

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

March 23, 2009

Present and Voting: Debbie Evans, Mark Hinds, Kari Anderson, Jeffrey Strand, Mark Stenglien, Peter McLaughlin, Barbara Johnson, David Ellis and Gail Dorfman, chair, presiding

Alternates Attending: Nicholas Kakos, Robert Lilligren

Absent: R.T. Rybak, Rep. Joe Mullery (excused), Tom Nordyke, Jill Davis, Bill McCarthy

Staff: Carsten Slostad

Others Present: Gary Arntsen, Kerri Pierce Ruch

I. CALL TO ORDER

Gail Dorfman, chair of the NRP Policy Board, called the meeting to order at 4:55 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Jeffrey Strand and seconded by Mark Hinds the agenda was adopted with the addition of a discussion about the next meeting of neighborhood representatives to determine the selection of NCEC representatives.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Jeffrey Strand and seconded by Mark Hinds the minutes of the February 23, 2009 meeting were adopted.

IV. POLICY ITEMS

1. NRP Funding Year 2007 Policy Board Audit

[NRP / PR#2009-04]

Gail Dorfman stated that Policy Board members should have received the audit and the cover letter from the State Auditor, Rebecca Otto. An unqualified opinion was given and the financial statements conform to applicable standards. Upon a motion by Peter McLaughlin and seconded by David Ellis the report was received and filed.

2. Discussion of NCEC and the next meeting

[NRP / PR#2009-05]

Planning for a reconvened meeting of the neighborhood representatives to determine representation to the new Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) is underway and members asked that the chair expedite the process, as neighborhoods are asking when this next step will occur.

Debbie Evans expressed concern that the NCEC was planning on meeting without neighborhood elected representatives on April 28th. She distributed a resolution to address this concern. Considerable discussion then occurred about this situation and the time that it is taking to develop the process for electing neighborhood representatives.

She then moved a resolution to address this concern. David Ellis seconded the resolution. Further discussion then occurred. Jeffrey Strand moved and Mark Hinds seconded to amend the language in the final clause. His amendment was adopted with Mark Stenglein and Barbara Johnson voting against and David Ellis abstaining. The resolution as amended was then adopted with Mark Stenglein and Barbara Johnson voting against and David Ellis abstaining.

Whereas: the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) has been established by the Mayor and Minneapolis City Council to provide guidance for the City's Community Engagement activities; and,

Whereas: the Commission will consist of 16 residents of the City with eight residents appointed by the City Council, Mayor and Park Board and eight residents elected by neighborhood organizations; and,

Whereas: only the eight Commission members appointed by the governmental bodies have been seated; and,

Whereas: as requested by the City Council, the neighborhood organizations are working to establish a process to elect their representatives; and,

Whereas: several NCEC meeting dates and agendas have recently been set and published by David Rubedor, senior Project Manager for the NCEC, including dates at which the NCEC work plan for the balance of 2009 is to be discussed and approved; and,

Whereas: these meeting dates will occur before neighborhood organization elected representatives are even seated,

Therefore, Be it Resolved: that the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board respectfully requests David Rubedor to postpone the proposed April 2009 NCEC meeting, and to defer action on scheduling additional NCEC meetings until after the results and outcomes are known from the next meeting of neighborhood representatives to discuss the eight neighborhood organizations' appointments to the NCEC, to ensure maximum collaboration among Commission members and confidence in the purposes and process of the Commission.

V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

1. Hawthorne Phase I NRP Neighborhood Action Plan Review [NRP / PR#2009-06]

Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and second by David Ellis the review was received and filed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:07 p.m. Mark Stenglein moved and David Ellis seconded that the meeting be closed to the public for an update on legal proceedings involving NRP. Mark Stenglein then moved and David Ellis seconded that the meeting continue in closed session.

At 6:20 p.m. Mark Stenglein moved and Kari Anderson seconded that the closed session and the Policy Board meeting be adjourned.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Gail Dorfman, Chair