

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

July 25, 2011

Present and Voting: Debbie Evans, DeWayne Townsend, Carol Pass, Jeffrey Strand (Alternate, Protection), Gail Dorfman, Barbara Johnson, Annie Young, David Ellis, Ken Kelash

Alternates Attending: Tom Bissen

Absent: Nicholas Kakos, R.T. Rybak, Rep. Joe Mullery, Bill McCarthy

Staff: Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad

Others Present: Gary Arntsen, Sean O'Neil, Susan Burns, John Akre

I. CALL TO ORDER

Senator Kenneth Kelash, chair of the NRP Policy Board, called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by DeWayne Townsend and seconded by Annie Young the agenda was adopted with the understanding that the St. Anthony East Phase I review would move up to the beginning of the agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by DeWayne Townsend and seconded by David Ellis the minutes of the June 27, 2011 meeting were adopted.

IV. REPORT

1. St. Anthony East Phase I Review

Sean O'Neil, staff at St. Anthony East, presented the review. He presented highlights from each section of the review. Annie Young moved and Jeffrey Strand seconded a motion to receive and file.

V. POLICY ITEMS

1. Approve Dates for 2012 Neighborhood Representative Election

Bob Miller presented the information for the 2012 election in compliance with the rules set by the Policy Board. Jeffrey Strand started the conversation about the election by enquiring what the status of the Policy Board will be in 2012. Members then offered their perspective of the situation. The City has indicated and Barbara Johnson confirmed, that it will not participate in any Joint Powers agreement after December 31, 2011. Jeffrey Strand then made a motion to change the dates recommended for the election with additional language about having a meeting set up between the City and NRP before the next Policy Board meeting. Before a second was offered to his motion, concern was expressed about conflict with established policy. The motion was seconded by Barb Johnson and was revised to change the dates of the election process to August 24, September 23 and December 1. The chair asked that the dates be a separate motion. Annie Young expressed concern about going against established policy and moved to table the motion. Her motion was defeated. A roll call vote on the motion for changing the dates was taken. The motion was defeated. A roll call vote was then requested for approval of the dates as originally presented. The motion was approved.

2. Policy Waiver for Sheridan Neighborhood

[NRP / PR#2011-03]

Bob Miller explained the situation with the street lighting on 13th Avenue and how the neighborhood has been working to use their NRP funds and funds from fund raising events to pay for this project. John Akre from the neighborhood presented additional information and explained why this waiver was needed. Annie Young moved and Gail Dorfman seconded approval of the waiver and the following motion was adopted.

RESOLVED, That the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (Board) has received and reviewed the request of the Sheridan Neighborhood Organization (SNO) for a waiver of the NRP Streetscape Policy;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the documentation provided by SNO shows support for the neighborhood by the businesses that will benefit from the streetscape improvements;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board agrees that a waiver of the streetscape policy is appropriate based on the information submitted by SNO and authorizes SNO to use its NRP funds to support up to 100% of the costs associated with implementation of the 13th Avenue street lighting project.

VI. ACTION ITEM

1. Distribution of Released NRP Phase II Funds [NRP / FR#2011-07]

Bob Miller reported that the responses from the 45-day review were favorable to the methodology of the distribution of these released funds. He then reviewed the distribution plan that he had presented at the May meeting. Upon a motion by Annie Young and seconded by Jeffrey Strand the following motion to approve the distribution of \$2.68 million of NRP funds released by the City Council was adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (“Board”) has receive the recommendation (attached) of the NRP Director regarding the distribution of the \$2.68 million released by the Minneapolis City Council on April 1, 2011 from the NRP funds frozen on December 13, 2010;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Board has reviewed the comments received from neighborhood organizations during the 45-day review and comment period;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Board approves the distribution methodology proposed by the NRP staff and endorsed by the neighborhoods and adopts the attached schedule for distribution of the \$ 2.68 million released by the City Council on April 1, 2011;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Director is authorized to take any and all actions necessary to ensure that these funds are made available to neighborhoods as soon as possible.

VII. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

1. 2011 Minneapolis St. Paul Home Tour Report [NRP / PR#2011-04]

Bob Miller presented the results of the Home Tour. He reported that the revenue exceeded expenses and the NRP had a small profit. Continuing with a tour in 2012 was then discussed. Annie Young who had moved the resolution, withdrew her motion. Jeffrey Strand then moved the resolution and Tom Bisen seconded. Strand then asked about how “spinning off” the Home Tour would be accomplished. The chair reminded the board that there was a committee to look into this and he suggested that they be asked to consider options. Strand then moved to refer this to the committee with Gail Dorfman providing the second and a request that the committee report back at the next Policy Board meeting. The motion was adopted.

2. Additional Request

[NRP / PR#2011-05]

Jeffrey Strand then asked to return to the second part of a previous motion regarding setting up a meeting between the City and NRP before the next Policy Board meeting to discuss transition issues. Debbie Evans seconded the motion. The discussion then turned to having a meeting with the other jurisdictions of the Joint Powers Agreement. It was agreed that such a meeting should take place too but no formal motion was made. A vote was taken on the Strand motion and it was adopted.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Senator Kenneth Kelash, Chair