

Memorandum

Date: December 16, 2004

To: Policy Board Members and Alternates

From: Robert D. Miller, Director

Subject: Agenda Item

Protection Neighborhood Representative Alternate Jeff Strand has requested that the attached resolution be distributed with the Policy Board packet and added to the agenda. He will be serving as the representative during Nick Kakos absence on Monday night and has indicated that he will offer the resolution at the meeting.

Proposed NRP Policy Board Resolution

Whereas, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program was enabled by Legislative action and established as a Joint Powers program in 1991 through action of the participating jurisdictions of the City of Minneapolis, the County of Hennepin, the Park and Recreation Board of the City of Minneapolis, the Independent School District No. 1, and the Library Board of the City of Minneapolis, and;

Whereas, the participating jurisdictions desired to participate in order to preserve and enhance the private and public infrastructure, the public health and safety, the economic vitality and the sense of community and social benefits with the neighborhoods of the City of Minneapolis, and;

Whereas, the Minneapolis NRP has been internationally recognized as a successful and innovative program for citizen engagement and has leveraged an estimated \$500 million investment of non-program funds into the City's neighborhoods; and,

Whereas, the unforeseen ramifications of the 2001 Legislative tax reform created a period of uncertainty as to the future funding for the NRP Phase II programming in the City's neighborhoods, which has now been resolved by the "Lane Amendment" to Chapter 419 of the code of ordinances and commitment of funds to the program, and;

Whereas, the NRP Policy board acknowledges and respects the right of each participating jurisdiction to determine the nature of its own citizen engagement processes; and,

Whereas, neighborhood residents working through neighborhood organizations are now poised to enter the Phase II planning and implementation stage; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the NRP Policy Board hereby declares the year 2005 as a "Year of Celebration of NRP" and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NRP Policy Board respectfully requests the participating jurisdictions to assist and cooperate with Minneapolis neighborhood organizations in recognizing past achievements and planning the future success of the NRP Phase II.