independent journalists and the voices of engaged citizens. The Twin Cities Daily Planet is an experiment in participatory journalism, built on a partnership between professional journalists and individual citizens. Collectively, the residents of the Twin Cities have far more expertise and insight than can be found in any one newsroom. The premise of the TC Daily Planet is that new technologies make it possible for these citizens to become more active and powerful participants in the news production process. One goal of the Daily Planet is to harness that community intelligence and enable individuals to share information and work together for the common good. The TC Daily Planet is a project of the Twin Cities Media Alliance

Employment and Volunteer Opportunities  
North Minneapolis Meals on Wheels  
Looking for volunteers who can do personal interviews of Seniors in their home in the Month of May. Applicants must have their own automobile.

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