

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

February 26, 2007

Present and Voting: Debbie Evans, Beverly Conerton, Carol Pass, Jeffrey Strand, Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, Cara Letofsky (alternate, Mayor's Office), Barbara Johnson, Byron Laher, Ken Kelash (alternate, Central Labor Union), Anita Duckor and Jon Olson, chair, presiding

Alternates Attending: Nicholas Kakos, Mark Hinds, Tom Bissen, Carletta Sweet, Robert Lilligren

Absent: Gail Dorfman, Rep. Joe Mullery, Karen Kelley-Ariwoola, Bill McCarthy, Todd Klingel, Chris Stewart,

Staff: Bob Miller, Willie Willis, Peg Mountin

Others Present: Gary Arntsen, Franklin Dietrich, and Judy Schwartau

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jon Olson, 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 Ken Kelash and seconded by Tom Bissen, the agenda was adopted with the addition of an action item following the community engagement discussion.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Debbie Evans and seconded by Jeffrey Strand the minutes of January 22, 2007 were adopted.

IV. POLICY ITEMS

1. Report of the Nominating Committee

[NRP / PR#2007-03]

Peter McLaughlin, chair of the nominating committee, presented the report on behalf of the committee. Carol Pass and Ken Kelash also served on the committee. He then moved the following slate of officers for election: Jon Olson, Chair; Debbie Evans, Vice-Chair; and Byron Laher, secretary. Jeffrey Strand seconded the motion and these members were unanimously elected.

V. ACTION ITEMS

1. Adjustment to the 2006 Administrative Budget Appropriation

[NRP / FR#2007-04]

Bob Miller explained the circumstances that lead up to the need for this adjustment, which included some benefit administration accounting problems. He reported that the problems have been solved and that this requested adjustment is a formal way to place these transactions into the record. 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 approves an increase of \$65,600 to the 2006 NRP Administrative Budget (Fund 2300) appropriation to satisfy remaining 2006 budget obligations; and,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to: [a] reduce the Balance for Fund 2300 by \$65,600 to cover this budget increase; and [b] transmit this memo and resolution to the City Council and Mayor as a receive and file for their information and records.

2. Bancroft Neighborhood NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

[NRP/ FR#2007-05]

Franklin Dietrich presented the Bancroft NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan on behalf of the neighborhood. He reported that the main focus of the plan is on housing with over 77% of the funding dedicated to housing strategies. He talked about the seed money the plan will provide for commercial corridor redevelopment and the programs the neighborhood has supported and will continue to support at Bancroft School. Upon a motion by Peter McLaughlin and seconded by Beverly Conerton 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 Bancroft neighborhood of \$265,505 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP; and

WHEREAS: The Bancroft neighborhood conducted an extensive and inclusive Phase II neighborhood action plan development process; and

WHEREAS: The Bancroft NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests a Phase II allocation at their guideline of \$265,505 and dedicates more than 70% of that allocation to housing programs, projects, services and activities.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board ("Board") hereby accepts and adopts the Bancroft NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated January 31, 2007; and

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor [a] approve the Bancroft 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 \$265,505; [b] amend the 2007 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) by \$89,359 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] and authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$156,321 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund CNR0 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 70% of the amount approved for the Plan (\$185,852) 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 activities above.

3. McKinley Neighborhood NRP Phase I Action Plan Modification #15

[NRP / FR#2007-06]

Bob Miller presented the request on behalf of the neighborhood. He explained that Policy Board approval is needed for this modification because the dollar amount being moved between strategies exceeds administrative approval limits. Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Cara Letofsky the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (Board) policy on "Changing Approved Action Plan and Early Access Requests" (approved by the NRP Policy Board on June 6, 1994 and amended on September 5, 1995) the Board hereby approves that Directors Recommendation to revise two strategies in the approved McKinley Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan and authorizes the reallocation of \$400,000 between existing plan strategies as detailed in the Summary of Proposed Changes included with the neighborhood plan modification request.

VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

1. Lowry Hill East NRP Phase I Plan Review

Bob Miller commended the neighborhood and former Policy Board member Judy Schwartau, a leader in the Lowry Hill East neighborhood, for the extensive and thorough review presented. Other Policy Board members also commented on the excellent quality of the review. The review was then received and filed.

2. Community Engagement Meetings

In response to the November 20, 2006 resolution of the Policy Board, which directed staff to organize public meetings for resident review of the Community Engagement Report released by the City on November 9, 2006, Bob Miller reported that 8 meetings were held from January 28 – February 8 in partnership with the City Coordinator's office. In addition, a paper and electronic survey were conducted.. He informed the members that the information being provided for them was the raw data collected during this review process. Data presented included written comments, summary of survey responses, and summaries of small group discussions at the meetings. For the March meeting, a report on these finding will be presented with recommendations for further actions.

Several members voiced concern that a larger venue and a more convenient time be set for the Policy Board March meeting to accommodate more members of the public to attend the scheduled presentation of the findings and recommendations. The boardroom at the Minneapolis Park Board headquarters was suggested.

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Debbie Evans then moved with Jeffrey Strand seconding that the March meeting be changed to this location and that the time be set to accommodate public attendance. The motion carried.

Bob Miller assured the members the alternate meeting arrangements would be made and notice would be given as far in advance as possible.

3. Legislation Recently Introduced at the State Legislature

Debbie Evans distributed the following resolution and moved adoption with Jeffrey Strand seconding the motion.

RESOLVED, That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board ("Board") supports passage of HF 822 to provide funding to NRP and neighborhood organization through 2029 for activities that promote the continued neighborhood revitalization critical to the future of Minneapolis, and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Board authorized the Chair and the Director to take whatever measures they may feel appropriate to transmit this endorsement to other parties, the Legislature and its members, the Mayor and the City Council, and the neighborhood to educate and inform individuals and organization about the activities of neighborhoods and NRP and the impact of this legislation.

After some discussion, Anita Duckor moved to table this motion. A vote was taken and the motion failed. The discussion then continued with attempts to rework the motion. Jeffrey Strand then moved a substitute motion as follows, which was seconded by Anita Duckor.

RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board (“Board”) directs the Chair and the NRP Director to undertake a dialog with the bill’s authors, officials from the participating jurisdictions and neighborhood organizations regarding House File 822 to provide funding to NRP and neighborhood organizations through 2029 for activities that promote the continued neighborhood revitalization critical to the future of Minneapolis.

Peter McLaughlin suggested that the authors of the legislation be thanked for bringing this issue forward. Jeffrey Strand agreed and reworked his substitute motion to read as follows. This reworked motion, which was seconded by Barbara Johnson, was then adopted.

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RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis NRP Policy Board directs the Chair and the NRP Director to undertake a dialogue with the bill’s authors, officials from the participating jurisdictions, and neighborhood organizations; and

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Policy Board thanks the authors for bringing this issue forward.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Willie Willis, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Jon Olson, Chair