

**Minutes**  
**Washington County Empowerment**  
**October 25, 2007**

**Board Members Present:** Edie Nebel, (treasurer- Health), Megan Jones-Schiebel (chair-citizen), Jennifer Callahan (citizen), Paula Buckwalter (business), Janis Gruber (faith), Ed Brown (citizen), Sue Kos (education), Mark Schneider (education), Delores Carpenter (human services)

**Board Members Absent:** Jim Miksch (Board of Supervisors),

**Advisory members present:** Tasha Beghtol (Empowerment Coordinator)

Meeting called to order @ 4:30pm with a quorum established  
Minutes of the September 27, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted

**Introductions & new membership:** An application from Lonna Blodgett was shared and reviewed. Motion by Sue Kos, second by Janis Gruber, to seat Lonna as a citizen representative. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Financial report was handed out and reviewed by Edie Nebel. Edie noted some adjustments to be made in SR Administration Budget column. Total budget should show \$10,418.58. Tasha will follow up with GEODE on changes.

**Coordinator report:** Tasha handed out and reviewed documents for re-designation and new programming updates. Mark Schneider and Megan Jones-Schiebel shared comments about the re-designation visit with Judy Knox and Beth Jones. Tasha explained that 2 items (community plan outcome section & board membership) needed to be addressed by December 15<sup>th</sup> in order for the Board to be considered for a full 3-year unconditional re-designation. It was noted that Tasha, Edie Nebel, and Lori Lamb discussed revisions for the community plan. The revised community plan (section 4) was shared and reviewed.

Tasha explained that full Board membership is necessary for a successful re-designation and as of November 1<sup>st</sup> the Board will need another citizen representative because Ed Brown would be completing his 3<sup>rd</sup> term. Bylaws require 1 year off after 3 consecutive terms. (See email handout)

The advertisement for the new CART position was handed out and reviewed. Tasha noted that contracts are being finalized with Grant Wood AEA and the position will hopefully be filled within a few weeks.

Tasha explained that the current committee structure for the Board should be revised to make better use of members' time. Sue Kos recommended combining the Board Functions & Community Assessment Committees into one. Approved by consensus to operate with 3 committees.

Meeting adjourned 5:00pm.  
Next meeting Thursday November 29, 4:30 pm