

## **Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board**

### **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF**

**April 21, 2003**

#### **Present and Voting:**

Julia Burman (At-Large Alternate), Cam Gordon, Carol Pass, Nicholas Kakos, Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, Gail Dorfman, R.T. Rybak, Paul Ostrow, John Erwin (Alternate Park Board), Rep. Joe Mullery, and Diane Hofstede, chair, presiding

#### **Alternates Attending:**

Greg Bastien, Zachary Korb, Debbie Evans, David Fey

#### **Absent:**

Ron Ravensborg, Bob Fine, Sharon Henry-Blythe, Emmett Carson, James Colville, Bill McCarthy, Angela Sterns

#### **Staff:**

Bob Miller, Barbara Lickness, Brett Feldman, Carsten Slostad

#### **Others Present:**

Paul Zerby, Dan Niziolek, Steve Banks, Susan Larson Fleming, Jerry Stein, Florence Littman, Gary Arntsen, Shukri Dirie and other Somoli women from the Prospect Park Community.

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Diane Hofstede, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:52 p.m. in Conference Room C-2350 in the Hennepin County Government Center.

#### **II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Nicholas Kakos and seconded by David Fey the agenda was adopted.

#### **III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Nicholas Kakos and seconded by Cam Gordon the minutes of the March 24, 2003 meeting were adopted.

#### IV. ACTION ITEMS

**1. Hennepin County “Second 7.5%” NRP funds for Standish-Ericsson**

[NRP / FR#2003-06]

Upon a motion by Peter McLaughlin and seconded by Gail Dorfman the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby approves the use of up to \$13,000 of Hennepin County “Second 7.5%” NRP funds to support the Nokomis Healthy Seniors Caregiver Support Program in the Standish – Ericsson Neighborhood.

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

**2. Minneapolis Schools “Second 7.5%” NRP funds for Near North / Willard Hay**

[NRP / FR#2003-07]

Upon a motion by Nicholas Kakos and seconded by Paul Ostrow the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby approves the use of up to \$60,000 of Minneapolis Schools “Second 7.5%” NRP funds for improvements for the Hall Community School playground.

**3. Plan Modification #17 for Prospect Park / East River Road**

[NRP / FR#2003-08]

Steve Banks, chair of PPERRIA, presented the plan modification, which moves funding from the neighborhood’s housing strategies to fund a new Pratt School strategy and a Somoli Women’s program. Susan Larson Fleming reviewed the status of the housing strategies in Prospect Park stating that new housing was now being developed by the private sector and public dollars through their action plan were no longer needed. Jerry Stein, speaking on behalf of the Pratt School project, presented the neighborhood’s support for adding additional classroom grades at Pratt School and Shukri Dirie presented on behalf of the Somoli Women’s Program.

Upon a motion by Nicholas Kakos and seconded by Peter McLaughlin the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLVED:** That in accordance with its policy on Changing Approve Neighborhood Action Plans and Early Access Requests, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby approves and authorizes the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association request to modify the Prospect Park Neighborhood Action Plan as follows:

\$528,000	From Housing A.1, Develop Housing
56,940	From Housing B.1, Rehab.of Existing Housing
5,000	From Safety and Security A.1, Block Clubs
16,328	From Transportation B.1, Traffic Calming
\$495,628	To Education A.1.Neighborhood Learning Center
85,000	To Education B.1.b, Provide Services
25,640	To Education C.1.S.E. Seniors
	<b>TOTAL Reallocation \$606,268</b>

**V. POLICY ITEMS**

**1. Commercial Area Development Draft Request for Proposals**

[NRP / PR#2003-07]

This item was tabled at the March meeting for discussion at this meeting. Nicholas Kakos moved and Mark Stenglein seconded that this item be differed until January 2004. He then change the motion from “January 2004” to “two months” and Mark Stenglein agreed to the change. After further discussion the motion was changed again. The final motion, which was adopted, is as follows.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board differs action on the Commercial Area Development Draft Request for Proposals for 90 days.

Joe Mullery requested that he be recorded as voting against the motion.

**2. NRP Support for Community Based Public Safety Expenditures**

[NRP / PR#203-08]

Paul Ostrow distributed a revised resolution (not previously included in the packet of meeting materials) and spoke to it emphasizing the need of the City to try to find ways to fund community-based programs that would be cut because of projected losses of local government aid from the State. Nicholas Kakos seconded the resolution that follows.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Minneapolis (the “City”) is facing a significant loss of local government aid from the State of Minnesota, and;

**WHEREAS**, the loss of these general fund revenues will result in forced reductions in community-oriented public safety activities that have played a major role in the safety and revitalization of our neighborhoods, and;

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes section 469.1831, subdivision 2, requires that the activities of the NRP program must be in part “...preserve and enhance within the neighborhood...public health and safety...”, and;

**WHEREAS**, expenditures are permitted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 469.1831 to provide public safety services when they are over and above the level of general City services from funds reserved pursuant to Laws of Minnesota 1990, Chapter 604, article 7, section 29, subdivision 1, as amended by Laws of Minnesota 1991, Chapter 291, article 10, section 20, subdivision 1, and:

**WHEREAS**, neighborhood representatives from throughout the city have emphasized the importance of continuing community-oriented public safety activities in an era of extremely limited resources, and;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NRP Policy Board dedicate one million dollars of the interest earned on the unexpended balance of NRP funds that have been provided to the NRP since the inception of the program to a dedicated fund committed to community oriented public safety activities, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City shall only use these funds to support community oriented public safety initiatives that are over and above the level of general City public safety services that will result after the budget reductions from the reduced level of local government aid occurs, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that expenditures from this fund shall be dedicated to community-oriented public safety initiatives, including but not limited to the following: CCP/SAFE staffing levels, bike patrols, foot patrols, fire prevention activities, Community Emergency Response Teams, and any other neighborhood-based homeland security activities, public safety personnel in the Minneapolis Schools, and community-based prosecution activities, including restorative justice and community-based prosecutors, and:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this NRP Policy Board action shall be submitted to the neighborhood organizations for review, comment, and sponsorship, and that matter shall be returned to the NRP Policy Board for final action in June 2003.

Considerable discussion on the resolution then occurred. Of particular concern was whether or not to include administrative support services, overtime, buy-back and homeland security. It was agreed not to micro-manage the resolution at this point in the discussion and that input during the review process would help refine the understanding of how this fund would be used. The question was called and the resolution was adopted with Carol Pass abstaining and Joe Mullery voting no.

**VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

**1. Status Report on the Ordinance Revision Task Force**

Given the lateness of the meeting, it was only reported that the Task Force will be having their first meeting on Wednesday, April 23.

**2. Update on NRP Home Tour Coordination**

Given the lateness of the meeting, it was reported that the Home Tour was moving ahead on schedule and home tour guides and posters were made available for Policy Board members.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

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**ATTEST:** Diane Hofstede, Chair