1 2 3 4		Community Engagement Commission Meeting Minutes September 10, 2015
5 6 7 8	Commissioners:	Scot Becker, Gary Grefenberg, Sherry Sanders, Jonathan Miller, Michelle Manke and Ebony Adedayo.
9	Commissioners Absent: Theresa Gardella	
11 12	Staff Present:	Garry Bowman
13 14 15	Others Present:	Lisa McCormick (part of meeting)
16 17	Call to Order	
18 19 20 21	A quorum of Commissioners being present, the Community Engagement Commission meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Scot Becker.	
22 23	Approve Agenda	
24 25	Chair Becker asked if there were any changes or amendments to the Agenda as mailed to the Commission; no one wished to amend the agenda.	
262728	Commissioner Gary Grefenberg asked to add Discussion regarding a presentation by the Gavel Club.	
29 30 31	Commissioner Sherry Sanders indicated the letter sent by Roger Hess should be discussed.	
32 33	Commissioner Michelle Manke stated she would like to discuss a Welcome Packet.	
34 35 36	Commissioner Becker moved and Commissioner Grefenberg seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.	
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42 43 44 45	table, how is their co concerns with minute clarifications are add	omment removed. Chair Becker indicated there are a number of quality es and in the course of doing that, there are times that corrections or led based on the context of the conversation. He stated they received a little at particular section so he removed the edits and left them as transcribed.
46	Chair Becker reviewed how the minutes are reviewed and edited.	

Commissioner Sanders stated on line 248, sometimes the edits get really crowded because the type is in black and then they have blue, green and red, which is kind of confusing. She stated she knew Diane said things but then they are crossed out in blue and she wondered who was responsible for blue. Chair Becker did not see any changes to the minutes in the packet and he wondered if she had the correct packet. Commissioner Sanders indicated she had the old packet and her comments should be disregarded.

Commissioner Grefenberg stated on line 252 there is a grammatical error and on line 251 the word "and' should be deleted.

Commissioner Manke moved and Commissioner Adedayo seconded a motion to approve the July 9, 2015 meeting minutes as amended. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Sanders stated there were things brought up at the table that are not in these minutes so she wondered what the protocol was. Chair Becker stated the minutes are reviewed by a third party and they create the minutes and then the Commission will review them and make changes. It is likely in the course of transcribing; they summarize and don't always include verbatim minutes. He stated sometimes the items being summarized are items of substance and sometimes they are subjective.

Commissioner Sanders stated there were comments from Lisa McCormick that were not in the minutes. Chair Becker stated no changes were made and what is in the minutes was submitted by the transcriber. He reviewed a few grammatical and name corrections.

Commissioner Sanders indicated the minutes did not match the video. Chair Becker indicated the minutes will not be an exact match to the video tape of the last meeting; if there are items of content she would like submitted then she should do that at this time or the minutes could be tabled to be reviewed further.

Commissioner Grefenberg passed out some changes to the minutes he would like reviewed and included in the minutes.

Commissioner Sanders thought if a resident spoke to the Commission then their words should be recorded. Chair Becker agreed. Commissioner Manke stated it is rare to find minutes verbatim from what is said, it is just to capture generally the essence of what transpired which is why they also videotape the meeting. Commissioner Grefenberg stated the minutes are not a direct transcription and never have been.

Commissioner Sanders moved and Commissioner Grefenberg seconded a motion to table the August 13, 2015 meeting minutes for additional information and review. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Grefenberg stated he had two concerns with the minutes as transcribed by
TimeSaver. They do not adhere to the recently enacted Universal Commission Code. He stated

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92 for example, there is a heading on line 652 "Recap of Commission Actions This Meeting" which only states, "The Commission Recapitulated the Commission Actions". This part of the minutes 93 94 was very important to him so he would ask that TimeSaver to not take the easy way out but to actually state what the items recapitulated were. He also noted that TimeSaver did not 95 adequately cover Jerry Stoner's report and that is why in the packet there are some additions. 96

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- The recently enacted Commission Code says Commission minutes "shall be detailed in the same way as the City Council minutes are written".
- 99 Chair Becker stated he would like to discuss at a future date how they do the meeting minutes 100 corrections. The process they have been following to date has been to have the Operations 101 102 Committee look at them as a group and submit revisions to save time. Otherwise, they found there were enough changes where it took a long time to go through it at Commission meetings. 103 Based on some feedback they have gotten with maybe too many edits, he tried to pare it back a 104 little but now there are sections that Commission members feel should be detailed more in-depth. 105 He felt the delegation was working fairly well until they got into stylistic changes. He also 106 thought it was worth revisiting how they go about the minutes. He stated he personally did not 107

want to re-watch the meeting or read sentence for sentence to find out what is missing. He 108 indicated he did not know what the happy medium was but will see where things could go. 109

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Commissioner Grefenberg indicated the yellow highlighting in the minute changes he handed out are not stylistic. They are substantive. He added that it was important that every Commissioner review the minutes especially when a Commissioner's comments were recorded, which is what he has done.

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Ms. Lisa McCormick, Wheeler Street, stated she had several items and indicated she would appreciate knowing who was on the Operations Committee regarding correcting the minutes. She appreciated the acknowledgement from the Commission that there are quality issues with the current transcription service and she would assert that there are quality issues especially given the change with the Universal Commission Code. She suggested another vendor be chosen. She thought it was burdensome to watch the video, likewise for the residents who haven't formally signed up for a Commission, for them to come, make comments, and then not have them be accurately reported because the minutes control the record.

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Ms. McCormick stated she has been thinking about this Community Engagement Commission and she would appreciate knowing what this is about, what for. You hear you want outreach, you want to get other people involved but for what. She would like some fly on the wall, the what for, and why explanations as they talk about some projects because if people feel welcome, respected, and honored, she thought they will show up. When they take time to come up and make public comment on issues, if that is not respected and considered, that sends a message.

