

**Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF**

**February 23, 2004**

**Present and Voting:** Debbie Evans, Cam Gordon, Zachary Korb, Nicholas Kakos, Peter McLaughlin, Gail Dorfman, R.T. Rybak, Paul Ostrow, Rep. Joe Mullery, Jon Olson, Ken Kelash (Alternate for Central Labor Union), Todd Klingel and Diane Hofstede, chair, presiding

**Alternates Attending:** Sean Wherley, Steven Miller, Carol Pass, Jeffrey Strand, David Fey, Dennis Schapiro (representing the School Board)

**Absent:** Michael Opat, Sharon Henry-Blythe, Emmett Carson, Byron Laher (excused)

**Staff:** Bob Miller, Barbara Lickness, Carsten Slostad

**Others Present:** Michael Norton, Pat Born, Jeff Schneider, Don Snyder, Emily Ero-Phillips, Andrew Hauer, Rebekah Cross, Jolynne Reeves, Judy Schwartau, 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**

Nicholas Kakos asked to amend the agenda by allowing him to introduce a resolution after the election of officers and another resolution after the discussion on Community Oriented Public Safety Reserve Fund. Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Zachary Korb the agenda as amended was adopted.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Nicholas Kakos and seconded by Ken Kelash the minutes of the January 26, 2004 meeting were considered for adoption. Cam Gordon asked that the final paragraph on page 3 be corrected. He then moved and David Fey seconded, that the record be corrected to more accurately reflect his motion. His motion was to amend Paul Ostrow's motion by striking "local precinct commander" in condition #3 and replacing it with "precinct advisory committee". *Gail Dorfman seconded his amendment for discussion. During discussion Paul Ostrow suggested that the language change in condition #3 should read "and must be developed in consultation with the local precinct commander". A consensus was reached that Paul Ostrow's language suggestion was preferred, Cam Gordon withdrew his language for the preferred language, a vote was taken and the amendment to the original motion was adopted.* The motion to revise the minutes was then adopted.

#### **IV. POLICY ITEMS**

##### **1. Report of the Nominating Committee / Election of Board Officers**

[NRP / PR#2004-05]

Ken Kelash, chair of the committee, presented the report. Ken Kelash moved and David Fey seconded a motion to use a written ballot. The motion was defeated making a roll call vote the method of voting. The chair opened the floor for nominations for Board Chair. Ken Kelash nominated Joe Mullery and David Fey nominated Paul Ostrow. The nominated candidates were then given time to address the Board on behalf of their candidacy. The Assistant Secretary then identified the eligible voters. It was determined that there was not sufficient documentation in the record to allow Dennis Schapiro to vote on behalf of the School Board chair. The School Board representative is Sharon Henry-Blythe and the School Board designated alternate is Colleen Moriarty. A roll call vote was then conducted. Voting for Joe Mullery were Debbie Evans, Zachary Korb, Nicholas Kakos, Jon Olson, Peter McLaughlin, Gail Dorfman, Ken Kelash, and Joe Mullery. Voting for Paul Ostrow were Cam Gordon, David Fey, Todd Klingel and Paul Ostrow. Diane Hofstede abstained from voting. Gail Dorfman then moved a unanimous ballot for Joe Mullery, which was seconded by Ken Kelash. The motion carried unanimously.

Ken Kelash then nominated Nicholas Kakos for vice-chair. Debbie Evans was also placed into nomination but she requested that her name be withdrawn. There being no further nominations, Nicholas Kakos was then duly elected Policy Board Vice-chair. Joe Mullery then nominated Ken Kelash for secretary. There being no further nominations, Ken Kelash was then duly elected Policy Board Secretary. As a formality, Carsten Slostad was nominated and duly elected as Assistant-Secretary to the Board.

##### **2. Resolution of Recognition**

[NRP / PR#2004-06]

Nicholas Kakos moved and Joe Mullery seconded the following resolution:

**WHEREAS:** Diane Hofstede has performed outstanding service in leading the Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board as its chair during the past two years in a most dedicated and effective manner; and,

**WHEREAS:** She has been effective in converging the diverse interests of all neighborhoods and participating jurisdictions in a fair and equitable manner resulting in the ongoing continuance of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program for the City of Minneapolis;

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That on this day, February 23, 2004, the Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board expresses its appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Diane Hofstede for helping to make Minneapolis neighborhoods better places to live, work, learn and play.

**3. Criteria / Community Oriented Public Safety Reserve Fund [NRP / PR#2004-07]**

Ken Kelash moved and Debbie Evans seconded approval of the criteria. Because there was some confusion at the January meeting, Paul Ostrow ask Pat Born to clarify for the members some of the details of the police budget. For clarity, Paul Ostrow moved to change the language in item #1 of the Criteria to read: "Funds must be for police hours that are over and above the level included in the 2004 City General Fund Budget for police services." This change was accepted by consensus. The following resolution was then adopted. A copy of the Criteria is attached to these minutes.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) approves and adopts the Eligibility and Selection Criteria for the NRP Community Oriented Public Safety Initiatives Reserve Fund attached to this memorandum as the criteria to be used in accessing these NRP funds; and

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Director is hereby authorized and directed to distribute these guidelines to the neighborhoods.

