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Tools for Community Self-determination

Agenda

Minneapolis Sustainability Roundtable—January 17, 2004

Session II (Indicators)

11:20 am to 12:30 pm

Purpose:

To compile suggested sustainability indicators for use in the Minneapolis Sustainability Plan

Activities:

- In this session you will review our draft list of sustainability indicators in light of the images you just generated about the future of the City. Ours is by no means a complete list. It will be changed a great deal before indicators get written into the Sustainability Plan.
- We will ask you to (a) say what you like about the indicators, (b) identify any gaps or shortcomings you see on that list, and also (c) to develop some new indicators.
- Please form NEW groups of four.

First step: [5 minutes] Review these indicators for yourself.

Write your responses on Indicators Feedback form

Question 1: [10 minutes] What you Like

- Pair off with one other person in your small group. Discuss with each other what you each LIKE about the draft list of indicators. Add to your written list as you like.

Question 2: [10 minutes] What you Dislike

- Now pair off with a new person, and discuss what GAPS or SHORTCOMINGS you find in the draft list. Discuss with each other what gaps or shortcomings you each find on the draft list of indicators. Add to your written list as you like.

Question 3: [10 minutes] Suggest New Indicators

- Finally, pair off with the third person in your group, and discuss what indicators you would suggest be ADDED to the list.

- We are looking for measures that make intuitive sense to you based on your day-to-day life in the City. Indicators that link across several issues at once (like Seattle's salmon indicator) are especially welcome.
- While it is good to strive for numbers that are measurable, and of course it is easier to use indicators if someone already collects that data, don't be limited by these technical concerns.
- Next, each person in the group should share their suggestions for new indicators with each other.
- If the group identifies any further indicators that are not listed on any one person's form, the recorder should note those on the Group Indicators Feedback form.

Fill out your Favorite Indicators form [20 minutes]

- Finally, place your name and e-mail address on the Favorite Indicators form that shows the blank diagram of the three circles.
- Write down on this paper your favorite SIX indicators from all those that are either on the list or were suggested by people in your group.
- You may select your favorite indicators in the way that makes the most sense to you:
 - a) **up to 3** indicators that cover the issues you care the most about in your family, neighborhood or work life
 - b) indicators that you think are the most important for the long-term sustainability of the City as a whole
 - c) indicators that best link ecology, equity and economy, or
 - d) indicators that would show the most critical issues to set the City on a more sustainable path.
- Turn in your Favorite Indicators form to one of the floaters. We will use these suggestions to make sure our coverage of sustainability is as broad as possible.

Next steps:

Soon, we will post results from this Roundtable at our web site: <http://www.crcworks.org/smi.html>. You will have a chance to offer your suggestions to our next draft before we incorporate indicators into the Sustainability Plan. If you felt too pressed for time today, or if you find yourself having new thoughts over the next few days, feel free to contact us.

REMEMBER TO FILL OUT AND TURN IN YOUR EVALUATION SHEET!

THANK YOU!