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Ms. McCormick stated as far as the draft minutes, she will make corrections. She noticed that in 134 July, she came in and made a correction and that was not included in these minutes. August 135 minutes on lines 153 and 154, Sherry made a point to clarify that she was speaking about staff 136

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liaison, not volunteers, yet the minutes say volunteers. Line 158 to 171, she also noted a discrepancy in Mr. Stoner's presentation. She felt it did not accurately reflect the conversation. During her public comments, starting on line 203, there was over one minute of conversation that was left out and to that point, she thought it was very substantive and she admits that it can be subjective but she was talking about why she started the neighborhood association because she heard story after story of neighbors, and these were not necessarily neighbors who were comprised of under-represented, marginalized group but average neighbors that felt discounted and they did not have a voice that was listened to or honored. Her commitment when she started the neighborhood association was to bring forward a structure for reengagement and out of that, she formed the neighborhood association. She brought neighborhood leadership together, contacted the City and brought next door leads together for their first ever meeting so they could get to know each other and form a network of leads. She thought many people might remember that she talked about initially being a big proponent of the task force, however, that she no longer agreed with the direction it was taking. She thought that was a significant statement that was, it is not that it was edited, it was just left out. She used an analogy about you can paint a house and do a really good job and it could be the wrong house, and that was totally not there. She finds that very disturbing, that so much was ignored and not even included. Going on, she just wanted to give a shout out on line 427, there was discussion about next door tips being prepared and shared among the leads and she would like to give credit to Kathy Ramundt who actually took on that project and wrote the vast majority of the document. There were some edits and contributions of one or two tips by other leads but she actually did a great majority of that work.

Ms. McCormick stated on line 41, she took issue with the fact that Commission Grefenberg stated there was currently discussion raised by herself and others that the Council should develop a Core Value Statement, which in their Task Force report they adopted the IAP2, which she believed was an inaccurate statement and at least a misrepresentation. She did not believe that she ever recommended the Council adopt the Core Value Statement. She stated at that meeting, the Task Force was asked to consider adopting the Core Value Statements and Diane Hilden and she objected and volunteered to review the documents, possibly modify it, they did so and prepared a memo and presented it to the Task Force. What she did ask the Council was to consider developing a Code of Conduct or Professionalism. She provided them with the IAP2 Code of Ethics for Public Participation Practitioners as an example to demonstrate that there is likely some type of guideline available that could be tailored to their needs.

Ms. McCormick stated she will include some documents that can be attached to the bench handouts and the other thing she wanted to just comment on briefly is that she is somewhat upset about what she considers to be a normalization of an experience on the Task Force. There were issues on the Task Force, a lot of them were not, and some of that was left out of the minutes as well. There were also comments as well about "Forming, Storming and Norming". She has served on many Task Forces and has never had an experience like she has had on this one. Depending on the leadership, you set ground rules, there are ways that there can be respectful disagreement and she did not experience that here and thought it did a disservice to youth, phrases such as "Forming, Storming and Norming". She was troubled by the fact that there were comments made, you heard public comment from several of the Task Force members that resigned, they heard comments from herself, and yet there has been very little outreach to find

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out what is going on and what the problem is and what can they do to fix it or solve it or make it better. If they are not going to do that then why are we trying to have outreach to try to bring more people in. It is like, fix what is going on now, if they do that and people feel welcome they will come but she was troubled that there is not more conversation about what is going on.

Commissioner Grefenberg asked Ms. McCormick to recap the lines she found in the August minutes that were missed. Ms. McCormick stated on lines 153-154, lines 158-171, line 203, that was the start of it, she did not know where it ended and then lines 213-217, and those were the lines as far as omissions. She did not spend a lot of time, just basically what she said.

Chair Becker asked Ms. McCormick to go back through the revisions to the minutes that are on the website because he believed the handout she provided at the July meeting was then added to the June meeting minutes. So if that was something she was referring to, he believed they did add that and if it is not, he will make sure the attachment does get added. Ms. McCormick thought it was back at the July meeting, she saw it once but when reviewing the minutes again, it was not there this time. Chair Becker thought it might have been retroactively added to the July packet.

Grefenberg advised Ms. McCormick to review his handout, which covered the draft minutes found on pages 9-15.

Old Business

a. Plan Next Steps on Neighborhood Association Priority Project

Chair Becker stated he would kick this off and then ask Commissioner Grefenberg to set the context for why this is even being talked about. This is something they have been discussing at various levels of the City since before this Commission was formed and he thought some historical data might be of interest, especially for some of the newer Commissioners or those who were not serving on a Commission then or the Task Force at the time. He would then like to go into how they plan to dissect that report and go about making their recommendation to the Council. He stated there is a proposed Neighborhood Association work plan in the packet, which is essentially his outline on how they can go about the discussion in order to get things going. He would like the Commission to review that work plan and respond with any changes, but at some point the Commission is going to take the report and make some sort of recommendation to the Council. Theoretically, the recommendation could be to do nothing. He assumed this group would come up with something rather than do nothing. He proposed the outline as a framework on how they can go about discussing that recommendation.

