



# Administration & Finance Committee

## Committee Meeting

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January 16, 2013

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Wednesday 5:10 PM

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The time being 6:33 PM, Chair Scott Vreeland called the meeting to order.

Commissioner District 4 Anita Tabb: Present, Commissioner At Large Bob Fine: Absent, Commissioner District 2 Jon Olson: Absent, Commissioner District 1 Liz Wielinski: Present, Chair Scott Vreeland: Present.

### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

As amended. Remove item 5.2 and 5.3. Add study report item 6.1

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Liz Wielinski, Commissioner District 1
<b>AYES:</b>	Anita Tabb, Liz Wielinski, Scott Vreeland
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Bob Fine, Jon Olson

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Administration & Finance Committee - Committee Meeting - Jan 2, 2013 5:15 PM

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Liz Wielinski, Commissioner District 1
<b>AYES:</b>	Anita Tabb, Liz Wielinski, Scott Vreeland
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Bob Fine, Jon Olson

### IV. PUBLIC HEARING 6:30 p.m. TIME CERTAIN

Reuse Proposal for 2529 13th Ave S.

Chair Vreeland called upon consultant Don Siggelkow to introduce Mark Gerlach, member of the Reuse committee. Mr. Gerlach read a letter from Dan Wilder, President of the Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, about the two proposals that were submitted and reviewed and spoke in favor of the Banyan Community proposal. Chair Vreeland introduced Joani Essenburg, Cofounder and Executive Director of Banyan Community and Kyle Didier, Banyan Board Chair and President of Shelter Corporation to present the Banyan Community Proposal. Following the presentation Chair Vreeland recognized City Council Member Gary Schiff who spoke in favor of the Banyan Community proposal. Chair Vreeland opened the Public Hearing for public comment:

Mark Schulze, 65xx Navaho Trail, volunteer at Banyan community spoke in regards to positive experiences at Banyan and the Phillips Community.

Walter Alvarado, 24xx 13th Ave S, spoke of his experience at Banyan Community and how it makes the community a better place to live.

Diamond Jackson, 27xx Bloomington Ave S, stated that the staff at Banyan Community is always there to help.

Jorge Riera, 2619 19th Ave S, stated that the Banyan Community is like a second family and helps people feel safe.

Maricruz Arocho, 27xx 5th Ave S, expressed concern that Banyan Community needs space due to the long waiting list that they have.

Lorena Andrade, 27xx 13th Ave S, read a letter from her Mother regarding the support that Banyan Community has given to her family.

Fausto Ortiz, 26xx 13th Ave S, read a letter in Spanish which was interpreted to say how the Banyan Community had helped his family and how it made the neighborhood a safer place.

Jason Ortiz, 26xx 13th Ave S, a student spoke in regards to how the Banyan Community had helped his family and made the community a safer place to live.

Miko Johnson, 26xx 16th Ave S, expressed mixed feelings of support for Heart of the Beast and Banyan Community but felt that Banyan Community would be the better choice.

Mai Te Xiong, 25xx 16th Ave S, stated that the Banyan Community has supported refugees from Laos both financially and educationally with scholarships.

Laura Chica, 27xx 14th Ave S, stated that Banyan Community helps kids with homework and teaches them to be leaders in the community.

Loren Niemi 37xx 24th Ave S, Executive Director, Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre. Stated that Heart of the Beast has had a 38 year commitment to the Phillips Neighborhood and has created opportunities culturally, economically, creating a safer environment for the community.

Becky George, 26xx Park Ave S, manages Plaza Verde. Spoke on behalf of the Neighborhood Development Center and read a letter in support of Heart of the Beast written by Mike Tomale, the President and CEO.

Dan Herber, 40xx Harriet Ave S, Heart of the Beast, Board of Directors stated that the property would allow them to reconstruct the Avalon theatre and for it to become a useable performance space.

Amir Saka, 30xx 14th Ave S, was inspired with the puppets at Heart of the Beast and thinks that it's a good idea to expand.

Sandy Spieler, Artistic Director of the Heart of the Beast, requested that the green space be developed as an educational experience space for the arts by Heart of the Beast.

Jay Jenson supported the Banyan Community and stated that it would be homeless without this proposal. Mr. Jenson added that the Neighborhood supports it.

Naomi Mohammed, 26xx 18th Ave S, state the Banyan Community supported her family. Adding that she knew her kids were in a safe place.

