

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

September 22, 2003

Present and Voting:

Cam Gordon, Carol Pass, Nicholas Kakos, Debbie Evans (Protection Alternate voting for At-Large), Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, Gail Dorfman, R.T. Rybak, Paul Ostrow, Rep. Joe Mullery, Joanne Walz (Alternate for Minneapolis Foundation), Ken Kelash (Alternate for Central Labor), and Diane Hofstede, chair, presiding

Alternates Attending:

Greg Bastien, Zachary Korb, Debbie Evans, David Fey, Barret Lane

Absent:

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

Staff:

Bob Miller, Jack Whitehurst, Stacy Sorenson, Robert Thompson, Carsten Slostad

Others Present:

Gary Arntsen, John Akre, Jay Fetyko, Kim Vohs, Margi Orman, Emily Ero Phillips, Adam Laybourn

I. CALL TO ORDER

Nicholas Kakos, vice-chair, called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. in Conference Room C-2350 in the Hennepin County Government Center.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Paul Ostrow the agenda was adopted.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by David Fey the minutes of the August 18, 2003 meeting were adopted.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consent Items

Upon a motion by Peter McLaughlin and seconded by Ken Kelash the following items on the consent agenda were adopted. After the meeting it was determined that the second item, Corcoran's Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund Request was properly adopted at the July 21, 2003 Policy Board meeting and no further action was needed. It is listed below for clarification only.

1. Hennepin County "Second 7.5%" NRP funds for the Downtown Neighborhood
[NRP / FR#2003-25]

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby approves the use of up to \$25,000 of Hennepin County "Second 7.5%" NRP funds to support the renovation of the Gateway Fountain in the Downtown Minneapolis neighborhood.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That this approval is contingent upon final approval of a modification of the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Action Plan.

2. Corcoran Neighborhood Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund Request

See Policy Board Resolution [NRP / FR#2003-20] *July 21, 2003 minutes, page 2-3.*

3. Sheridan Neighborhood Plan Modification [NRP / FR#2003-26]

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 to create two new strategies in the approved Sheridan Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan to support community health programs and the Eastside Food Co-op and authorized the reallocation of \$83,675 from existing plan strategies to support these new strategies, 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 in to any contracts or agreements needed to implement the activities described in this report; and (2) further request that the MCDA Board of Commissioners authorized the appropriate MCDA officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the activities above.

At this point in the meeting Nicholas Kakos turned the meeting over to Diane Hofstede, chair of the Policy Board.

B. Discussion Items

4. Cedar Riverside Participation Agreement

[NRP / FR#2003-27]

At the August meeting a motion was made asking that the Director bring back a report on the status of the Cedar Riverside planning activities. Bob Miller presented this report and the highlighted that efforts that have gone into the development of this new Participation Agreement. The neighborhood is requesting, as part of this agreement, \$48,000 in “Early Access” NRP funds to support their final Phase I Action Plan development activities. Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and second by Paul Ostrow the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby approves the participation agreement presented to this Board by the West Bank Community Coalition in September 2003, to conduct the RNP Phase I planning process for the Cedar Riverside neighborhood;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That in accordance with the Board policy on “Early Access to NRP Funds for Selected Neighborhoods” the Board hereby approves the Director’s recommendation and authorizes an expenditure of up to \$48,000 of Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Funds as an early resource commitment to the Cedar Riverside Neighborhood Action Plan for development of the Phase I Cedar Riverside Neighborhood Action Plan; and,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to: (1) request that the City Council and the Mayor [a] amend the 2003 Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA) appropriation resolution by increasing the NRP Program Fund CNR by \$48,000, 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.