Commissioner Grefenberg stated he would like to proceed in this manner beginning with their October meeting. Chair Becker stated that was ok but he would now like to look at the proposal that is in the packet. He indicated he has sketched it out over months and has put in more detail in the following three months than he did in 2016. He did that on purpose in case things go a little bit longer than they anticipated. He would like to work on their approach and getting consensus across the table on how it is they are going to talk about this, neighborhood

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association, because he thought they could, will spend many hours discussing this and will not be achievable in a single meeting. This is a proposal for the framework of that discussion. He divided it up into a couple of different categories for October and November. When he read the report and got feedback about the report, he thought there was terminology that once in a while a flashpoint for discussion and his attempt for October and November is to reframe the discussion in terms of what things that the City could provide to neighborhood associations that are "material support", things of actual monetary value or otherwise imply endorsement of the organization by the City. In November, he would like to talk about if the City is going to give something of monetary value or some endorsement of this organization, what the City should expect in return. The reason he wanted to frame it this way is because he thought there was a lot of contention around the terms "recognized" or "affiliated" or something like that. He thought that even if they define those terms they have connotations inside people's heads that mean something else. He thought they could look through the report because there are tangible things in the report that say the City can provide this, this thing, a mailing list, web space on the website, using their free use of public buildings is in there, these are tangible things the City can do and there was a section in there about minimal requirements for the neighborhood associations to be recognized. That is where he wants to go back and say maybe this is in exchange for something of material support so it is not stopping any other association from forming, it is just if they do not do what the things that they define then they can still form a neighborhood association but they do not get the free use of the park building, etc. If they frame it that way then it might be a more productive conversation because they would be talking about things of value that the City is providing and what they are expecting in return.

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Chair Becker stated it is also peppered with information that has been gathered from other cities that have formed neighborhood associations and have policies and procedures and programs around forming them. He thought they could have speakers come in from the other cities and discuss how their policy works, how it differs from other cities and so on so then they can do a little information gathering while they are hashing out these other items. Assuming that all goes well, in December he was proposing that the Commission talk about the rest of the stuff. At one point, he reminded the Commission it had talked about having a "neighborhood association in a box," some boilerplate templates on meeting minutes, incorporation, tips and tricks for organizing the first meeting, and other items.

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Chair Becker stated time permitting they could talk about any other materials they want to incorporate in the Council's proposal. When he read through the report, he thought there was a lot of really good material about why they would want to form a neighborhood association and he thought they should carry that forward into a proposal to the Council. After that, they could start to draft the proposal.

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Commissioner Manke asked if there had been a conversation about going through this on a night aside from their regular meeting. Chair Becker thought this was something they could discuss. Commissioner Manke thought that since this is a really huge piece, instead of it becoming so much of their regular meeting, taking it off line, so to speak, where that is their only focus of the evening, is to talk about these items because some of the Commission has not been as subjected

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to everything that has gone on and being able to ask those questions and taking that time would be beneficial.

Chair Becker stated his personal opinion on that is it may be more difficult to coordinate than the regular scheduled meeting. He stated at some point they are going to be priority planning for 2016 and having a handful of projects due and he thought they will need to figure out how to chunk out work and how to talk about these things because they will have potentially more of them next year. This is a big issue, he thought they had the Task Force and a lot of work was done and time was spent during the Task Force time, which seems like a large, all-encompassing project. He would like the Commission to get better about how it managed its time and be able to do a lot of this in the meeting but additional research could be done in between the meetings. He was not opposed to the idea but thought it might be hard to do.

Commissioner Sanders thought it would be good to have a separate meeting, just for clarity, and then when they do come back to the regular meeting they would have that much more information. Commissioner Grefenberg stated they would need to notice other members, televise this and also have someone take minutes. He did not disagree with what Commissioner Manke is saying but a special meeting could not be offline, it would have to be online in the sense of having it be televised and noticed. Mr. Garry Bowman indicated he was not sure it would have to be televised but it would need to be noticed and has to be open to the public.

Commissioner Manke stated if they were to do a brainstorming meeting, they would have to capture the scenes of what was done but again it is not a word for word minutes, it is clarification so to her it is a little clarification and brainstorming. Commissioner Grefenberg stated looking at what was in the packet, he assumed the meeting would need to be early on but where would Commissioner Manke suggest placing the meeting in the schedule. Commissioner Manke thought it would have to be early on because some of the Commissioners would need clarification before discussion could ensue about what is listed on the schedule.

Chair Becker asked what they would be doing at that meeting if they were going to be doing similar to what is on the outline and would they really like someone to go through the report and have a session on that. What are they brainstorming? He wanted this to be collaborative and come with their ideas for each section. Commissioner Manke stated she was not exactly sure but did not feel like she had a good handle on it because she was not at all involved in this other than for what has been brought to the meetings.

Commissioner Ebony Adedayo stated as she thought about the last couple of meetings she has been a part of, she remembers a number of significant problems being raised with the report and she wonder if starting with the report and moving forward without reviewing what the areas of tension were and where the areas of disagreement that they might be pushing forward something that might not be widely excepted. In addition to going to the report as Commissioner Manke stated, she is not as familiar with the report itself so she felt she would like to know what the areas of tension are and what are the areas of disagreement because she has heard several members of the Task Force that they wanted to have this archived. She wanted to know why and if there are things that they need to revisit, it there are things that need to be changed, if there are

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things that need to be scrapped altogether. She would love for them to discuss that and how they handle that before they move with the suggestions that are in the report.

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Commissioner Adedayo also thought starting off with what are the monetary things the City could provide neighborhood associations is starting off with the wrong frame of reference. She thought by asking the question, what are neighborhood associations, what are their purpose, how they should function in the City or Roseville, what do they want neighborhood associations who decide to whether they are incorporated or loosely formed, what do they want them to do, what do they want to do, starting off with that frame first will help them get to an idea what are the monetary support that they need or the non-monetary support. She thought starting broad and narrowing is a more effective way than trying to figure out what is the monetary support. Chair Becker thought he could agree with that. He stated in his mind the report is an input to this Commission and there it stops. He thought they can form a recommendation to the Council that is comprised from pieces of this report or maybe nothing from this report. He stated in his opinion there are large chunks that are very good and he could see them lifting entire sections of the text and using that as part of the recommendation but at the end of the day he thought it could be valuable to go through the report to get some descriptions on it but in some ways he would like to move on from some of the arguments that were in there and would like to start talking about the ideas in the report and framing them in a different way.

