

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

March 22, 2010

Present and Voting: Debbie Evans, DeWayne Townsend, Jeffrey Strand, Tom Bissen (Alternate, Redirection Neighborhoods), Cara Letofsky (Alternate, Mayor's Office), Robert Lilligren (Alternate, City Council), Liz Wielinski, and David Ellis

Alternates Attending: Wizard Marks, Gordon Kepner, Nicholas Kakos

Absent: Carol Pass, R.T. Rybak, Barbara Johnson, Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, Gail Dorfman, Rep. Joe Mullery, Senator Ken Kelash, Chris Stewart

Staff: Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad, Barbara Lickness

Others Present: Monica Smith, Nancy Ward, David Rubedor, Matthew Perry

I. CALL TO ORDER

David Ellis, vice- chair of the NRP Policy Board, called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Liz Wielinski and seconded by Debbie Evans the agenda was adopted.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Jeffrey Strand and seconded by Liz Wielinski the minutes of the February 22, 2010 meeting were adopted.

IV. ACTION ITEM

1. East Calhoun NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan [NRP / FR# 2010-04]

Nancy Ward, chair of the ECCO neighborhood, presented a review of the process used to develop the plan. Monica Smith, ECCO neighborhood coordinator, presented the strategies in the plan. She explained the neighborhood's desire to have both a grant and loan program in their housing plan. The environmental strategies were also high priorities for the neighborhood. The neighborhood developed an informational brochure that summarized the strategies of the plan. This brochure was mailed to all the residents of ECCO and a copy was included in the Policy Board materials packet for this meeting. Board members commented that this was an excellent informational piece and commended ECCO for developing this brochure. Several members recommended that

the neighborhood consider the value of limiting grant programs and using program income to generate revenue for future support of neighborhood activities.

Upon a motion by Nicholas Kakos and seconded by Debbie Evans 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 East Calhoun neighborhood of \$334,613, based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP;

WHEREAS: The East Calhoun neighborhood has conducted an extensive and inclusive planning process;

WHEREAS: The submitted East Calhoun Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests an allocation of \$334,613 and dedicates more than 70% of that allocation to housing programs, projects, services and activities;

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board hereby accepts and adopts the East Calhoun NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated December 3, 2009;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor: [a] approve the East Calhoun 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 \$334,613; [b] amend the 2010 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) appropriation by \$267,690 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$66,923 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund CNR0 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 80% of the amount approved for the Plan (\$267,690) 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 Plan and the activities above.

V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

1. East Isles Neighborhood Phase I Plan Review

The neighborhood has contracted 98% of their plan and is now progressing to Phase II plan development.

2. North Loop Neighborhood Phase I Plan Review

The neighborhood has contracted 94% of their plan and is now progressing to Phase II plan development. This neighborhood has seen major changes since separating from the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association in May of 2001. Barbara Lickness, NPR staff for North Loop, informed the Policy Board of some of the unique circumstances and opportunities that face this neighborhood as the opening of the new Twins Stadium occurs and they begin their Phase II planning efforts.

3. Results from Search for Insurance

Bob Miller reported that a Directors and Officers insurance policy has been obtained. The Policy Board is included in the policy as well. The hope is that this new carrier will be willing to renew next year. He also reported that a general liability master policy is available for neighborhoods to buy coverage when their own liability policy expires. The coverage contains additional umbrella coverage to help neighborhoods meet coverage levels needed.

4. Update on Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour

Bob Miller reported that there are some new features for this year's Home Tour. Workshops are being added one hour each day before the tour starts. Industry professionals will present these workshops. Small-scale informational gatherings are also included in the tour. For example, Hennepin County Medical Center, one of the tour sponsors, will present safety information at one of these gatherings. Also, there will be ten drawings for a free one-hour design and consult service that has been donated by various vendors will also be added this year. The Home Tour Guide will be mailed to over 12,000 previous tour attendees and be distributed at all public libraries. Our radio connection this year is Love 105 FM and in addition to the regular radio ads the station will do live broadcast at locations on the tour both days. There are also feature stories scheduled in the local papers.

5. Update on NRP & NCR Coordination of Operations

Bob Miller reported that he has been working with David Rubedor on a consolidation plan that will be presented to the Policy Board at the April meeting. Considerable progress has been made and they are close to agreement on the plan. Bob Miller announced that NCR is having an open house on Thursday, March 25th. Matt Perry and David Rubedor also encouraged attendance at this event.

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VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: David Ellis, Vice-Chair