5. Logan Park Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

[NRP / FR#2003-28]

Jack Whitehurst, NRP staff, introduced Jay Fetyko and Margi Orman from Logan Park and then briefly reviewed the strategies in the Logan Park Phase II Action Plan with the Policy Board. Upon a motion by Paul Ostrow and second by Ken Kelash the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the Logan Park Phase II Neighborhood Revitalization Plan dated July 21, 2003.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to: 1) request the City Council and Mayor [a] amend the 2004 Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA) appropriation resolution by increasing the NRP Program Fund CNR0 by \$376,820 and [b] 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 Logan Park Phase II Neighborhood Revitalization Plan within the NRP Program Fund CNR0 and assign \$626,280 of such reserve funds for future year expenditures on the Logan Park Phase II Neighborhood Revitalization Plan;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Policy Board shall, as approved in the Phase II Neighborhood Allocation Process adopted July 24, 2000, authorize the expenditure of up to \$424,000 of Logan Park's Phase II allocation for non-housing related expenditures and hold the remaining balance of their non-housing expenditures until such time as the Board determines that the housing obligation of the NRP program will be satisfied; and,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the final appropriation for this neighborhood, and the amounts in clauses 2, 3 and 4 above, will be adjusted (either upward or downward) based on the final neighborhood allocations adopted by the Policy Board and appropriate adjustments approved by Logan Park to this approved plan.

V. POLICY ITEMS

1. CDGB Funding for NRP Projects

[NRP / PR#2003-15]

Mayor Rybak explored with the Policy Board his proposal to involve them in the decision making process for the use of CDGB funds for social service spending. A draft process timeline was included in the packet of meeting materials. Cam Gordon moved and Gail Dorfman seconded the following resolution.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board formally accepts the Mayor's offer to help coordinate the selection and make recommendations on the Public Service CDGB allocations.

David Fey reviewed the draft process timeline and explained how the process was envisioned to proceed.

The Board then approved the resolution. Following the approval there were questions about specific details on how to proceed. A consensus understanding was reached that the draft process would be followed but more time should be allowed between the announcement of the RFP and when the applications are due.

To help clarify the discussion, R.T. Rybak then moved with Nicholas Kakos seconding the adoption on the "Draft Process for \$1.2M Public Service CDBG Allocation" with the understanding that staff will work to add more time into the schedule between the RFP and the application due date. The motion carried. A copy of the document is attached to these minutes.

VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

Bob Miller highlighted the following reports that were included in the packet of meeting materials. Nicholas Kakos moved and Ken Kelash seconded that the following items be received and filed.

- 1) Revisions to Chapter 419 which were adopted by the City Council
- 2) Legal Opinion on use of Reserve Funds for Neighborhood Crime & Safety Measures
- 3) Memorandum from the Director on Contract Management
- 4) NRP Election report listing the candidates who have filed for election.

At this point in the meeting Cam Gordon requested consideration of a resolution to establish a task force to review the representation on the Policy Board.

[NRP / PR#2003-16]

Mark Stenglein moved and Peter McLaughlin seconded that the agenda be reconsidered and that this request be added to the discussion. The motion was adopted with Ken Kelash voting against.

Cam Gordon distributed his resolution, moved it for consideration and Mark Stenglein seconded his motion. The resolution is as follows.

Whereas:

- Part of the NRP Policy Board's purpose is to "ensure an open process and promote citizen participation in all aspects of the program."
- The Policy Board Bylaws call for "community interests" to be represented on the board including someone representing "communities of color."
- We have had no person present at any of meetings representing communities of color for at least the past ten months and the designated person no longer lives or works in Minnesota.

- Consistent and enduring concerns about NRP and the participation and inclusion of renters and people of color have been raised throughout Phase I of NRP and during discussions of Phase II.
- Including the perspectives of a person or persons representing communities of color and residents who do not own homes will likely promote better participation of these groups throughout RNP, will serve as an example to neighborhood groups, and will offer this and future Policy Boards valuable, and currently absent, perspectives on the important issues and decisions that will come in the future.

RESOLVED: That the NRP Policy Board establish a task force, open to any and all interested Board member and alternates, to bring to the Board in at its October meeting recommendations or options of how to include one or more persons representing communities of color and one or more person representing renters/non-homeowners on the Policy Board.

During the discussion it was pointed out that considerable work had already been done with Bylaws revisions last year. These revisions were adopted by the Policy Board on April 22, 2002 but have not yet been submitted to the jurisdictions for approval. Now that there is a more secure future for NRP, pursuing final adoption would address issues raised by Cam Gordon in his resolution. Seeing that this was an issue that would not be resolved at this meeting, Peter McLaughlin moved and Mark Stenglein seconded a motion to table. The motion carried with Cam Gordon and David Fey voting against.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Diane Hofstede, Chair