

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

July 22, 2002

Present and Voting:

Ron Ravensborg, Julia Burman, Carol Pass, Jeff Strand, Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, Gail Dorfman, R.T. Rybak, Paul Ostrow, Rep. Joe Mullery, Edward Solomon (Alternate for Park Board), Bill McCarty, and Diane Hofstede, chair, presiding

Alternates Attending:

David Fey, Barret Lane

Absent:

Bob Fine, Catherine Shreves, Emmett Carson, James Colville, John Powell, Louise Dickmeyer

Staff:

Bob Miller, Brett Feldman, Carsten Slostad

Others Present:

Jeff Schneider, Bob Cooper, Roberta Englund, Steve Brandt, Jack Dempsey, Lucy Carruthers

I. CALL TO ORDER

Diane Hofstede, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. in Conference Room C-2350 in the Hennepin County Government Center.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Peter McLaughlin the minutes of the June 24, 2002 meeting were adopted.

IV. ACTION ITEM

1. Hennepin County "Second 7.5%" NRP funds for Holland [NRP / FR#2002-15]

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 \$32,000 of Hennepin County “Second 7.5%” NRP funds to partially fund playground equipment at the Shoreham Yard Tot Lot in the Holland Neighborhood; and,

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

V. **POLICY ITEM**

1. **McKinsey Recommendations – NRP Response**

[NRP / PR#2002-09]

At the June meeting of the Policy Board representatives from McKinsey and Company provided the Board with an overview of their recommendations about the development environment of the city and the reorganization of the offices, agencies and departments that are most heavily involved in planning and development activities. A resolution (NRP / PR#2002-08) was then adopted instructing the chair to establish a committee to prepare a draft letter of response to the McKinsey recommendations for consideration by the Board at this meeting. A full discussion about this draft response to the Mayor and City Council Members then occurred. A complete transcript of this discussion is on file at the NRP office. Jeff Strand moved and Ron Ravensborg seconded the following revisions to the draft document.

Page 2, paragraph 2 last sentence would read “*Mayor Rybak has assured the Policy Board that this plan will continue NRP as a brand name.*” Page 3, strike the third point, third question and renumber the fourth and fifth question as the third and fourth. Strike the very final bold sentence in the letter and substitute the following “*We look forward to continuing the dialog regarding the McKinsey and Company report and to define neighborhood revitalization and community development outcomes following the 45 day comment period.*” And then attach as an enclosure the transcript of the July 22, 2002 NRP Policy Board meeting.

During discussion, the following amendments for revising the draft document were considered friendly and were given as direction to staff for revising the letter. Peter McLaughlin and Joe Mullery requested that the characterization of the four questions be changed from “these are the questions” to “here are some questions” and that we want to be part of the process. Gail Dorfman suggested that some clarification by the City about how NRP is to operate during a transition period is needed and should be addressed in the letter. These revisions were then adopted. Barrett Lane abstained from voting. A copy of the final revised letter is attached to these minutes.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Diane Hofstede, Chair