

## **CED 2006 Work Plan**

### **Policy Issues:**

- Immigration: Regarding areas within CED's purview review the recommendations of the NLC Immigration Task Force and finalize comprehensive policy.
- CDBG: Review the Strengthening American's Communities Initiative (SACI) report as it pertains to its recommendation that federal economic development funds be given directly to regional entities, instead of local governments, and develop NLC policy as appropriate.
- Economic development after disasters: Review and update NLC policy on economic development assistance from the federal government after disasters.
- Housing: Take a new look at affordable housing, perhaps using the Millennium Housing Commission report as a discussion tool to update NLC policy. This discussion may fit into NLC President Jim Hunt's broad concerns about workforce housing and inclusive communities.

### **Legislative Issues:**

- Community Development Block Grant
- Immigration reform

### **Advocacy Events:**

Congressional roundtable on immigration during spring steering committee meeting  
Press conference and tour of CDBG projects in Wichita, Kansas

- Wichita, KS – swing Republican Pat Roberts and Republican Sam Brownback (co-sponsor of McCain/Kennedy bill), Todd Tiahrt (R-KS) (his district office is in Wichita, deputy majority whip for nine years; he is campaigning for House Majority Whip; he's on Appropriations Committee, subcommittee for CDBG)
- Milwaukee, Wis. – Sen. Russell Feingold (Budget Committee) & Herb Kohl (Appropriations Committee); Rep. Gwen Moore (D-WI; she represents Milwaukee area; she's on the Financial Services Committee); Immigration reform champion Rep. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. represents the neighboring district.

### **Collaboration with other NLC Committees:**

- Potential joint meeting with the CED Steering Committee in Wichita – the groups would have some collaborative time, but they would still hold regular, separate meetings. Council members from Wichita serving on CED and HD are promoting this collaboration.

**Community & Economic Development (CED)  
CED Steering Committee Meeting**

Monday, March 13, 2006

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Washington Hilton

Henry Marraffa, Chair of CED Policy & Advocacy Committee  
Council Member, Gaithersburg, Maryland

**Agenda**

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Basic Overview of Spring and Fall Meetings
  - **Spring meeting** – coordinating with the CED Steering Committee in Wichita, Kansas – May 19-21, 2006
    - Review draft agenda/timing of meeting
    - Discuss CDBG press conference and tour
    - Discuss congressional roundtable on immigration
  - **Fall meeting** – Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Discuss potential timing of the meeting – suggested Sept 7-9, 2006
- III. Review Work Plan
  - Immigration – what issues are in CED's jurisdiction?
  - Community Development Block Grant – reviewing the SACI report and updating policy (perhaps not NLC's policy on CDBG, but NLC's economic development policy)
  - Housing – What role can the CED Steering Committee play in NLC President Jim Hunt's broad agenda on housing (workforce housing or attainable housing)?
  - What should the federal role be regarding local economic development after a natural or man-made disaster?
- IV. Final Announcements & Adjournment

**REMINDER:** Relevant NLC workshops:

Immigration Reforms, Community Development & Attainable Housing  
Competing at 10:45 – 12:15 on Tuesday, March 14, 2006

**Potential Timing/Agenda of CED & HD in Wichita, Kansas in the spring 2006**

Thursday – 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm  
**HD Steering Committee meeting begins**  
Session I: Long-term care – speaker and discussion  
Review draft policy language in the fall  
*(could even start the meeting from 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm; most people arrive on Thursday afternoon anyway)*

Thursday night – HD dinner/reception

Friday

**HD Steering Committee meets all day on immigration**

8:00 – breakfast

9:00 a.m. – noon - begin meeting with speakers, Q& A

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 pm – review Immigration Task Force recommendations

*(afternoon will be treated as if it were a fall meeting, because the recommendations will likely be referred to the NLC Board of Directors at their summer meeting)*

***concurrently - CED Steering Committee press conference & tour***

*10:30 a.m. - Press Conference on CDBG (at CDBG site picked by Carl Brewer)*

*Press welcome to join the tour of CDBG sites*

*(Carl and his Wichita colleagues enthusiastically discussed their comprehensive use of CDBG funds in a COC workshop in Charlotte)*

*(NLC Media Director Sherry Appell recommends 10:30 or earlier for a press conference; we could move around the press conference time and/or tour to try and include the HD Steering Committee – perhaps by making it earlier or around lunch time??? We could also move the event to the afternoon to allow CED folks to arrive on Friday morning...)*

Friday night – joint dinner sponsored by City of Wichita

Saturday

**CED Steering Committee formally commences**

**HD Steering Committee continues**

**Joint breakfast – 8:00 a.m.**

8:30 am – 10:30 a.m. (or 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.)

**Congressional Roundtable on immigration reform**

**(Both CED & HD members participate)**

**HD Steering Committee meeting is adjourned**

10:30 – 12:30 p.m.

**CED policy discussion of immigration reform**

Task force members Henry Marraffa and Lois Geiss give the task force report  
HD members may want to stay and participate in the discussion (especially  
Immigration Task Force members)

CED lunch

1:30 – 5:00 p.m.

**CED - policy development on CDBG, affordable housing, disasters...**

Saturday night – CED dinner/reception

Sunday

**CED breakfast & final wrap-up**

8:30 a.m. – breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Wrap-up