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Commissioner Manke stated in November, would they be looking at what other cities have done. Chair Becker stated he was proposing that for October and November and try to get a couple of cities in there. Commissioner Manke agreed because felt that was an important piece and then they could look at what the Task Force put together as far as their recommendations.

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Chair Becker stated if they moved some of the bullet points under December 2015 to October and then slide Material Support down under November and other requirements to December. Commissioner Adedayo thought that made a lot of sense.

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Chair Becker also stated the other goal was to allow time for ample public comment, which is why his plan broke the Commission's process into several meetings. He thought there were a lot of preconceived notions about what it is they are planning on doing, yet they have not actually started to talk about what it is they are going to do yet.

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Commissioner Grefenberg stated he would encourage members to review the minutes from the last meeting which could give additional background. He was not against what Chair Becker is saying, but he asked for reiteration of the two bullets under December that they would move up. Chair Becker stated he was referring to the first two bullets: Define Non-Material Support and Define the Preamble Materials.

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Commissioner Adedayo stated without having a solid understanding, she thought the
Commission felt neighborhood association were important without having agreement around
what they are doing, how can they talk about what they need and she submits to him that he
wants to move forward but, to Ms. Lisa McCormick's point, people are coming, involved, giving
their time and opinions about what they want to see happen in the City. These are residents who

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are volunteering along with the Commission but they should respect that otherwise they lose trust and accountability. She understood there is an urge to move forward but she also valued process in moving forward; good community engagement says, however, that they carry residents along with them. That is one of the underlying principles and values of the community engagement process. She thought this process is going too fast but she may be wrong because she has only been on the Commission a couple of months. Yet she has heard there are significant problems and tensions with the report and she thought without finding out what they are and adopting their own way they would be unassured they were not losing accountability and trust, thus shooting themselves in the foot as Community Engagement Commissioners. Chair Becker would agree with that but they are not propagating the report past the Commission table so he thought there was a chance to start anew with this.

Commissioner Adedayo thought if they started anew and did not use the report as the guiding framework, she thought that was different. Chair Becker indicated that was what he was moving towards and he thought they could use the report for some ideas and a source of input plus whatever else comes their way. Commissioner Adedayo indicated she could agree with that.

Commissioner Grefenberg stated the report was adopted by a majority vote without opposition. There are some dissidents but they were outvoted during the Task Force so he thought the Commission also needed to respect the majority opinion; he thought the Commission go through the report more along the lines Chair Becker stated.

Grefenberg added he would like to add another point for the record, there may be some things missing from the draft report. He liked the idea of beginning anew and using the Task Force Report as a reference point; if the Commission wanted, they could invite the co-chairs, if they are going to go into the report but he was hearing different things. They might want to go anew but a Commissioner wants to hear about the dissention. Commissioner Adedayo thought if they were starting anew, that it is not as high of a need to do so. She would still like to hear about it but if they use the report as a framework and that this is what their guide is to the next step, it necessitates needing to hear what the areas of disagreement in the content are.

Chair Becker thought in his mind, the report is a source to mine ideas from and he suspected that when they get to an actual proposal they will mine more than ideas. He did not suggest they throw the entire report away because he thought there was a lot of value to it but in his mind when they started the Task Force what he wanted was additional input.

Commissioner Manke thought it was also really clear that they have a solid understanding of what their task is and what they are asking. They are not here to create neighborhood associations and then ask the Council to bless it and go on. What they are here to do and what involvement goes forward has to be very clear. Commissioner Grefenberg agreed and stated the charge of the report as discussed twice by this Commission and presented to the City Council in December 2014 was to discuss and recommend ways the City could facilitate and encourage the formation of neighborhood associations and he thought that was the primary task.

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Commissioner Jonathan Miller thought whatever the Commission could do to move beyond some of the ugliness that seemed to be in the Task Force but he did not know what would be the best way to do that. If they split it up into all of these meetings will it just be a repeat every meeting with the tensions and the same people coming and being upset. He wondered if the well is tainted on this because he did not want to keep coming back to these meetings because he does not look forward to having these discussions on the neighborhood task force work plan. He did not want it to be like that but did not know what the answer was. Chair Becker thought they could move a little faster on this and stated it was a balancing act between trying to get it done with but also allowing for ample input but he would also like that input to be substantive. He felt like some of the input they received at the last meeting was predicated on the assumption that they were going to take the report and hand it right to the City Council and he made that clear in the meeting that it was not going to happen. He would like to get them to the point where they can have things in the packet that can be responded to in the meeting and have a more specific feedback going forward and in the end he thought they would have some sort of draft where they will also get public comment on as well. He was trying to balance how do they move forward, how do they take the solid bits of work that are in the report and how do they move past the rancor that happened in the formation of it. How do they get something done in the relative near period since this is a 2015 priority. He would like to button this up and move onto other priorities in 2016. He stated he did not want to rush this through with a steamrolled agenda either.

Commissioner Grefenberg stated as Jerry Stoner said the Task Force came to a unanimous conclusion and Diane Hilden missed that meeting along with the last four meetings and so to recap and find who was at fault and who was not, he was not sure that he agreed and would like to move forward with a blank sketch in some ways. Commissioner Miller thought that was what they needed to say, some people were upset about some items but moving forward everyone will be invited to come and give feedback about the things the Commission is talking about but please do not keep bringing up how things were dysfunctional on the Task Force. He stated he did not want to discount that for people because it does sound like it was a bad experience for people.