[NRP / PR#2004-08]

Nicholas Kakos introduced the following resolution, which was seconded by Cam Gordon and then adopted.

**RESOLVED:** That the approval by the NRP Policy Board of a \$1 million dollar allocation for a Community Oriented Public Safety Initiatives Reserve Fund shall not be construed as establishing a precedent for future NRP planning purposes.

**4. NRP Housing Investment Fund**

[NRP / PR#2004-09]

Bob Miller introduced a proposal that would create housing program funds that neighborhoods could invest in to help meet the needs of their neighborhoods. The plan would minimize administrative costs and maximize leveraged funds. The plan would also help address NRP's 52.5% housing requirement. The request is to bring this proposal to the neighborhoods for review and comment. Ken Kelash moved and Peter McLaughlin seconded sending this proposal to the neighborhoods. The amount of time for neighborhood review was then discussed. A consensus was reached to have the neighborhood review completed by the May meeting of the Policy Board (60 days).

A vote was then taken and the motion to send this proposal to the neighborhoods was adopted. Nicholas Kakos then moved that a task force be established to review the specifics of the proposed NRP Housing plan. Gail Dorfman seconded the motion. It was recommended that the task force consider asking non-board members to assist in this review. This motion was then adopted.

**V. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Downtown Neighborhood Plan Modification #5** [NRP / FR#2004-04]

Bob Miller introduced the request of the neighborhood. Because this modification creates new strategies, Policy Board and City Council action are required. Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Cam Gordon the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLVED:** That in accordance with its policy on Changing Approved Neighborhood Actions Plans and Early Access Requests, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (Board) hereby approves and authorizes the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association request to modify existing strategies and add new strategies to the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Action Plan as follows:

FROM:

<u>Arts, Culture and Education 1.2.</u> (Word Mural Signage Project)	\$40,000.00
<u>Arts, Culture and Education 1.3.1.</u> (Hennepin Av. Streetscape Loan)	300,000.00
<u>Crime and Safety 1.1.1.</u> (Install safety alert and 911 phones)	\$34,000.00
<u>Downtown Development 1.1.1</u>	\$106,683.24

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$480,683.24</b>
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TO:

<u>Arts, Culture and Education 1. 4(new). 1(new)</u> <i>Objective 4: (new) Strengthen the emerging Hennepin Avenue Theater District and help make the surrounding area safer.</i>	\$95,000.00
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*Strategy 1: (new) Support the renovation and restoration of the Minnesota Shubert Performing Arts and Education Center.*

<u>Arts, Culture and Education 1.4.(new) 2.(new)</u>	\$25,000.00
<i>Strategy 2:</i> (new) Provide funds toward the capital project for the new Planetarium at the Minneapolis Public Library.	
<u>Crime and Safety 1.3.5</u>	\$60,000.00
(Senior Center)	
<u>Crime and Safety 1.3.6 (new)</u>	\$10,000.00
<i>Strategy 6:</i> (new) Work with area businesses and organizations to develop an education and advocacy program to reduce, prevent and/or eliminate public urination in downtown Minneapolis.	
<u>Crime and Safety 1.3.7 (new)</u>	\$95,000.00
<i>Strategy 7:</i> (new) Work with the Central Cities Partnership (CCNP) Restorative Justice Program and others to initiate a systems change program that addresses the failure of the criminal justice system to deal effectively with “nuisance” crime offenders	
<u>Downtown Development 1. 2. (new) 1. (new)</u>	\$160,683.24
<i>Objective 2:</i> (new) Improve the downtown sense of community and promote a clean, safe identity for downtown Minneapolis residents and visitors.	
<i>Strategy 1:</i> (new) Develop a streetscape program for Strategic areas that will identify destination locations and create a unified theme for downtown Minneapolis.	
<u>Implementation 1.1.1</u>	\$35,000.00
(Implementation)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$480,683.24</b>

## **VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

### **1. Longfellow Neighborhood Phase I Review**

Bob Miller and Barbara Lickness presented the report on behalf of the neighborhood. Of special note was the map showing the success of the neighborhood's housing programs. Almost every block in the neighborhood had at least one property that was improved using one of the neighborhood's programs. Block club organization was also increased through the neighborhood's efforts. The neighborhood has received national acclaim for their "Bungalow Book".

### **2. Performance Review for the Director**

[NRP / PR#2004-10]

This item was deferred from the January meeting. Gail Dorman, chair of the personnel committee, referred members to the materials distributed at that meeting. She then recommended that the Board accept the report of the committee. At the June 2004 meeting it would be appropriate for the Policy Board to consider a salary step advancement for the director. She moved the following resolution, which was seconded by David Fey and adopted.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board accepts the report of the Personnel Committee reviewing the performance of the Director from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2003;

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Director's satisfactory performance is recognized and advancement to the fourth step on the salary schedule, adopted May 22, 2000, will be considered by the Policy Board when the Director becomes eligible for this advancement, July 1, 2004.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

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**ATTEST:** Diane Hofstede, Chair