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Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2008**

Attending: Nancy Hartling, Ethel Cote, Crescentia Dakubo, Stephen Ameyaw, Norman Greenberg, Joe Valvasori, Lynn Markell

Staff: Brendan Reimer, Mike Toye

**1. Approval of Minutes**

- The October 9 minutes were accepted as presented

**2. Policy Agenda**

- Joe is working on refining the prioritization grid to make it more understandable and workable, and making it better fit with the Communities Agenda. The point is to sort through conference feedback, plug it into the Communities Agenda, set some priorities, consolidate activity suggestions, distil it to concrete actions, clarify the language
- This would be easier in person, but will have to be done by subgroups as we don't have the budget for an in-person meeting
- It might be an idea to use "Google Documents" or some other online forum to work on this grid together
- Nancy would like to join the Tackle Poverty and Homelessness group
- Crescentia would like to join the Sustainable Communities, and maybe also the Fairer and Stronger Local Economies group
- Lynn questioned whether it made sense to continue with this process given the economic crisis, and our opportunity to press for local CED solutions to this issue, perhaps an urgent response on that would be more effective at this time. We have an opportunity to propose concrete actions and programs
- This would require staff time to design a program for them. What kind of funding program or financing.

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#### Action

- Mike will follow up with Lynn regarding this recommended response to the federal government regarding the current economic crisis

### **3. National Conference Update**

- The conference will be June 3 – 6, 2009 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The provincial government there will declare that CED Week, and we will be planning a PR campaign around that
- There will once again be a government dialogue that we host as part of the national conference

### **4. Policy Council Members**

- Robyn Webb has resigned from the PC. The co-chairs recommend Sandy Shaw, who had submitted an expression of interest to participate on the PC. This was approved
- The PC is still waiting to hear a response from Ron Ryan, who had been accepted to the PC last meeting

#### Action

- Ethel and Roz will contact Sandy, and will continue to communicate with Ron

### **5. National Policy Updates**

- Norman: have heard that the Atlantic provinces have received millions for dollars for development. This is from the \$1 billion Community Development Trust initiative announced by the feds in spring.
- Some members of our Food Policy working group will be participating in a conference in Montreal at the end of October. Lynn is the PC connection to that working group; Paul Cabaj is a co-chair of that group
- The Human Capital committee has not met; they realize that there is so much work to do in this area, but they are not sure how to focus. How can they pick work without knowing where the PC wants to prioritize?
- Social Economy Research Partnerships, where CCEDNet is the co-lead, will be hosting a government dialogue on the 25<sup>th</sup> in Ottawa with researchers, practitioners, and officials from several different departments to present policy research findings and explore links between what the social economy has demonstrated in communities and what current department priorities are. The following day is an in-person meeting of the SERP's Public Policy committee focusing on research results and dissemination strategies

#### Action

- Brendan will circulate the Community Development Trust and CCEDNet's response to it
- Mike will circulate the agenda from both days of Ottawa meetings to the PC

### **6. Next Meeting**

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- December 11 at 12:00 Eastern