Commissioner Grefenberg proposed they move forward using the Task Force report as a consensus but begin anew. Commissioner Manke stated she did not want to hear about disagreements on the Task Force, she wanted to hear about what other cities have done because she did not want it to be about the Task Force, she wanted it to be about the Commission and what they are looking at. She would like the Commission to look at everything together and then comparing what the Task Force looked at and not having why those other things were in there. She wanted to take a fresher look on this because she believed that when the Task Force went forward there was a misunderstanding as to what the intention was and she felt like the Commission was tasked to do this and put some plans, options out there for foundations and it got off far beyond what the Commission wanted.

Chair Becker stated if they used the October meeting for the more core definitional information and getting the motivations and intentions on why they are doing this, then they could break into more specific items in meetings going forward after October. Commissioner Manke thought it

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was worth a try and if that did not work then they could look towards having a separate meeting on the issue. Commissioner Sanders agreed with that idea.

Public Comment: Ms. McCormick stated she was heartened to hear they were willing to start anew with this concept and thought it would go a long way for the citizens that they do, even make a blanket statement that they will be starting fresh. She thought as far as asking, did the Council say they want neighborhood associations, why do they want neighborhood associations. She apologized to Commissioner Miller for being upset and indicated she is not generally upset. She thought this is really representative of what she was trying to get across before. When people get upset it really helps to be heard and she thought that is why she is continuing to be upset because of comments. If they have a group of people and you push most of them away, those that are left will have agreement but she did not know if that is really the intent if they want community engagement. She did not think what they are looking for is consensus to their point, they want to bring people along, especially when a number of those that are descending are ones that actually have the neighborhood associations and she would like to be invited if they have a brainstorming session. She thought the Commission should invite those people who are doing it in the City of Roseville. Edina is an entirely different demographic than Roseville and she suggested they ask peer communities to come to the meetings and find out what works for them and what do the citizens of Roseville want in their formation of associations and where to take it from there. She stated it was not her intent and she asked that if there are any special meetings that they be televised because as they have been talking, you cannot rely on minutes and she has talked to several Councilmembers about that and they feel that things need to be on record. Chair Becker agreed and indicated that is why he was cool to the idea of a separate meeting.

Chair Becker stated in regards to why they are doing this and what has the Council asked for, there were a number of recommendations in the original Community Engagement Task Force report related to neighborhood associations and when that culminated in the form of this Commission and they adopted that body of work as a beginning of a work plan that they would prioritize over the coming years, that was in there and they took a look at that and added that to the proposed list they brought before the Council at the end of 2014 and said those were the five projects for 2015. He stated the Council has not asked them to form neighborhood associations but they have put out the priority project that the Council agreed to which related to looking at ways the City can encourage and facilitate it which is why they are doing this.

Ms. McCormick stated that raises the question why and for what purpose did the Council want to encourage this, was it from the residents, and was there some value to it. She thought it would be helpful to know their perspective and why they were asking for it going forward.

Chair Becker proposed they more or less keep the plan as outlined except shift everything down a month and put in October's agenda items talking about motivations behind this, using as a potential reference using certain sections of this report and find out why they want to do this and why this is important and they do not get into specific items until future meetings.

Commissioner Grefenberg raised the point of providing mileage reimbursement for speakers coming to the meetings.

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Commissioner Grefenberg stated there are three neighborhood associations in the City that should be involved. Chair Becker thought was not to resuscitate the Task Force discussions and how the associations formed and anyone is invited to the meeting to give their input. He stated the value of bringing in the associations to talk will be more about them, not what happened on the Task Force. Commissioner Sanders stated all three associations were started with a common enemy. She stated she was trying to change her association, which is 24 years old. It was formed with a rallying sense and as the current chair she was trying to change that so they do not come together to find something negative but to celebrate the positive in their community. Commissioner Adedayo thought it would also be interesting to find out from the associations what they felt they needed from the City and how they City can support them.

Commissioner Manke asked what if they were to have a meeting at one of their new community buildings and invite more than one to come at the same time to talk and as a group they can focus on the positive and other cities may learn something as well. Commission Miller stated he liked the sentiment of the idea but it sounded like a lot of work. Commissioner Grefenberg stated he was in agreement with what was said and go with what the Chair has summarized with the knowledge that they can always revise the timeline.

Chair Becker thought for the October meeting they could have the neighborhood associations give them some information and then for the November and December meetings have other cities come in to talk to them. Commissioner Manke stated she wants this to be a positive experience and no more sniping, no more jumping up to defend someone only focus on things they can move forward on.

Commissioner Adedayo thought they could have some focus questions that could be sent out to the associations. She indicated she would form the questions for the Commission. Chair Becker indicated he looked forward to that.

b. Review Plan for Community Listening and Learning Events

Chair Becker stated based on the feedback they received they are rebranding this. One of the ideas resonating with the City Council is that they can use this as a template for a listening and learning session with the residents. They wanted to balance between coming up with a framework product and pull it off one or two times to demonstrate how it can be done, especially since they had a willing partner with funds and availability and desire to help them facilitate this. That is what the current draft consists of in the packet. He thought the next steps will be to open up conversations with the City Council and get their feedback on the proposal and incorporate that as well and then this will culminate into some sort of dedicated session with the Council on this topic. Key to pulling this off is if they are engaging residents and asking things of them and they have certain expectations that the City is going to do something with that feedback so how do they ensure that and what the Council appetite is for that.

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Commissioner Grefenberg asked if Chair Becker wanted approval of this listening and learning enclosure. He was ready to move approval. Chair Becker indicated that was approved at the last meeting and has not changed.

