

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

April 23, 2007

Present and Voting: 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 Union), Anita Duckor and Debbie Evans, vice-chair, presiding

Alternates Attending: Nicholas Kakos, Mark Hinds, Carletta Sweet, Robert Lilligren

Absent: R.T. Rybak, Rep. Joe Mullery, Jon Olson, Chris Stewart, Sandra Vargas, Byron Laher, Bill McCarthy, Todd Klingel

Staff: Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad, Jack Whitehurst

Others Present: Pat Scott, John Bernstein, Jana Metge, Gary Arntsen, Pam McKenna

I. CALL TO ORDER

Debbie Evans, vice-chair of the NRP Policy Board, called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. Until a quorum was reached at 5:05 p.m. the Lowry Hill neighborhood proceeded with their presentation. *See Action Item below.*

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Ken Kelash the agenda was adopted

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Jeffrey Strand the minutes of the March 26, 2007 meeting were adopted with minor corrections and the proper listing of members who were absent from the meeting.

IV. ACTION ITEM

1. Lowry Hill NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan [NRP / FR#2007-09]

John Bernstein presented the NRP Phase II plan and reviewed the highlights of the neighborhood's Phase I Plan Review. Gail Dorfman moved and Jeffrey Strand seconded adoption of the plan. Mark Stenglein raised the question of funding availability referring to the memo on funding projections to be discussed later in the presentation section of the agenda. Jeffrey Strand suggested adding language to the Lowry Hill resolution making the approved allocation subject to the availability of funds.

A motion to amend the resolution was then made by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Gail Dorfman to add the phrase “ *dependent upon the availability of future program revenues*” to section [a] of the final resolving clause. Discussion focused on the need for such a phrase when any appropriation is subject to fund availability and a similar statement is included in the first “whereas” clause of the moved resolution. The amendment was not adopted. The following resolution was then adopted.

WHEREAS: On April 19, 2004 the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board (“Board”) approved a Phase II allocation for the Northeast Park neighborhood of \$448,754, based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP;

WHEREAS: The neighborhood conducted a Phase II neighborhood planning process that began in 2005 and has submitted a Lowry Hill NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan that requests a Phase II allocation of \$448,754;

WHEREAS: The Lowry Hill neighborhood has allocated at least 70% of their Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan to housing programs, projects, services and activities;

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the Lowry Hill NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor [a] approve the Lowry Hill 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 \$448,754; [b] amend the 2007 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) by \$157,064 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] and authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$291,690 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund CNR0 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 70% (\$314,128) 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.

V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

1. Kenwood Isles Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan Review

Pat Scott, chair of the KIAA NRP steering committee, presented the plan review on behalf of the neighborhood. The report was received and filed.

2. New Common Project and NRP Capitalization Projections 2006-2009

Bob Miller reviewed the report showing the capitalization projections. He suggested some options available to be considered but did not present a staff recommendation. He then introduced Pam McKenna from the Development Finance Division to answer technical questions from Board members

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Ken Kelash then moved with Jeffrey Strand seconding the following resolution

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board directs staff to: a) make financial projections on 1) funding Phase II allocations at 50% holdback 2) stopping any further funding of Phase II plans and 3) to also project how these measures would affect each neighborhood and b) to present other funding options that could be used to cover the projected capitalization shortfall.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That these projections be presented at the July meeting of the Policy Board.

3. Financial Reports for 2006

Bob Miller distributed financial reports for the Program and reviewed them with the Policy Board. Of particular note was how close neighborhood housing expenditures are coming to the required 52 ½ % mandate, how much program income neighborhoods have generated and the interest earned from the fund balance.

4. Updates

a) Barbara Johnson reported that a committee of the whole meeting of the City Council would be held on Thursday April 26th. This new committee will be used for decisions on the Community Engagement Process and the future of NRP. She outlined a three tiered process that will be used to address these issues.

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b) Carol Pass reported on the work of the legislature on House File 822 and then introduced a motion, which was seconded by Peter McLaughlin. During discussion of her motion, an amendment to change the report due date to December 15th was moved by Peter McLaughlin and seconded by Gail Dorfman. The amendment was adopted and then the amended resolution was adopted with Barbara Johnson and Cara Letofsky voting no.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board thanks the authors of HF 822 (State Representatives Clark, Mullery, Kahn and Loeffler) and the authors of SF 1957 (State Senators Torres Ray, Higgins, Berglin, Dibble and Pogemiller) for bringing forth this legislation and for their support of NRP and neighborhoods in Minneapolis; and,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the NRP Policy Board expresses its willingness to conduct the evaluation requested in HF 822 and to work with the City of Minneapolis and the other NRP Joint Powers Jurisdictions to develop the funding recommendations requested; and,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the NRP Policy Board supports HF 822 and looks forward to working with the legislature and other jurisdictions in developing the future NRP Program.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the NRP Policy Board requests that the due date for the report be changed from October 15, 2007 to December 15, 2007.

c) Bob Miller reported on Jordan issues presented at the last meeting. An audit has now been released, which has a qualified opinion. Recommendations are being made to use a mediation process to address some of the issues in Jordan. Bob has proposed the use of the Minneapolis Mediation Project.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Jon Olson, Chair