

**Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF**

**October 25, 2004**

**Present and Voting:** Debbie Evans, Cam Gordon, Zachary Korb, Nicholas Kakos, Peter McLaughlin, R.T. Rybak, Barret Lane (Alternate, City Council), Byron Laher, Ken Kelash, Diane Hofstede and Rep. Joe Mullery, chair, presiding

**Alternates Attending:** Sean Wherley, Carol Pass, Jeffrey Strand, David Fey

**Absent:** Paul Ostrow, Jon Olson, Dennis Schapiro (excused), Emmett Carson, Todd Klingel, Tony Looking Elk

**Staff:** Bob Miller, Jack Whitehurst, Carsten Slostad

**Others Present:** Don Anderson, Jerry Stein, Doug Walter, Rita Ulrich, Greg Baumgarter, Jeremy Stratton, Jeff Schneider, Amy Luesebrink, Pat Halliday, Wendy Menken, Bernie Waibel, Charlie Hoffman, Scott Vreeland, Brian Miller, Gary Arntsen, Gail Anderson, Lori Stone and other interested citizens.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Joe Mullery, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:48 p.m. in Conference Room C-2350 in the Hennepin County Government Center.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Upon unanimous consent the agenda was adopted.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Nicholas Kakos the minutes of the September 27, 2004 meeting were adopted.

**IV. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Seward Neighborhood Phase II Action Plan**

[NRP / FR#2004-22]

Ken Kelash moved and Nicholas Kakos seconded the Seward Neighborhood Phase II Action Plan approval resolution and a discussion of the plan then occurred.

Bob Miller presented a short summary of the plan, highlighting that the plan addressed three areas; housing, crime and safety, and the environment. Of the three, 73% of the plan's funding is in their housing strategies. He also addressed the question of administrative costs by reminding the Policy Board members that Seward has been in a holding pattern for the past two years while awaiting decisions on Phase II allocations and that 83% of the administrative dollars identified were spent during this period. The Seward plan also has strategies that the neighborhood included even though there is no funding identified at this time for implementation. He then introduced Scott Vreeland, Charlie Hoffman, Bernie Waibel and Lori Stone from the Seward neighborhood for their presentation of the plan, Lori Stone being the principal presenter.

A discussion on the merits of the plan, its housing investments and Seward's experience going through the MRT process then occurred. Many opinions, from very different perspectives, were expressed.

Council Member Barret Lane reminded the members that the adopted City Ordinance on NRP requires the submission of an NRP 5 year Business Plan. The Council also passed a resolution in June of 2004 that withholds approval of any neighborhood plan until the NRP business plan is submitted. As the business plan is still being reviewed by the neighborhoods prior to final consideration by the Policy Board in November, he informed members that he could not support approval of the Seward plan at this time.

Cam Godon then moved and Ken Kelash seconded to end debate. The motion carried. A vote was taken on the resolution, which was then adopted. Barret Lane voted against and R.T. Rybak abstained.

**WHEREAS:** On April 19, 2004, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board ("Board") approved a Phase II allocation for the Seward neighborhood of \$450,139, based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP;

**WHEREAS:** The Seward neighborhood conducted an extensive Phase II neighborhood planning process during 2001-2004 and has submitted a Seward NRP Phase II plan that requests a Phase II allocation of \$450,139;

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the Seward Phase II Neighborhood Revitalization Plan dated August 2004;

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to: 1) request the City Council and Mayor [a] amend the 2004 General Appropriation resolution by increasing the Community Planning and Economic Development Department agency Fund CNR – NRP Program Fund (CNR0-890-3550) by \$375,139 and [b] authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the activities above;

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That up to 70 percent of the amount approved for this plan (\$315,097) shall be available for obligation in the first three (3) years after approval of the appropriation for this plan.

## **2. Unified Housing Policy Resolution**

[NRP / PR#2004-37]

Debbie Evans introduced a resolution, which she read and distributed. Ken Kelash seconded her resolution. Of the five items listed, a question was raised on the language in the second point. She considered a suggestion to delete “elected City officials” and replace it with “City representatives” friendly and that change was made without a formal amendment.

Cam Gordon expressed his concern that more time was needed to consider this motion and moved to table the motion. Barret Lane seconded. Debbie Evans then moved to amend the motion to table to a motion to postpone. Cam Gordon seconded her amendment. There was confusion as to when Debbie Evans’ original motion would be considered and she then withdrew her amendment to postpone. The motion to table was then considered and defeated.

Peter McLaughlin stated that the point of contention during the Seward discussion was the application of the Unified Housing Policy by CPED. He then moved to amend, with Ken Kelash seconding, the fifth point of the resolution to read as follows. .

*“We expect the City to engage and actively involve its residents in the development of its housing policies and therefore ask that the City Council in its efforts to support citizen participation suspend the application of the current Unified Housing Policy (UHP) to the NRP.”*

After considerable discussion on the amendment Ken Kelash moved and Byron Laher seconded calling the question. The motion to end debate carried. A vote was then taken on the amendment, which carried. A final vote on the motion as amended was taken and the resolution was adopted with Barret Lane, Cam Gordon, Byron Laher and David Fey voting against. The adopted resolution is as follows:

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board adopts the following:

1. We urge and expect that all Neighborhoods will develop fuller awareness of the City's adopted housing policies.
2. We urge City Representatives to attend Neighborhood planning meetings for Phase II where they can make their case for City housing policies directly to the Neighborhoods.
3. We expect the Neighborhoods to fully consider the City's housing policies when they develop their Phase II NRP Neighborhood Action Plans.
4. We affirm the independence of the deeply rooted Neighborhood planning process and respect its outcomes.
5. We expect the City to engage and actively involve its residents in the development of its housing policies and therefore ask that the City Council in its efforts to support citizen participation suspend the application of the current Unified Housing Policy to the NRP.

**V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

**1. Marcy Holmes Phase I Action Plan Review**

This item was received and filed.

**3. CPED Business Plan Draft**

This item was received and filed

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

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**ATTEST:** Joe Mullery, Chair