

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

August 18, 2003

Present and Voting:

Ron Ravensborg, Cam Gordon, Carol Pass, Nicholas Kakos, Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, R.T. Rybak, Paul Ostrow, John Erwin (Alternate Park Board), Byron Laher (Alternate United Way), Ken Kelash (Alternate Central Labor) and Diane Hofstede, chair, presiding

Alternates Attending:

Julia Burman, Greg Bastien, Zachary Korb, Debbie Evans, David Fey, Barret Lane

Absent:

Gail Dorfman, Rep. Joe Mullery, Bob Fine, Sharon Henry-Blythe, Emmett Carson, James Colville, Bill McCarthy, Angela Sterns

Staff:

Bob Miller, Bev Banks, Carsten Slostad

Others Present:

Greg Baumgartner, Arlin Waelti, Nancy Beals, Anna Dvorak, Andy Williams, Emily Ero-Phillips, Gary Arntsen

I. CALL TO ORDER

Diane Hofstede, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. in Conference Room C-2350 in the Hennepin County Government Center.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Due to scheduling conflicts, the mayor asked that his report be moved to the beginning of the agenda. Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Nicholas Kakos the agenda was adopted with this revision.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Byron Laher the minutes of the July 21, 2003 meeting were adopted.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

1. Mayor's Budget Presentation

A copy of the power point presentation used at the mayor's budget address on August 14th was distributed in the Board packet. Mayor R.T. Rybak presented some of the key points from this budget address. He expressed his support of the NRP Ordinance revisions being proposed by Council Member Lane with the understanding that NRP would continue to support Commercial Corridors and Affordable Housing funding set-asides. He suggested that an opportunity was present to better coordinate CDGB and CLIC funding determinations with NRP Action Plans. Finally, with more city dollars going to fund NRP he expressed his opinion that the roles of other jurisdictions represented on the Policy Board should be changed in the future. Comments and questions from other members then followed his presentation. As a conclusion to this presentation, Pat Born from the City Finance Department explained the financial implications of the recently reduced LGA dollars for 2004 and the financial obligations the City faces due to the loss of the LSGI II lawsuit.

V. ACTION ITEMS

1. Phase II Participation Agreement for Standish Erickson [NRP / FR#2003-22]

Upon a motion by Nicholas Kakos and seconded by Mark Stenglein the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby approves the Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Phase II Participation Agreement and authorizes an expenditure of up to \$39,578 of Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program funds from the Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund to the Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association for administrative support associated with Phase II plan development activities.

2. Waite Park Plan Modification #9 [NRP/ FR#2003-23]

Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Paul Ostrow the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with its policy on Changing Approved Neighborhood Action Plans and Early Access Requests, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby approves and authorizes the Waite Park Community Council to modify the Waite Park Neighborhood Action Plan (NAP) by adding the following new strategy to the Community & Education section of the approved NAP:

Community & Education Section
Goal 1, Objective 2, Strategy H: Promote and support new and expanding businesses by creating a revolving low interest loan program.
Partners: Local businesses, WPCC
Contract Manager: NRP, Third party administrator

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board approves using \$20,000 of Waite Park's program income to fund this new strategy.

3. McKinley Neighborhood Action Plan (Phase I) [NRP / FR#2003-24]

Nancy Beals, Greg Baumgartner, and Anna Dvorak gave presentations on the various sections of the McKinley Neighborhood Action plan. Andy Williams gave a presentation on "MASK", an educational after-school program supported by this plan. Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Ron Ravensborg the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the McKinley Neighborhood Phase I Action Plan dated July 7, 2003.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby approves Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program expenditures on projects and programs for the McKinley Neighborhood Phase I Action Plan in an amount not to exceed \$1,844,894; and,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to: (1) request that the City Council and the Mayor [a] amend the 2003 Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA) appropriation resolution by increasing the NRP Program Fund CNR by \$1,339,894 and [b] authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements needed to implement the activities described in this report; and (2) further request that the MCDA Board of Commissioners authorize the appropriate MCDA officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the activities above.

4. Cedar Riverside Neighborhood Status [NRP / PR#2003-12]

At this point in the meeting the following resolution was introduced regarding the status of Cedar Riverside Neighborhood's planning.

Nicholas Kakos moved and Paul Ostrow seconded that the NRP staff explore all means available and provide recommendations for expediting Cedar Riverside's NRP participation and that a progress report be presented to the Policy Board within 60 days.

