

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

March 27, 2000

Present and Voting:

Gretchen Nicholls, Judy Schwartau (voting for Revitalization), Clareyse Nelson, Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, Sharon Sayles Belton, Barret Lane (Alternate, Minneapolis City Council), Earnest Belton (Alternate for Edward Solomon), Joanne Walz (Alternate for Emmett Carson), Denise Stephens (Alternate for David Jennings), Diane Hofstede, Ken Kelash (Alternate for Dick Johnson), and Nicholas Kakos, vice-chair, presiding.

Alternates Attending:

Ron Thaniel

Absent:

Jason Amundsen (*excused*), Jackie Cherryhomes, Rep. Karen Clark, Judy Farmer, Emmett Carson, James Colville, Dick Johnson, John Powell, David Jennings

Staff:

Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad

Others Present:

Leslie Wintheiser, Kent Robbins, Jeff Schneider, Gary Arntsen

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:42 p.m. by Nichols Kakos, vice-chair, in Conference Room 333 of City Hall.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Mark Stenglein the agenda was adopted.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Ken Kelash the minutes of the February 28, 2000 meeting were adopted.

IV. POLICY ITEMS

1. Report of the Nominating Committee

Sharon Sayles Belton, chair of the nominating committee, reported that recommendations for persons to serve as officers of the Policy Board should be submitted by March 31st. The nominating committee would then meet, review the nominations, and have a slate of officers ready to present to the board at the April 17th meeting.

2. Phase II Planning

Jeff Schneider, support staff for the Program Operations Work Team, reported on the progress being made developing the two Phase II program models. He then distributed an updated timeline that changed the dates proposed in December 1999 by one month. Because many neighborhood publications have a deadline prior to the May 22nd Policy Board meeting, the work team will present a “public input process” at the April 17th meeting for board approval. Three sub-groups are working to refine the two program models. The areas they are addressing are planning and transition, the allocation process and formulas, and the reserve fund concept. Because the new timetable is a change from the one previously adopted, the vice chair asked for a motion to adopt the timetable presented. Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Clareyse Nelson the new timetable was adopted.

At this point in the meeting Nicholas Kakos indicated that he had items he wished to discuss from the floor related to Phase II planning and asked Ken Kelash to assume the chair. Ken Kelash, Policy Board Secretary, took the chair and recognized Nicholas Kakos.

Nicholas Kakos then made the following statement for the record on behalf of the Protection neighborhoods that he represents. “I fully recognize and appreciate the democratic process of the Policy Board’s actions in approving two compromise proposals submitted and approved relative to funding of Phase II at the previous meeting. I accept this decision. None the less, I wish to express strong objection to receiving at the very last moment during the meeting the two proposals that are complex and warranted additional study and review. Particularly as to how each neighborhood is to be impacted by the over/under mechanism that apparently is an underlying basis for the proposals. Secondly, neither of the two proposals was reviewed by the neighborhoods. Following the February 8th town meeting the neighborhoods were asked to comment on the five proposals A to E discussed at the February meeting. In fairness to the neighborhoods for which the NRP program was developed, it appears we had a last minute perception of “bait and switch” proposal. I am also concerned about the future involvement of the neighborhood organizations in the planning process for Phase II, particularly the method for allocating funding to the neighborhoods. This issue has not been resolved. Will the neighborhoods be given the opportunity to review the final proposal for funding being drafted? Lastly, where does the finance work team fit into future planning? At the last meeting of the finance committee there was no consensus. In summary, I hope and trust that any future proposals involving funding of Phase II will be submitted to the members of the Policy Board is sufficient time to enable careful study, review, and opportunity to request clarification of any proposal prior to any determination by the Policy Board. Towards this purpose, **I move that any financial funding actions requiring approval by the Policy Board be submitted to the members of the Policy Board at least seven days prior to any meeting of the Policy Board.** Barret Lane seconded the motion.

During discussion the motion was clarified and revised with the approval of Nicholas Kakos and Barret Lane. The revised motion as follows was then adopted with Earnest Belton voting against.

[NRP/ PBR#2000-04]

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby requires that materials for any Phase II financial funding actions requiring approval by the Policy Board be submitted to the members at least three calendar days prior to any meeting of the Policy Board.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That a two-thirds majority of the members present at a Policy Board meeting can override this requirement.

Nicholas Kakos then raised a second issue concerning a former neighborhood representative who is still serving on the Program Operations Work Team. He inquired whether or not a new neighborhood representative needed to be appointed. He then moved that **any representative representing a neighborhood be limited to currently seated and active neighborhood representatives or alternates.** Judy Schwartau seconded the motion. This motion failed to be adopted.

At this point in the meeting Ken Kelash returned the chair to Nicholas Kakos.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

1. Minneapolis Schools “Second 7.5%” Funds for Nokomis East [NRP/FR#2000-04]

Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Peter McLaughlin the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby approves the use of up to \$30,000 of Minneapolis Schools “Second 7.5%” NRP funds for improvements to the Keewaydin school playground in the Nokomis East neighborhood.

2. Memorandum of Understanding:

**NRP / Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board
2000 Administrative Budget Amendment #1**

[NRP / FR#2000-05]

Bob Miller presented the Memorandum of Understanding that has been negotiated between the NRP and the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board. This agreement changes the way the Park Board includes overhead and administrative expenses in the project budgets for improvements funded by neighborhoods with NRP dollars. These expenses now will be reimbursed from the NRP Administrative Budget annually based upon the prior year project expenditures. Because this memorandum was not in place at the time of the adoption of the NRP 2000 Administrative Budget, Policy Board approval

is needed to allocate the funds required to support the MOU. Upon a motion by Clareyse Nelson and seconded by Peter McLaughlin, the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby approves amending the 2000 NRP Administrative Budget by increasing line 5070 "Professional Services" by \$96,890 for a new line item total of \$1,026,890; and,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That approval is granted to include the Memorandum of Understanding newly established between the NRP and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board in the "Professional Services" line of the 2000 NRP Administrative Budget; and,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Director is hereby authorized and directed to request that the City Council, City of Minneapolis, appropriate \$96,890 to MCDA Fund CNR for this purpose and to request that the MCDA immediately transfer \$96,890 to the NRP's City of Minneapolis Fund 230.

3. Job Evaluation and Mark Study of the NRP Director's Position

In October 1998, the Policy Board authorized a job evaluation and market study of the Director's position as part of the Director's performance appraisal. This study has now been completed. Mark Stenglein moved and Gretchen Nicholls seconded **that the Personnel Committee be reconvened to analyze the job evaluation and report the findings back to the Policy Board.** Motion carried.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Nicholas Kakos, Vice-Chair