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c. **Update on Joint Task Force on Zoning Notification**

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Chair Becker stated he included in the packet attachment 7C, an email memo from Community Development Director Paul Bilotta and some meeting minutes from the July 16th meeting.

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Commissioner Manke stated they met again in August and that meeting was almost solely focused on extraordinary notifications and they went through the notification. Commissioner Grefenberg stated the attached Land Use Tables was primarily only for their review but he was pleased with the decision to move forward with the extraordinary notification, which was one of the items in their Civic Engagement Task Force, predecessor to this and it was also approved by the Council as a priority for them in December 2014. He thought they are beginning to get the data in. Commissioner Manke stated they basically went through all of the possible situations they could think of so they have people like herself who have no background in it to the staff who comes across this stuff all of the time. They looked at if this met the criteria that they would have to look at extraordinary notification process and she thought for the most part they have got themselves covered for most of the situations. She thought the biggest hang up they saw was the part about renters and places where they did not have the information to notify and they already worked on that from the last session by putting these databases together. That was the biggest piece. There was not much new as far as extraordinary notification. She stated they know what they are doing and have everything they could come up with so with them moving forward on the databases, that is a huge leap forward.

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Commissioner Grefenberg stated he agreed regarding the tenant notification but more importantly is that they have now created a database of all the apartments and condo units, which they did not have before and now they do. Now they can reach renters and condo users since they have that database. There is a now a means for communication with renters, which is one of their high priorities.

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571 572 Commissioner Manke stated in the report they gave to the Council there are basically three databases. One is apartments, one is rental housing and the third is geared toward the commercial side. There is another one that they will move forward with once they know this database is working and that would be for more of the industrial type of areas. She thought they were doing a great job.

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Commissioner Miller stated he had a question on the super impact line, which is where he got a little lost. He asked if they were saying that normally it would be something out of the norm for Roseville such as a stockyard or rendering plant and would they have concern in doing a notification for something like a Walmart. He could see the question of how do you decide where that line is. He asked for clarification on that. Commissioner Grefenberg thought they are learning from the past. This was in response to the asphalt plant and relates to more

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environmental threats or issues. The extraordinary notification would be to notify the residents

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who might be beyond the standard 500 feet of the property line of the place, if there were issues of wind and smell, which can go further than 500 feet. He thought this was a way to address that issue. At their last meeting there was more discussion on this.

Commissioner Manke stated when they do a project it has to meet certain things and so many of the projects, if something is happening within a project that requires extraordinary notification then chances are it will go through another process anyways where the City does not have to look at it or these other little flags will take it into a certain direction in which case there is a whole process by the State that is followed anyways so the City is not focused on having to look at that notification.

Commissioner Adedayo stated a lot of development projects have to go through what is called an Environmental Impact Statement to talk about what are the potential environmental effects the project would have on a given area so it is not an organization as much as it is a process. Commissioner Grefenberg thought when that process began; it would alert the City to decide if there needed to be extraordinary notification given.

d. Discuss Policies and Procedures for Civic Engagement Website Module

Chair Becker stated this is the latest draft written by Mr. Bowman and presented to the City Council shortly after their joint meeting with the Council. The Council asked Mr. Bowman to get feedback from the Commission and bring it back to the Council.

Mr. Bowman thought there were a lot of things in the document that they would see in a standard social media or electronic policy dealing with purpose, scope, general conditions and restrictions. He was not sure they would need to go over that stuff in too much detail. He was looking for feedback on if there was any thoughts on processes as far as posting of topics, discussion items that relate to those kinds of things.

Commissioner Grefenberg stated the Website Committee reviewed Mr. Bowman's draft policies and prepared suggested changes and additions to the policy. Some may not be critically necessary but some are; he said the Website Committee had come up with suggested changes. On line 8, there was some concern that the City has an overriding interest in deciding what is asked and seems a little excessive. The City cannot decide what residents ask; the intent of Speak Up is to encourage two-way communication with residents. They suggested this be clarified or delete what is meant by "ask". Another thing on line 15, they suggest "I understand the policy established guidelines for employees and residents", he thought this was policies for residents. He would point out in the definition section on line 22, allows for resident generation of questions and topics along with other things mentioned and he thought it was their expectations that this setup would also generate topics and issues from the residents and would not just be from department heads. He thought that was an important clarification they would ask the Council to consider. Mr. Bowman stated the whole idea of the idea section of that is kind of where the residents will have an opportunity to provide questions and suggest ideas. He thought the discussion areas were a little more formalized and that is where he saw those areas being staff driven or as being driven by this Commission if they had a topic that should be

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suggested but he thought most of those areas will be staff looking for feedback on those certain things. He wondered how else they would be used.

Chair Becker stated they talked about the ideation section, they talked about the discussion section where there are City promoted topics, and then there is a forum area that other cities use for loose discussion and questions from residents. He thought that area would be used for questions. Mr. Bowman stated the forum section is more a way for the City to put out a topic and then rank the responses, whereas discussions are a little bit freer flowing. He stated the use by forums allows the City to look at what the feedback is with a "thumbs up or down." Part of the handicap is that they have not gotten to use it yet so once they get into it and use it, then they will see where they can put different topics.

Commissioner Grefenberg stated when they got into this years ago, there was a way that residents could raise topics or ask questions. He stated looking at the website mockup, it was not clear in the language. Mr. Bowman stated all of the words have been set by Graticus and he is working on this with them. Commissioner Grefenberg thought it would be useful on line 24 to say the City website allows for resident generation of questions and topics and the committee thought it would be a great addition to put that into the policies to clarify that.

