

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

April 28, 2008

Present and Voting: Debbie Evans, Beverly Conerton, Kari Anderson, Jeffrey Strand, Peter McLaughlin, Scott Vreeland, David Ellis, Ken Kelash and Gail Dorfman, chair, presiding

Alternates Attending: Brock Hanson, Carol Pass, Nicholas Kakos

Absent: Mark Stenglein, R.T. Rybak (excused), Barbara Johnson (excused) Rep. Joe Mullery (excused), Peggy Flanagan, Sandra Vargas, Todd Klingel

Staff: Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad

Others Present: Michael Kimble

I. CALL TO ORDER

Gail Dorfman, chair of the NRP Policy Board, called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. Being one member short of a quorum, it was decided to review the items under consideration while waiting for the additional member. At 5:15 pm a quorum was reached and the official actions of the NRP Policy Board commenced.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Jeffrey Strand requested that the agenda be amended to consider a resolution on the membership of community interest groups. Upon a motion by Scott Vreeland and seconded by Ken Kelash the amended agenda was adopted.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Jeffrey Strand, the minutes of the March 24, 2008 meeting of the Policy Board were adopted.

IV. POLICY ITEMS

1. Cedar Riverside Neighborhood NRP Designation [NRP / PR#2008-06]

Bob Miller informed the Board about the leadership struggles that have been problematic for the Cedar Riverside neighborhood over the past years and how an agreement has now been reached regarding the implementation of the Cedar Riverside Neighborhood Action Plan. He recommended that the Policy Board support the agreement that has been reached between the West Bank Community Coalition and the Cedar Riverside NRP.

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by David Ellis the following resolution was then adopted.

RESOLVED that the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (“NRP”) Policy Board (“Board”) commends the West Bank Community Coalition (“WBCC”) and Cedar Riverside Neighborhood Revitalization Program (“CRNRP”) for their efforts to achieve a positive and mutually beneficial working relationship that maximizes service to the Cedar Riverside neighborhood while reducing the potential for future conflicts;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board accepts the recommendation contained in the April 16, 2008 agreement between WBCC and CRNRP and designates CRNRP as the contract agent and neighborhood organization for the NRP Neighborhood Action Plan development and implementation processes for the Cedar Riverside neighborhood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that designation of CRNRP will be effective April 1, 2008, and that existing NRP contracts with the WBCC will be extended as necessary to ensure an orderly completion of NRP activities and transfer of NRP responsibilities to CRNRP.

2. Community Interest Representation on the Policy Board [NRP / PR#2008-07]

This item was added to the agenda at the request of Jeffrey Strand to address a concern about the lack of participation of some community interest member groups who are officially on the Policy Board Membership Roster. During discussion of his proposed resolution, Peter McLaughlin suggested amending it by adding an additional clause. This was considered friendly and was added to the resolution. Upon a motion by Jeffrey Stand and seconded by Ken Kelash, the following amended resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board directs the NRP Director to query Community Interest Policy Board member organizations that have been absent at three or more consecutive meetings of the Policy Board, to ascertain those organizations’ interest, or lack thereof, in holding their positions; and,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the NRP Director shall report on findings to the Policy Board at its May 2008 meeting; and,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the NRP Director shall provide a proposal to solicit interest for possible new Community Interest members to the Policy Board.

V. ACTION ITEMS

1. Additional Funding for Neighborhoods

[NRP / FR#2008-04]

At the March meeting, the Policy Board approved a resolution asking that NRP staff present for consideration possible sources of NRP funds that could be reallocated for Neighborhood Phase II implementation. Bob Miller presented a plan that would provide an additional \$1,731,285.76 from various sources. This plan respects obligations that have been promised and would reallocate these funds in the same proportions that were used for the original Phase II allocations. Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by David Ellis the following resolution was then adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board (“Board”) directs NRP staff to close out all Transition Fund contracts, Phase I Participation Agreement pools, and the Community-Oriented Public Safety Initiatives Reserve Fund and to use the unexpended balances or program income from these sources (with the exception of \$185,000 from the 1991 Transition Funds that shall be reserved for the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation under the Memorandum of Understanding dated October 18, 2007) to increase the guaranteed appropriation available to fund implementation of Phase II Neighborhood Action Plans (NAP’s);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the unobligated funds (for projects other than Agape Child Development Center, Karamu West and Village in Phillips-Phase 2) and program income earned to date from the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund be redirected to increase the guaranteed appropriation available to fund implementation of Phase II Neighborhood Action Plans (NAP’s);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the funds redirected as a result of the preceding actions be allocated to neighborhoods in proportion to their participation in the allocation of Phase II NRP funds for their use in implementing their Phase II NAP’s;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor [a] approve the redirection of these funds and [b] authorize the appropriate City officers to take any action needed to implement the redirection specified above.

VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

1. Updates on Status of Legislation and Framework for the Future

Bob Miller gave a short status report. There was no discussion on either of these updates.

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VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Gail Dorfman, Chair