

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF**

April 23, 2001

**Present and Voting:**

Judy Schwartau, Jeffrey Strand, Holliar Tyner, Nicholas Kakos, Barret Lane (Alternate, City Council), Edward Solomon, Joanne Walz (Alternate for Emmett Carson), Ken Kelash (Alternate for Dick Johnson), Denise Stephens (Alternate for David Jennings), Diane Hofstede and Mark Stenglein, chair, presiding

**Alternates Attending:**

Clareyse Nelson

**Absent:**

Peter McLaughlin, Gail Dorfman, Sharon Sayles Belton, Jackie Cherryhomes, Rep. Karen Clark, Catherine Shreves, Emmett Carson, James Colville, Dick Johnson, John Powell, David Jennings

**Staff:**

Bob Miller, Robert Thompson, Stacy Sorenson, Carsten Slostad

**Others Present:**

Lori Olson, Gary Arntsen, Steve Wash, Pauline Thomas, John Akre, Andy Nedervald, Jon Wertjes, Howard Verson

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mark Stenglein, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. in Conference Room C-2350 in the Hennepin County Government Center.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Judy Schwartau asked that the status of the Conflict of Interest policy and the appointment of a personnel committee be added to the agenda. Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Nicholas Kakos the agenda was adopted as amended.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Barret Lane the minutes of the February 26, 2001 meeting were adopted.

*At this point in the meeting the chair recognized Steve Wash from the Central neighborhood. He presented his concerns about a meeting held in Ventura Village. The chair also recognized Pauline Thomas from the Central neighborhood who expressed her concern about a plan modification that was pending in the Central neighborhood.*

#### **IV. POLICY ITEMS**

##### **1. Updates on Conflict of Interest Policy and Personnel Committee (*added items*)**

Bob Miller reported on the progress made by the committee working on the draft Conflict of Interest Policy. He thanked Barret Lane for his work redrafting portions of the policy. After one more meeting of the committee, it is expected that a draft will be ready for the Policy Board's consideration.

The chair will appoint a personnel committee and announce the members at the May meeting of the Policy Board.

##### **2. NRP Neighborhoods Conference Report**

In addition to the materials in the meeting packet, copies of the survey results from the conference were distributed to the members. Bob Miller then reviewed the highlights from these reports. He thanked NRP staff members Robert Thompson, Willie Willis and Brett Feldman for their hard work in organizing the event. He also thanked the Minneapolis Foundation, General Mills Foundation, Target Foundation, Marquette Banks and the MCDA for their generous contribution of sponsorships for the conference. Nicholas Kakos moved and Ken Kelash seconded that these reports be received and filed. The motion carried.

##### **3. Legislative Update**

Bob Miller presented an update on the status of two legislative items under consideration by the Minnesota Legislature that have an effect on the NRP. Senate file 73 and House file 187 and the related Senate file 1798 and House file 1505 contain provisions that affect tax increment funding (TIF). It is hoped that through the amendment process NRP will be exempted from these TIF changes. The second legislative item relates to opening the process for neighborhood organization membership in House file 404 and Senate file 2798. This legislative change is being supported by the NRP and the neighborhoods and will most likely be adopted.

#### 4. Minneapolis Concrete Project

[NRP / FR#2001-03]

Bob Miller presented an overview of how the project would work. Based upon previous success, the City's Coordinated Action Program (CAP) would like to again provide homeowners the opportunity to repair and or replace walkways on their property. The cost would be paid for through a property assessment. In an effort to find an economical way to implement this initiative, CAP and NRP have identified Summit Academy OIC as a partner to provide a training program for cement finishers while accomplishing this work. In addition, a small concrete contractor is participating to handle part of the anticipated workload. NRP would increase its administrative budget by \$300,000 to provide up front financing for this project and the City would reimburse NRP at the end of the year. Upon a motion by Jeffrey Strand and seconded by Diane Hofstede the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) approves increasing the approved 2001 NRP Administrative Budget by \$300,000 to support implementation of a residential demonstration project for private property concrete work;

**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 by increasing the NRP Program Fund (CNRO) by \$300,000 and [b] refer this report to the MCDA Board of Commissioners for authorization of the appropriate MCDA officers to transfer these appropriated funds to the NRP Administrative Fund ((2300); and (2) further request that the MCDA Board of Commissioners enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the activities above;

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Board authorizes the Director to negotiate the terms for repayment of these administrative budget funds with the City of Minneapolis with the stipulation in the approved agreement that these funds be returned with interest by the end of the fiscal year; and

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Board authorizes the Director to proceed with contracting for this service and the expenditure of these funds after the terms for repayment have been negotiated.

