

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

July 24, 2006

Present and Voting: Debbie Evans, Dorothy Titus, Carol Pass (Alternate for Redirection), Jeffrey Strand, Mark Stenglein, Cara Letofsky (Alternate, Mayor's Office), Barbara Johnson, Lydia Lee, Byron Laher, Ken Kelash, Anita Duckor and Jon Olson, chair, presiding

Alternates Attending: Ryan Marth, Nicholas Kakos, Robert Lilligren

Absent: Tom Bissen (excused), Peter McLaughlin (excused), Joe Mullery (excused) Gail Dorfman, R.T. Rybak, Emmett Carson, Todd Klingel

Staff: Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad

Others Present: Gary Arntsen, David Fey, Rita Ulrich

I. CALL TO ORDER

Due to a lack of quorum at the beginning of the meeting, it was suggested that the presentation on the City's Community Engagement Review be given first. City Coordinator Steven Bosacker, originally scheduled to give this presentation was unable to attend due to a family emergency and David Fey presented on his behalf. Before a discussion on the presentation was held, a quorum was reached and Jon Olson, chair of the Policy Board, officially called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

1. City Council Community Engagement Review Discussion

David Fey presented a review of the City's recent Community Engagement activities. In 2004 the City Council gave the Communications Department responsibility for coordinating the City's community engagement efforts. A process model was developed and by the end of 2005 a coordinator was hired. In February of 2006 the City Council passed a resolution requesting that the City Coordinator consult with the City's governmental partners (including NRP) and provide a recommendation on a future plan for community engagement. The City Coordinator established a staff task force to review all of the previous reports and studies (a list of these reports and studies was distributed) and summarize their findings for the City Council by September.

Discussion on this topic by Policy Board members indicated that there is strong support for active involvement by NRP in this "Community Engagement" review. Further discussion on this topic will be scheduled for a future meeting of the Policy Board when Steven Bosacker is available for a presentation.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mark Stenglein moved and Ken Kelash seconded approval of the Agenda. Jeffrey Strand moved to add a discussion item and Mark Stenglein seconded the motion. The agenda as modified was then adopted.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Ken Kelash the minutes of the June 26, 2006 meeting were adopted

IV. POLICY ITEM

1. 2006 Neighborhood Representative Election [NRP / PR#2006-09]

Upon a motion by Barbara Johnson and second by Mark Stenglein the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board hereby approves the following dates for the 2006 Neighborhood Representative Election.

Candidate filing forms available: Tuesday, August 15
Candidate filing deadline: Friday, September 15
Candidate forums and election: Thursday, November 16

V. DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Memorial Resolution for Frances Guminga

Jeffrey Strand distributed a draft memorial resolution honoring Frances Guminga for her numerous contributions to the neighborhoods for North and Northeast Minneapolis. After a brief discussion the consensus of the group was to lay over a decision on this resolution until the August meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Jon Olson, Chair