VI. POLICY ITEMS

1. Neighborhood Representative Election [NRP / PR#2003-13]

Upon a motion by Paul Ostrow and seconded by Ken Kelash the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board sets the following dates for the election of Neighborhood Representatives to the 2004 Policy Board.

Candidate Filing Period August 19 – September 19, 2003

Candidate Forums and Election November 20, 2003

3. City Council Hearing on Proposed NRP Ordinance

Paul Ostrow distributed a copy of a revised resolution authorizing a set-aside of \$1,000,000 of NRP funds for Public Safety initiatives through 2004. The initial resolution was introduced at the June 30th meeting, referred for neighborhood comments and scheduled for action at the September Policy Board meeting. The resolution was introduced to influence the Mayor's budget for 2004 and the amendments being proposed to the NRP Ordinance. The NRP ordinance is scheduled for a vote at the Friday, August 22nd City Council meeting. Council President Ostrow moved the resolution and Mark Stenglein seconded the motion.

In speaking for the motion, Council President Ostrow pointed out the revisions that have been made since it was first introduced and the need to adopt it at this meeting. A lengthy discussion then followed. Some of the principle concerns expressed by the members were the appropriateness of addressing this issue at this meeting, the legality of using NRP funds in this fashion, and how these funds would be directed by neighborhood action plans. Arlin Waelti, legal counsel for NRP, responded to some of the legal questions posed by the members.

In an effort to move the discussion forward, it was suggested that a contingency clause be added to the resolution. Bob Miller drafted language for the members to consider. The following amendment to the distributed resolution was then moved by Paul Ostrow and seconded by Ken Kelash.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: *That this approval is contingent upon passage of the Lane NRP Ordinance without any amendments that reduce the projected amounts available to NRP from the Common Project presented as Case I of the Financial Analysis presented by the City Finance Office on June 4, 2003.*

A vote was then taken on the amendment and it was adopted.

Further discussion then occurred on how neighborhood action plans would influence expenditures from this fund. Nicholas Kakos moved to strike “as approved in neighborhood action plans” from the fourth resolving clause and replace it with “consistent with statutory requirements”. Mark Stenglein seconded the motion. Paul Ostrow recommended that instead of deleting and replacing language, the additional language should just be added to the resolving clause. The members agreed to add this language to the resolution.

A final vote was then taken on the resolution as amended, which was then adopted. The following is the final amended resolution.

WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis (the “City”) is facing a significant loss of local government aid from the State of Minnesota, and;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes section 469.1831, subdivision 2, requires that the activities of the NRP program must in part “...preserve and enhance within the neighborhood.... public health and safety...”, and;

WHEREAS, 35 neighborhoods of the City included strategies in their approve NRP Neighborhood Action Plans that supported community-oriented public safety activities over and above the usually provided level of services, and;

WHEREAS, expenditures are permitted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 469.1831 to provide public safety services when they are over and above the level of general City services from funds reserved pursuant to Laws of Minnesota 1990, Chapter 604, article 7, section 29, subdivision 1, as amended by Laws of Minnesota 1991, Chapter 291, article 10, section 20, subdivision 1, and:

WHEREAS, neighborhood representatives from throughout the city have emphasized the importance of continuing community-oriented public safety activities in an era of extremely limited resources;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NRP Policy Board dedicates one million to a fund committed to community oriented public safety activities to be expended by December 31, 2004.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City shall only use these funds to support community oriented public safety initiatives that are over and above the level of general City public safety services that will result after the budget reductions from the reduced level of local government aid occurs, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that expenditures from this fund shall be dedicated to community-oriented public safety initiatives, including but not limited to the following: CCP/SAFE staffing levels, bike patrols, foot patrols, and community-based and directed police presence across the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That police administration shall work with the Neighborhood Revitalization Program and the Precinct advisory Committees in developing a plan for the expenditure of these funds as approved in neighborhood action plans and consistent with statutory requirements. (Amendment moved by Nicholas Kakos and seconded by Mark Stenglein)

(Amendment moved by Paul Ostrow and seconded by Ken Kelash)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this approval is contingent upon passage of the Lane NRP Ordinance without any amendments that reduce the projected amounts available to NRP from the Common Project presented as Case I of the Financial Analysis presented by the City Finance Office on June 4, 2003.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Diane Hofstede, Chair