**V. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Consent Agenda**

Upon a motion by Barret Lane and seconded by Diane Hofstede the following items on the consent agenda were adopted.

**1. Hennepin County “Second 7.5%” NRP Funds for Youth Coordinating Board**  
[NRP / FR#2001-04]

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board approves the use of up to \$100,000 of Hennepin County “Second 7.5%” NRP fund to support the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board and the North Star School Neighborhood Early Learning Center.

**2. Funds Transfer for Youth Coordinating Board** [NRP / FR#2001-05]

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby approves the transfer of \$400,000 to the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board from the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Funds for youth initiatives as decided and directed by the Board of Directors of the Youth Coordinating Board. This transfer is required by Title 16, Chapter 419.70 of the City Ordinance and meets the NRP’s obligation for the years 2000 and 2001.

**3. Rollover of 2000 Funds** [NRP / FR#2001-06]

**RESOLVED,** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby approves rolling over \$144,587.76 from the approved 2000 NRP Administrative Budget into the 2001 NRP Administrative Budget to satisfy remaining 2000 budget obligations; and,

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to: 1) request that the City Council and Mayor [a] amend the 2001 Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA) appropriation by increasing the NRP Program Fund (CNR0) by \$144,587.76 and [b] refer this report to the MCDA Board of Commissioners for authorization of the appropriate MCDA officers to transfer these appropriated funds to the NRP Administrative Fund (2300); and 2) further request that the MCDA Board of Commissioners enter any necessary contracts or agreements to implement the activities above.

## **B. ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Sheridan Neighborhood Plan Modification** [NRP / FR#2001-07]

John Akre and Andy Nederveld presented the modification being requested on behalf of the Sheridan neighborhood. The modification creates a new strategy to fund business improvements and reallocates funding from the “Cop on Every Block” strategy to this new strategy and to the existing “Fix-and-Paint” strategy. Upon a motion by Diane Hofstede and seconded by Ken Kelash the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLVED:** That in accordance with the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) policy on “Changing Approved Action Plan and Early Access Requests” policy (approved by the NRP Policy Board on June 6, 1994 and amended on September 5, 1995) the Board hereby approves the Director's recommendation and authorizes the creation of a new strategy in the approved Sheridan Neighborhood Action Plan to fund business improvements; and

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Board hereby approves the reallocation of \$100,000 from the “Cop On Every Block” strategy to this new strategy to fund business improvements; and

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Board hereby approves the reallocation of \$100,000 from the “Cop On Every Block” strategy to the existing “Fix-and-Paint” strategy within the approved Sheridan Neighborhood Action Plan; and

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to: (1) request that the City Council and the Mayor authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary 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.

### **2. CARAG Neighborhood Action Plan** [NRP /FR#2001-08]

Jon Wertjes and Howard Verson presented the highlights of the CARAG Neighborhood Action Plan on behalf of the neighborhood. Upon a motion by Barret Lane and seconded by Diane Hofstede the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the CARAG Neighborhood Action Plan dated April 12, 2001; and

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Board hereby approves Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program expenditures on projects and programs for the CARAG Neighborhood Action Plan in an amount not to exceed \$2,418,053 (including "Early Access" and "First Step" project allocations totaling \$714,250).

**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 CNR by \$465,803, and [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.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Board hereby recommends that the City Council and the Mayor direct the MCDA to establish dedicated reserve funds for the CARAG Neighborhood Action Plan within the NRP Program Fund CNR and to assign \$1,238,000 of such reserve funds for future year expenditures on the CARAG Neighborhood Action Plan.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

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**ATTEST:** Mark Stenglein, Chair