Mr. Bowman reviewed the Granicus wording with the Commission. Commissioner Grefenberg stated he agreed with what was said but needed it to be clarified. He stated on line 35, "to seek feedback from residents about current and potential projects" and then add "as well as issues of community and neighborhood concern" because since the City decides what is a project they need to allow room for community or neighborhood to initiate an issue that City Hall is not even aware of. The other change, he beings now to insert the Community Engagement Commission and was not included in the previous policy. Line 41, "staff will be responsible for day to day maintenance." Staff may rely from time to time on additional City staff, City Manager, Department Heads, and City Councilmembers". He would suggest also including the Community Engagement Commission. He thought it needed to be reflected in the policy.

Commissioner Grefenberg reviewed grammar changes with the Commission and he did not think it was clear in the draft policies that residents can ask questions. Chair Becker asked Commissioner Grefenberg thought questions from residents should be answered by a particular staff member associated with that type of inquiry, such as how long their grass should be. Commissioner Grefenberg stated his neighborhood received some confusing letters from the Public Works Department about water being shut off he thought this would be a question that could be asked and answered on the Civic Engagement module.

Chair Becker asked where that type of question would be asked on the website. Mr. Bowman stated he was not sure because it was very specific to that one neighborhood or resident and from looking at other cities websites he did not see that type of interaction and thought the resident would just call the Public Works Department if they had a question and would not use the Community Engagement Module that way. Commissioner Miller did not think that was the type of discussion they necessarily want to push towards that module.

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Commissioner Grefenberg asked if questions from the public are allowed. Mr. Bowman indicated they were. Commissioner Grefenberg thought it would be useful to put into the policy that questions can be asked by the community and responses received from the City.

Commissioner Grefenberg reviewed more changes with the Commission. He submitted the Committee's draft changes to Mr. Bowman to be added to the minutes.

Commissioner Grefenberg stated there seemed to be an added burden placed on Commissions with the language they are recommending be crossed out. Mr. Bowman asked if Commission be given carte blanche. Commissioner Grefenberg state by no means, Commissions are only advisory and they all understand that. It says "Commissions may suggest topics for staff to include but that they not have to go through the City Manager approval." They understand how the department works and the City Manager will have the right to change anything but it seemed to them that they were picking on Commissions and he thought this was something they vigorously thought seemed unnecessary. Commissioner Miller thought it might be that they are explicating saying what the process already is and understood to be for everything and the City Manager has the ultimate authority on things like this but it seemed unnecessary to add that in specifically spelling that out. Mr. Bowman stated he will not be the final determining factor about what goes up. He will take it to the City Manager and he will decide whether or not it goes up or not and that is why that wording is in there.

Commissioner Miller thought there was an additional burden being placed on topics coming from them. Mr. Bowman indicated that was just the process. There was discussion regarding why the Commissions were addressed in that section because it seemed to single them out. Mr. Bowman stated he would take that under advisement and discuss it with the City Manager.

Commissioner Grefenberg stated the only other thing was to add the Commission in on line 65. The only other change is on line 107. He wondered if there was consensus or agreement on this.

 Commissioner Adedayo stated one thing she noticed under Moderating Public Comments, it states "prohibiting of obscene or racist comments", which is great but she also wondered if they could include other comments marginalizing other groups such as "homophobic and sexist". Mr. Bowman was not sure if those would fall under personalized attacks because that is already stated in there. Commissioner Adedayo stated because there is talk about discrimination in the policy there should be discussion about other ways people are being discriminated. Chair Becker thought under the second bullet point the wording could be "Prohibiting of obscene or racist comments or other discriminatory comments towards other marginalized groups."

The Website Committee implicitly moved and seconded a motion to approve the draft policy as amended by both the blue items in the handout as well as the language given by Commissioner Adedayo. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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e. CEC Social Gathering

Commissioner Manke stated she has not gotten any feedback yet. Commissioner Adedayo stated she did not receive the original survey. Commissioner Manke indicated she would send it out again.

Chair, Committee, and Staff Reports

a. Staff Report

Staff Liaison Bowman stated the 14th City Council meeting will be for their budget discussions and the preliminary budget vote for the not to exceed levy as well as some HRA discussions. He is planning to bring the Community Engagement module back to the Council on the 28th.

New Business

a. Gavel Club

Commissioner Grefenberg stated this Commission in early spring joined the Gavel Club and while he was still Chair of the Gavel Club he suggested a topic might be the Community Engagement Commissions efforts from the website to neighborhood associations but primarily to raise their profile on who they are and what they do. That Committee meets the third Wednesday of every month.

Commissioner Grefenberg stated the Gavel Club is a collection of social service agencies and private groups, like the Lions, Quanta's, League of Women Voters; the Park Department also belongs. They are the only Commission that belongs and basically they just share what their groups are doing. Every meeting has a focus on one of the organizations or members and since they are a member he thought it would be good to raise their profile and for the outreach committee to do. He stated the next Gavel Club meeting is October 21st. He would like to have someone else on the Commission help present their Commission to the club. He noted the meeting at is 12:00. Commissioner Sanders stated she would be willing to help out.

b. Memo from Roger Hess

Chair Becker stated they received through the website a message from a resident related to some recent statements the Mayor had made regarding a settlement of a lawsuit against the Police Department. He reviewed the background and indicated he did forward the feedback to the Council and they indicated the City Council has seen the message also.

- Commissioner Sanders stated Roger Hess Jr. is a resident and is really concerned about transparency with the City and wanting to know more; she was sure there were other residents that wanted to know more. He mentioned that the settlement was \$60,000 and also the lawyers' fees so it actually cost \$100,000 and the statement that Mayor Dan Roe gave at the Council meeting was very short and there wasn't any time for people to ask questions and there are
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residents out there that want to know more about this. She thought it was important to bring this up because if they truly are trying to engage the City they should help them find out more or offer more information so it is transparent.

