

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

January 22, 2001

Present and Voting:

Judy Schwartau, Jason Amundsen, Holliar Tyner, Nicholas Kakos, Peter McLaughlin, Sharon Sayles Belton, Barret Lane (Alternate, City Council), Joanne Walz (Alternate for Emmett Carson), Byron Laher (Alternate for James Colville), Ken Kelash (Alternate for Dick Johnson), Denise Stephens (Alternate for David Jennings) and Mark Stenglein, chair, presiding.

Alternates Attending:

Gretchen Nichols, Jeffrey Strand, Clareyse Nelson, Ron Thaniel

Absent:

Gail Dorfman, Jackie Cherryhomes, Rep. Karen Clark, Edward Solomon, Judy Farmer, Emmett Carson, James Colville, Dick Johnson, John Powell, David Jennings, Diane Hofstede.

Staff:

Bob Miller, Joe Horan, Bev Banks, Brett Feldman, Carsten Slostad

Others Present:

Kim Havey, Bob Cooper, Lori Olson, Amy Tibbs, Keith Ford, Paul Ostrow, Gary Arntsen

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mark Stenglein, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. in Conference Room C-2350 in the Hennepin County Government Center. He then formally introduced new board members Holliar Tyner and Jeffrey Strand.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Ron Thaniel and seconded by Ken Kelash the agenda was adopted with the following additions: 1) Barret Lane's addition of a resolution to revise the threshold neighborhoods need to meet to enter Phase II as a third action item; and 2) addition of a presentation by Kim Havey, Director, on Enterprise Zones prior to the corridor discussion.

The chair recognized Revitalization Neighborhood Representative Jason Amundsen. Mr. Amundsen then formally resigned his position on the Board stating that he felt that his work on a campaign for a mayoral candidate presented a conflict of interest. The chair thanked him for his service and accepted his resignation for the Board.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Byron Laher the minutes of the December 18, 2000 meeting were adopted.

IV. POLICY ITEMS

1. Appointment of a Nominating Committee

The chair announced the appointment of Byron Laher, Judy Schwartau and Barret Lane to serve on this committee.

2. Conflict of Interest / Ethics Policy

Bob Miller reported that the committee met in December and is continuing to work on revisions. The committee will need to meet again and he projected that the Board will be reviewing the committee recommendations at the March meeting.

3. Presentation of Minneapolis Empowerment Zone (EZ) Project

Kim Havey, Director, presented the history of the project, a ten-year initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He then went on to describe the projects currently under way and his hope that NRP funds could be used with these funds for proposed future projects. A discussion about foundation support of commercial corridor initiatives followed his presentation.

4. Commercial Area Development Reserve Fund Guidelines

[NRP / PR#2001-01]

As an introduction to the Board's consideration of the guidelines, Bob Miller pointed out the changes made based on the actions of the Board at the last meeting. He also submitted, for the Board's consideration, the recommendation of the Management Review Team to limit the areas where these funds may be used and to add a criterion, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED), for points in item B-4. Ken Kelash moved adoption of the revised Commercial Area Development Reserve Fund Guidelines and Sharon Sayles Belton seconded the motion. She then moved to amend the guideline criteria B-4 by adding Crime Prevention through Environmental Design with a value of 0-5 points, changing the point range for this section to 0-20 points, and changing the point value on traditional architectural character to 0-10 points. Nicholas Kakos seconded the amendment. The amendment was adopted and the guidelines as amended were adopted. The guidelines as amended and adopted are attached to these minutes.

5. City Ordinance Chapter 419 Revisions

[NPR / PR#2001-02]

The Phase II Finance Work Team completed a review of City Ordinance Chapter 419. They recommended revisions that will reflect the new Phase II goals, as well as incorporate housekeeping corrections and clarifications to the Ordinance. These revisions were presented to the Policy Board for their information prior to the action of the Minneapolis City Council. Upon a motion by Nicholas Kakos and seconded by Ken Kelash the report was received and filed.

V. ACTION ITEMS

1. Hennepin County “Second 7.5%” Funds for Cedar Riverside

[NRP / FR#2001-01]

Upon a motion by Peter McLaughlin and seconded by Ken Kelash the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby approves the use of up to \$62,000 of Hennepin County’s “Second 7.5%” NRP funds to support the Family Opportunities and Literacy Collaborative in the Cedar Riverside Neighborhood.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That this approval is contingent upon final approval by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners.

2. Holland Neighborhood “Early Access” Request

[NRP / FR#2001-02]

Bob Miller reviewed the neighborhood request for “Early Access” funding to support the Central Avenue Lighting Program and the Eastside Co-op. Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Judy Schwartau the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) policy on "Early Access to NRP Funds for Selected Neighborhoods" the Board approves the Director's recommendation and authorizes an expenditure of up to \$150,000 of Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program funds as an early resource commitment to the Holland Neighborhood Improvement Association.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to: 1) request that the City Council and the Mayor [a] amend the 2001 Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA) appropriation resolution by increasing the NRP Program Fund CNR0 by \$150,000, [b] authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements needed to implement the activities described in this report; and, 2) further request that the MCDA Board of Commissioners authorize the appropriate MCDA officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the activities above.

3. Eligibility Criteria for Beginning Phase II

[NRP / PR#2001-03]

Barret Lane asked that the Board consider revising the eligibility criteria for neighborhoods entering Phase II. He recommended a revision to address neighborhoods that have expended all of the Phase I funds directly under their control but cannot reach the 85% or 95% threshold because of delays implementing the remaining strategies in their plan. Upon a motion by Nicholas Kakos and seconded by Holliar Tyner the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the NRP Policy Board (Board) recognizes that implementing some strategies in Neighborhood Action Plans is impossible without support and action by organizations outside the control of the neighborhood;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board does not believe that implementation of strategies outside the control of the neighborhood should limit their ability to begin the Phase I review or Phase II plan development process;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board authorizes the Director to consider neighborhoods that would meet the threshold requirements but for the strategies in their approved plan that require jurisdictional action and are not yet contracted or expended as eligible to begin the Phase I review and Phase II plan development process.

4. Affordable Housing Reserve Fund

[NRP / PR#2001-04]

Judy Schwartau, in reference to a memorandum transmitted to the Policy Board from the Management Review Team, suggested that the board consider two of the three suggestions for revision to the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund guidelines adopted in December. She then moved and Holliar Tyner seconded the following resolutions, which were adopted.

RESOLVED: That the NRP Policy Board accepts the recommendation of the Management Review Team and directs staff to coordinate the schedule for applications and awards with the schedule for application and awards from the MHFA.

RESOLVED: That staff bring back to the Policy Board for consideration any changes the City makes in their definition of impacted and non-impacted areas based upon the 2000 Census.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Mark Stenglein, Chair