

## **Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board**

### **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF**

**March 26, 2007**

**Present and Voting:** Debbie Evans, Beverly Conerton, Carol Pass, Jeffrey Strand, Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, Gail Dorfman, Cara Letofsky (Alternate, Mayor's Office), Barbara Johnson, Ken Kelash (Alternate, Central Labor), Todd Klingel and Jon Olson, chair, presiding.

**Alternates Attending:** Nicholas Kakos, Tom Bissen, Carletta Sweet,

**Absent:** R.T. Rybak, Rep. Joe Mullery, Chris Stewart, Karen Kelley-Ariwoola, Anita Duckor (excused)

**Staff:** Bob Miller, Barb Lickness, Beverly Banks, Carsten Slostad

**Others Present:** Jerry Moore, Ben Myers, Liz Wielinski, Melody Devine, Ciara Schlichting

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Jon Olson, chair of the NRP Policy Board, began the meeting at 5:40 p.m. The meeting was held in the Board Room at the Minneapolis Park and Recreation headquarters, 2117 West River Road. The change of time and location from our regularly scheduled meeting was made to accommodate the attendance of members of the public for a presentation and comment session on Community Engagement, which was held after the Policy Board meeting. The report on the status of the legislative initiatives was then discussed (see Policy Item below). When a quorum was reached at 6:00 pm, the meeting was officially called to order.

#### **II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mark Stenglein moved and Ken Kelash seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Jeffrey Strand moved and Beverly Conerton seconded a motion to amend the agenda to include five minutes to provide a forum for a neighborhood to present a concern. The amended agenda was then duly adopted.

#### **III. POLICY ITEM**

##### **1. Legislation**

Bob Miller introduced this topic with a brief report on the status of bills being discussed at the Minnesota State Legislature relating to NRP. Barbara Johnson reminded the Policy Board that a dialogue with the bill's authors, officials from the participating jurisdictions, and neighborhood organizations as set out in the board resolution adopted in February

has not yet happened. (February Minutes NRP / PR#2007-05). Discussion relating to the future of the program also occurred at this time.

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#### **IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Gail Dorfman, the minutes of the February 26, 2007 meeting were adopted.

*At this portion of the meeting, as agreed by the Board, time was allowed for representatives of the Jordan neighborhood to present a neighborhood concern.*

Jerry Moore, Executive Director of the Jordan Area Community Council (JACC) presented his concern about the length of time it has taken to get a contract issue resolved. Ken Kelash asked for more specific information about the issue and Ben Myers, Chair of JACC then presented additional details on the issue. Bob Miller clarified that the contract in question is not a contract with the NRP. It is only relevant to the NRP in that NRP is being asked to reimburse for the expenditure created as a result of the contract. The questions raised in the contract relate to employment, the level of compensation being provided and whether the duties are those of a contractor or an employee. Barbara Johnson suggested that Bob Miller convene a group and try to facilitate some dialogue within this neighborhood association. Jon Olson suggested that Bob Miller give a brief progress update at the next meeting.

#### **V. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **1. Columbia Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan [NRP / FR# 2007-07]**

Bob Miller gave a short introduction to the plan and then introduced Ciara Schlichting and Melody Devine from the Columbia Park neighborhood. The plan concentrates the majority of available funding in two housing loan strategies. Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Ken Kelash the following resolution was adopted.

**WHEREAS:** On April 19, 2004, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board (“Board”) approved a Phase II allocation for the Columbia Park neighborhood of \$175,525 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP; and

**WHEREAS:** The Columbia Park neighborhood conducted an extensive and inclusive Phase II neighborhood action plan development process; and

**WHEREAS:** The Columbia Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests a Phase II allocation at their guideline of \$175,525 and dedicates more than 70% of that allocation to housing programs, projects, services and activities.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board ("Board") hereby accepts and adopts the Columbia Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated March 20, 2007; and

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor [a] approve the Columbia Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan, and specifically those parts of the Plan that fall under City jurisdiction, for their Phase II allocation of up to \$175,525; [b] amend the 2007 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) by \$55,434 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] and authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$108,091 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund CNR0 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 70% (\$122,868) of the amount approved for the Plan shall be obligated in the first three (3) years after approval of the Plan; and [d] authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the activities above.

**2. Waiver of Phase II Plan Development Advance Policy for Folwell Neighborhood**  
[NRP / FR#2007-08]

Bob Miller presented the request and detailed the circumstances that have created the need for this waiver. Upon a motion by Barbara Johnson and seconded by Beverly Conerton the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board waives the "Policy on Phase II Plan Development Advance Funds (*adopted October 22, 2001*)," limitation that an eligible neighborhood may request up to 50% of the funds it received in Phase I from the Phase II Plan Development, and

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Board hereby authorizes an additional \$15,000 allocation to the Folwell Neighborhood Association of Phase II Plan Development Advance Funds for a new total amount of \$51,525.

**VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

**1. Community Engagement Review** [NRP / PR#2007-06]

Bob Miller gave a quick overview of the report to be presented at the public meeting that was convened immediately following this meeting. He reviewed the sections of the

report presented in the executive summary, which includes the background and history of the process, the process used to gather information at the meetings and the survey, summarizes the data received and suggests next steps for action.

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Debbie Evans then moved with Ken Kelash seconding the following resolution, which was then adopted.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board convene a study session or sessions to review the Community Engagement Report information gathered during the report review process; and,

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That a recommendation be prepared to be forwarded to the Policy Board for review and action.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm

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Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

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**ATTEST:** Jon Olson, Chair

### **Addendum:**

A public hearing was convened at 7:10 pm to present the results of the Community Engagement Report Review Process and to allow members of the public a chance to make further comments on the report or any other concern related to the Community Engagement topic. Over thirty Minneapolis residents attended. No official actions were taken by the Policy Board at this hearing and the hearing was adjourned at 9:10 pm.