Mr. Bowman stated if residents had questions, there are all sorts of ways on the website to ask for feedback from the Council and they can always call the City Manager and Councilmembers as well. Commissioner Sanders encouraged Mr. Hess to come to a Council meeting and ask during public comment for more information because she believed the Mayor said that was all that was going to be said and there would be no more. Mr. Bowman thought the Mayor was referencing some personnel issues that are confidential.

Chair Becker stated he was glad Commissioner Sanders reached out to Mr. Hess and reminded him that he can come to the meetings.

Commissioner Grefenberg stated since they are discussing the letter he thought it should be added to the minutes as an attachment. It was his understanding that this item will be brought back to the Council after internal review and then more information may become public but he was not sure.

Commissioner Grefenberg moved and Commissioner Sanders seconded a motion to add the letter, as received from Mr. Roger Hess be attached to the minutes and referred to in the text, see attachment.

Chair Becker wondered if this should be attached as a bench item to the packet rather than the minutes. Mr. Bowman thought it would be cleaner to put it directly in the minutes. Chair Becker asked Mr. Bowman to check to see where the letter should be placed.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Welcome Packet

 Commissioner Manke stated in their report to the City Council she thought Commissioner Grefenberg said it was inactive. Commissioner Grefenberg indicated it was dormant. Commissioner Manke stated the wording lead her to think they were not interested in doing anything about it whereas it had been an earlier item they had been working on. Mr. Bowman stated they did some research together on this and Commissioner Mueller ended up resigning from the Commission. That is kind of where it stopped.

 Commissioner Manke stated she started working on this with Commissioner Mueller and sent her some information after doing some extensive research out there as to other States that have cities that have done this so she felt this was a little unfair and knew that the Council is looking at whether it belongs with the Commission or if it belongs with another Commission and at this point, because she thought it does belong in the HRA and they have done it before but something that has not been actively worked on for a while and they are a community engagement and she felt was a huge piece of this welcome packet that she would offer it up that they look at this as a

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task force, a joint task force with HRA. She stated HRA has the funding but she wanted to make sure as the Community Engagement Committee that they have that connection and she thought they could work very well together on it.

Chair Becker asked if she had concerns about timing. Over the next few months they should be forming their recommendations for 2016 and is this something that could wait until sometime in 2016 or would she like to get working on it now. Commissioner Manke stated it all depends on what the City Council plan is.

Chair Becker stated the feedback he recalled was one Councilmember stating they liked the idea of the welcome packet and they should consider working with the HRA on it but he was not aware of any other Council thought to resuscitate it. Commissioner Manke got the feeling that the Council was not sure if the Committee or the HRA should be tackling it but she thought it should be a joint task force. Chair Becker stated he would re-watch the Council meeting to verify.

Commissioner Grefenberg thought some preliminary research needed to be done to see if the HRA was even interested in such a proposal before they go the route of another task force.
Commissioner Manke asked if it was the Commissions responsibility to contact the HRA to find out what their plans are to do with it. She thought a lot has to do with what the City Council wants. Her recommendation is to go to the City Council and ask them.

Mr. Bowman thought it would be interesting to do some market research and see how people are accessing this type of information and would they even use a welcome packet. Commissioner Manke stated the information that she started to put together is basically an online welcome packet. They could also consider some of the business community and thought it was an excellent place for them to advertise.

Chair Becker stated when Commissioner Mueller left this item was on her plate and at the time Commissioner Manke was interested in helping out so he would propose that they put this on the agenda of their next meeting to discuss further.

Commission Communications, Reports, and Announcements

Chair Becker stated the Roseville Human Right Commission is in co-sponsorship with the Roseville Library and hosting an event, Civility a Better Choice, on Saturday, September 19th from 9-1 at the Roseville Library Community Room. If you want more information go to RCLreads.org and click on events and classes and select the calendar to find the event.

Commissioner Adedayo stated there is a learning event coming up around Community
Engagement. An event that Theresa Gardella's organization sponsors. This could be an
opportunity to increase their learning and understanding around community engagement. It is on
September 30th from 9-11 a.m. at URock in North Minneapolis. The name of the event is
"Advancing our practice sharing strategies and expertise." She has been going to several of the
events over the last year and she has really enjoyed them.

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Commissioner-Initiated Items for Future Meetings

Chair Becker stated he noted a few items as a course of this meeting. They will kick off the Neighborhood Association Work Plan beginning with talking about some of the motivations and they will see if they can ask some of the chairs of the associations to come to the meeting to talk to them briefly.

 Commissioner Grefenberg thought it would be a good opportunity to understand the Uniform Commission Code as it relates to them, which may include some discussion on minutes and what is considered handouts.

Recap of Commission Actions This Meeting

Chair Becker stated there are some bench handouts that will be added to either their meeting minutes or packet. Commissioner Sanders and Grefenberg will be doing the Gavel Club talk on October 21st. They have a couple of take aways related to the Welcome Packet. They will be reaching out to cities that have done Neighborhood Associations and engage their interest and availability to come and talk to the Commission over the next few months. He will re-watch the Council meeting and figure out direction on the HRA and Councilmembers please reach out to him as well and framing questions for neighborhood organizations.

Commissioner Grefenberg stated he would like some discussion on outreach planning for Speak Up Roseville. He thought it would be important to hear from Mr. Bowman and give him some thoughts on outreach and conceivably, his suggestion is to have a committee meeting to discuss this with Mr. Bowman first before the meeting. There is significant discussion about outreach. He thought they could help by going to the Commissions and telling them what they are doing. He would like the possibility of a committee meeting with the possibility of a full report back to the full Commission at their next meeting.

Adjournment

- 882 Commissioner Adedayo moved and Commissioner Manke seconded a motion to adjourn.
- Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.