Katy Mortenson, 54xx 10th Ave S, spoke on behalf of the Mortenson Family Foundation, state the Banyan Community provides support for the academic needs of children, supporting families, and the community. Ms. Mortenson is impressed with the high caliber of their staff and their commitment.

Tony Looking Elk, 32xx 4th Ave S, Program Officer for the Otto Bremer Foundation. Stated that the Foundation provided a grant to the Banyan Community because they worked within their mission to help alleviate poverty.

Tina Nemitz, Sculptor and Artist spoke in support of the Heart of the Beast and how it helped her children become brave, strong and courageous. Ms. Nemitz requested that the board reconsider their decision.

Virginia Jackson, 27xx Bloomington Ave S, stated that Banyan brings positive atmosphere to children and educates children to become leaders, helping the community and building families.

Jennifer Naglak, 25xx 12th Ave S, on the Midtown Board, commended the process and thanked the Board for asking them to be participants.

Patrick Hansel, 27xx 15th Ave S, Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, has worked with both organizations, and requested that the Board take another look at the process and the proposal for Heart of the Beast.

Jeff Noyed, 25xx 13th Ave S, supported the Banyan Community proposal because of the community work that they are doing and how people want to be in the community because of them.

Marazel.28xx 28th Ave S, state that Banyan Community has a waiting list, and this proposal would provide an opportunity for Banyan Community to provide services to more families.

Rick Bernardo, works for the Heart of the Beast, thanked the Board for doing the process and requested that they support both entities in the future.

Being that there were no additional individuals wishing to be heard, Chair Vreeland closed the public hearing.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CLOSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Scott Vreeland, Chair
<b>AYES:</b>	Anita Tabb, Liz Wielinski, Scott Vreeland
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Bob Fine, Jon Olson

## V. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 That the Board adopt Resolution 2013-108 captioned as follows:

### **Resolution 2013-108**

Resolution Authorizing the Superintendent to Enter into a Purchase Agreement to Dispose of the Land and Building at 2529 13Th Avenue South to the Banyan Community, Inc. Contingent on District Court Approval; and Declaring the Property at 2529 13Th Avenue South as Surplus Property and Directing Legal Counsel to Obtain District Court Approval of Disposition of Same

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [2 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Liz Wielinski, Commissioner District 1
<b>AYES:</b>	Anita Tabb, Liz Wielinski
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Scott Vreeland
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Bob Fine, Jon Olson

Chair Vreeland called a 5 minute recess

5.2 That the Board adopt Resolution 2013-111 captioned as follows:

### **Resolution 2013-111**

Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement with WSB Associates Inc. for Design and Construction Administration of the Restoration of the Bassett Creek Main Stem from Irving Avenue North to Golden Valley Road Within Theodore Wirth Regional Park and Bassett's Creek Park in the Amount of

\$117,841 Using Funding Provided by the City of Minneapolis in Cooperation with the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

**RESULT:**           **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:**           Liz Wielinski, Commissioner District 1  
**AYES:**             Anita Tabb, Liz Wielinski, Scott Vreeland  
**ABSENT:**          Bob Fine, Jon Olson

5.3     That the Board adopt Resolution 2013-112 captioned as follows:

**Resolution 2013-112**

Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Legacy Council and Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center for Installation of an Interpretive Marker and Three Metal Fabrications for Benches at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Park

**RESULT:**           **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:**           Liz Wielinski, Commissioner District 1  
**AYES:**             Anita Tabb, Liz Wielinski, Scott Vreeland  
**ABSENT:**          Bob Fine, Jon Olson

**VI.     STUDY/REPORT ITEM**

6.1     That the Board adopt Resolution 2013-110 captioned as follows:

**Resolution 2013-110**

Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding and Proposed Lease Agreement with the Loppet Foundation for the Silent Sports Center at Theodore Wirth Regional Park

Chair Vreeland led committee discussion and called upon Bruce Chamberlain to report on the study report item (Formally Resolution 2013-110)

**RESULT:            WITHDRAWN**

**VII.    ADJOURNMENT**

**RESULT:            ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:**            Anita Tabb, Commissioner District 4  
**AYES:**             Anita Tabb, Liz Wielinski, Scott Vreeland  
**ABSENT:**            Bob Fine, Jon Olson

Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM