

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

July 28, 2008

Present and Voting: Debbie Evans, Beverly Conerton, Kari Anderson, Jeffrey Strand, Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, Cara Letofsky (Alternate, Mayor's Office), Robert Lilligren (Alternate, City Council), Rep. Joe Mullery, Scott Vreeland, (Alternate, Park Board), Ken Kelash (Alternate Central Labor Union), and Gail Dorfman, chair, presiding

Alternates Attending: Mark Hinds, Carol Pass, Nicholas Kakos

Absent: R.T. Rybak, Barbara Johnson, Tom Nordyke, Peggy Flanagan, Sandra Vargas, David Ellis (excused), Bill McCarthy, Todd Klingel

Staff: Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad

Others Present: Mike Kimble, Carletta Sweet, Gary Arntsen

I. CALL TO ORDER

Gail Dorfman, chair of the NRP Policy Board, called the meeting to order at 4:48 p.m.

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 Robert Lilligren the minutes of the June 23, 2008 meeting were adopted.

IV. POLICY ITEMS

1. Neighborhood Representative Election / 2009 Policy Board [NRP / PR#2008-09]

Upon a motion by Jeffrey Strand and seconded by Robert Lilligren the following dates were set for the election of the Neighborhood Representatives to the 2009 Policy Board.

Candidate filing forms available	Wednesday, August 20, 2008
Candidate filing deadline	Noon / Friday, September 19, 2008
Candidate forums and election	Thursday, November 20, 2008

V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

1. Community Interest Member Survey

[NRP / PR#2008-10]

Bob Miller reported that he had surveyed the current Community Interest Members to ascertain those organizations' interest, or lack thereof, in continuing to hold their position. The United Way and the Building Trades Council (Central Labor Union) both expressed an interest in continuing to serve on the Policy Board. The Minneapolis Foundation and the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce indicated that they are no longer interested. With all of the discussion around the future of NRP, he recommended that the seats being held for the uninterested members be declared vacant and left unfilled at this time.

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Debbie Evans the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board ("Board") expresses their appreciation to the Minneapolis Chamber and the Minneapolis Foundation for their service on the Board and their support of NRP;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Chair send a letter of appreciation to the Minneapolis Chamber and Minneapolis Foundation on behalf of the Board;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that these seats on the Board and the seat previously filled by the Urban Coalition be declared and left vacant;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Chair appoint a Committee of the Board of three members (an elected official, a neighborhood representative and a community interest representative) to review the Joint Powers and By Laws provisions on membership to provide any recommendations for changes to the Board for its August meeting.

2. Update on Pending Affordable Housing Fund Projects

[NRP / FR#2008-06]

Bob Miller reported on the status of three Affordable Housing Fund projects. The Agape Child Development has changed scope and size and no longer qualifies for the funding. The Karamu West construction is no longer being developed. The Village in Phillips / Phase II is being developed but will need more time and will be converted to more rental than homeowner units.

Jeffrey Strand moved the suggested resolution but amended the language in the third clause changing the date for a status report from November 30, 2008 to June 30, 2009. Ken Kelash seconded this amended resolution. Kari Anderson expressed her concern that the neighborhoods and those developing these projects be notified of this Policy Board action. She moved with Beverly Conerton seconding the addition of an amendment to the resolution to address this concern. The motion as amended was then adopted.

RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board (“Board”) terminates the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund (AHRF) awards for the Agape Child Development Center (2003 and \$100,000) and Karamu West (2005 and \$125,000) projects;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Director send a letter to each of the sponsoring organizations informing them of this decision;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Board continues to reserve \$305,000 from the Year 3 AHRF for the Village in Phillips-Phase 2 project but directs that an additional status report be provided to the Board by June 30, 2009;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the funds reallocated from the AHRF be reserved for the NRP Administrative Contingency Fund.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the neighborhoods and those developing these projects be notified of this Policy Board action with the understanding that these actions will be effective after the next Policy Board meeting.

2. Presentation of the Framework for the Future

[NRP / PR#2008-11]

[NRP / PR#2008-12]

Robert Lilligren presented the “Framework for the Future” that was submitted to the City Council Committee of the Whole. Since considerable time was spent on the presentation of the draft document at the June meeting of the Policy Board, he reported on the changes and updates made since that presentation.

First, through an amendment by Council Member Hodges, the amount of approximately \$3,000,000 per year for neighborhood organizations to cover neighborhood capacity building expenses was added to the framework. Secondly, he pointed out that the Framework doesn’t include funding projections. Projected funding for the Framework will be presented on August 4th to the Ways & Means committee. The Framework also doesn’t address transitional issues or funding for a transition from NRP to the new department.

A discussion followed with most of the comments and questions relating to funding and transitional issues. Also discussed was what the Policy Board response to the Framework should be. Debbie Evans moved and Jeffrey Strand seconded the following resolution, which was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the chair of the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board convene a committee of the board to develop and prepare a Policy Board response to the "Framework for the Future".

Also discussed was the public hearing on the Framework scheduled for August 20th. It was felt that not enough time was being given for a public response. Peter McLaughlin moved and Jeffrey Strand seconded the following resolution to address this concern. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the NRP Policy Board has reviewed and discussed the schedule proposed by the Minneapolis City Council Committee of the Whole for receiving comment on the final report of the NRP Working Group and the proposed "Framework for the Future";

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board believes that the time frame allowed for public comment is too short and will adversely affect the ability of neighborhood groups, residents and other interested parties to provide the Committee of the Whole and Council with the quality comment that it is seeking;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board respectfully requests that the Committee of the Whole delay the public hearing on the proposed Framework until September 18 or later to allow the Policy Board, neighborhood groups, residents and other interested parties adequate time to research, prepare and provide comments on the proposed Framework.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Gail Dorfman, Chair