

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

May 21, 2007

Present and Voting: Debbie Evans, Beverly Conerton, Carol Pass, Jeffrey Strand, Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, Gail Dorfman, Cara Letofsky (Alternate, Mayor's Office), Robert Lilligren (Alternate, City Council), Anita Duckor and Jon Olson, chair, presiding

Alternates Attending: Nicholas Kakos, Mark Hinds, Carletta Sweet

Absent: R.T. Rybak, Rep. Joe Mullery (excused), Chris Stewart, Sandra Vargas, Byron Laher (excused), Ken Kelash (excused), Todd Klingel, Barbara Johnson

Staff: Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad, Beverly Banks, Margaret Mountin, Robert Thompson

Others Present: Mark Fox, Cindy Schulte, Ann Gilbertson, Dottie Titus, Gary Arntsen, Pat Scott, Jerry Moore, Ben Meyers, Holly Reckel, Bryan Simmons, Kristen Carberry, Ruth Olson.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jon Olson, chair of the NRP Policy Board, called the meeting to order at 4:44 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The chair requested moving the item relating to the Jordan Neighborhood grievance to the beginning of the meeting. Upon a motion by Jeffrey Strand and seconded by Gail Dorfman the agenda was adopted.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Gail Dorfman the minutes of the April 23, 2007 meeting were adopted.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

1. Jordan Neighborhood Grievance

[NRP / PR#2007-09]

Upon a motion by Cara Letofsky and seconded by Jeffrey Strand the grievance filed by the Jordan Neighborhood was received and the chair was directed to appoint a review panel from the NRP Policy Board in accordance with the NRP Grievance Policy. There will be one elected member, one neighborhood member and one community interest member on the panel.

2. Kenny Neighborhood NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

[NRP / FR#2007-10]

Bryan Simmons, Kristen Carberry and Ruth Olson from the Kenny neighborhood presented a short review of the accomplishments of the Phase I plan, an explanation of the neighborhood's outreach efforts, and highlights of the proposed Phase II NRP Neighborhood Action Plan. Upon a motion by Jeffrey Strand and seconded by Mark Stenglein, 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 Kenny neighborhood of \$266,533 based on the Phase II revenues projected for the NRP; and

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

WHEREAS: The Kenny NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests a Phase II allocation at their guideline of \$266,533 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 Kenny NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated April 17, 2007; and

RESOLVE FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor [a] approve the Kenny 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 \$266,533; [b] amend the 2007 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNRO (NRP Fund) by \$97,766 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] and authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$168,767 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund CNRO for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 70% of the amount approved for the Plan (\$186,573) 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.

3. Kenwood Isles NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan [NRP / FR#2007-11]

Pat Scott presented the plan on behalf of the neighborhood. The initial investment in two housing projects was highlighted and the neighborhood will reserve the remaining dollars for livability projects when funds are available in three years. Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Anita Duckor 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 Kenwood Isles neighborhood of \$85,600 based on the Phase II revenues projected for the NRP; and,

WHEREAS: The Kenwood Isles neighborhood conducted an extensive and inclusive Phase II neighborhood action plan development process; and,

WHEREAS: The Kenwood Isles NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests a Phase II allocation of \$85,600 and dedicates more than 70% of that allocation to housing related activities with the understanding that \$14,400 of additional allocation may be available for future implementation of approved plan strategies.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board hereby accepts and adopts the Kenwood Isles NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated May 7, 2007; and

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor [a] approve Kenwood Isles 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 \$85,600; [b] amend the 2007 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) by \$60,000 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] and authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$25,600 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund CNR0 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 70% 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.

4. Audubon Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan [NRP / FR#2007-12]

Cindy Schulte, Mark Fox and Ann Gilbertson presented the plan on behalf of the neighborhood. Cindy presented the initiatives that the neighborhood has been working on which included a home fair, a promotion for “Hearts and Hammers”, a grant program with the U of M Service Learning Center, participating on the Central Avenue Task Force, 29th Avenue Streetscape design using a CURA grant, the Corridor Housing initiative and designs for redevelopment of the 2600 block of Central Avenue and the Central / Lowry Corridor. Ann presented the housing issues being addressed by the neighborhood that include boarded, vacant, and problem properties, and mortgage foreclosures. Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Gail Dorfman 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 Audubon Park neighborhood of \$630,862 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP; and

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

WHEREAS: The Audubon Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests a Phase II allocation at their guideline of \$630,862 and dedicates 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 Audubon Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated October 2006; and

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor [a] approve the Audubon 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 \$630,862; [b] amend the 2007 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) by \$215,552 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] and authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$404,810 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund CNR0 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 70% of the amount approved for the Plan (\$431,103) 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.

5. Lyndale NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan [NRP / FR#2007-13]

Holly Reckel presented the plan by highlighting each of the strategies with a short summary. She also pointed out that the neighborhood prides itself in finding other financial resources in addition to NRP funding. Upon a motion by Anita Duckor and seconded by Mark Stenglein the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS: On April 19, 2004 the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approved a Phase II allocation for the Lyndale neighborhood of \$643,703, 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 Lyndale NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan that requests a Phase II allocation of \$643,703;

WHEREAS: The Lyndale neighborhood has allocated at least 70% (\$450,592) of their Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan to housing programs, projects, services and activities;

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

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor [a] approve the Lyndale 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 \$643,703; [b] amend the 2007 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) by \$175,526 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] and authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$443,177 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund CNR0 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 70% (\$450,592) 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.

6. Community Engagement Study Session Report [NRP / PR#2007-10]

The report was presented and Anita Duckor moved with Beverly Conerton seconding that this report be transmitted to the Minneapolis City Council.

Robert Lilligren distributed and then reviewed the process adopted by the City Council for determining Community Engagement System Improvements and framing related NRP decisions. He outlined the work in process being done by the City Council around this issue.

V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

1. Preliminary Report on the Minneapolis & St. Paul Home Tour

Bob Miller gave a short summary report. Attendance was up, survey responses from participants were positive and revenues will cover more than 95% of the direct expenses. A more formal report will be present to the Board at a future meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Jon Olson, Chair