

## **Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board**

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

**February 23, 2009**

**Present and Voting:** Debbie Evans, Mark Hinds, Kari Anderson, Jeffrey Strand, Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, Barbara Johnson, Cara Letofsky (Alternate, Mayor's Office), Scott Vreeland (Alternate, Park Board), David Ellis, Ken Kelash and Gail Dorfman, chair, presiding.

**Alternates Attending:** Brock Hanson, Carol Pass, Nicholas Kakos, Robert Lilligren,

**Absent:** R.T. Rybak, Rep. Joe Mullery (excused), Tom Nordyke

**Staff:** Bob Miller, Robert Thompson, Carsten Slostad

**Others Present:** Gary Arntesn, Steve Gallagher, Kerri Pierce Ruch

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

Gail Dorfman, chair of the NRP Policy Board, called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

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

Upon a motion by Mark Hinds and seconded by Scott Vreeland the agenda was approved.

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

Upon a motion by Scott Vreeland and seconded by Gail Dorfman the minutes of the January 26, 2009 meeting of the Policy Board were approved.

#### **IV. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **1. Report of the Nominating Committee & Election of Officers [NRP / PR#2009-02]**

Serving on the nominating committee were David Ellis, Mark Stenglein and Kari Anderson. Kari Anderson presented the report with the following names being placed in nomination for officers of the 2009 NRP Policy Board; Gail Dorfman, for chair, Mark Hinds for vice-chair, and David Ellis for secretary. She then moved this slate for election and Debbie Evans seconded her motion. A vote was taken and these officers were duly elected

**2. Stevens Square Phase I Plan Modification #13 and Phase II Modification #2**

[NRP / FR#2009-01]

Steven Gallager presented the plan modification request, stating that the neighborhood had reviewed their financial status and now has the opportunity to move their program income into their Phase II plan. Bob Miller added that this modification was brought to the Policy Board because of the amount of dollars being reallocated.

Upon a motion by Scott Vreeland and seconded by Debbie Evans the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board hereby accepts and adopts Plan Modification #14 to the Stevens Square Phase I NRP Neighborhood Action Plan and Plan Modification #3 to the Stevens Square Phase II NRP Neighborhood Action Plan.

**3. NRP and NUSA (Neighborhoods USA) Partnership Project** [NRP / PR#2009-03]

Bob Miller reviewed the relationship we have had over the years with NUSA. Connecting neighborhoods and sharing information is an ongoing goal for NUSA and one that NRP has been addressing with our web based communication tools. Given the connections and experience of NRP and NUSA we are now proposing to combine the strengths and knowledge of our two organizations to establish a new national communication and interaction network. Funding from national foundations would be pursued to fund implementation. No NRP funding would be used for this project. The action before the Policy Board at this time would be to approve pursuing a memorandum of understanding between the two organizations for this project. Mark Hinds moved and Debbie Evans seconded a resolution of support for this project. Concerned was expressed that the Policy Board members review the specific language of the memorandum of understanding prior to having the Director sign it. Barbara Johnson added an amendment to the resolution, which was accepted as friendly by Mark Hinds and Debbie Evans to address this concern. The following resolution was then adopted.

**RESOLVED,** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board (Board) agrees that NRP should pursue a possible partnership with Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) to develop web tools to foster more avenues of communication with neighborhood programs and neighborhood organizations across the country; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Board authorizes the Director to: (1) enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with NUSA to pursue this joint effort with the stated condition that implementation shall only occur if sufficient resources are secured from non NRP resources to fully pay for implementation; and (2) develop and submit grant proposals with NUSA to pursue funding for implementing the agreed upon project; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the language of the Memorandum of Understanding with NUSA be brought back to the Policy Board for review and approval prior to signing; and,

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Director shall update the Board on this project no later than the Board meeting of July 27, 2009.

**V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

**1. Report on the February 21 Neighborhood Wide Meeting**

No written report was presented. Since several of the members of the Policy Board were in attendance at this meeting, time was allotted for their comments and observations and suggestions for next steps. A second meeting of the neighborhood representatives will be held to advance the process development effort.

**2. Home Tour Update**

Bob Miller gave an update on the 2009 Tour, April 25 and 26<sup>th</sup>. He explained the radio promotion strategies with past tours and currently with Radio AM 950. Barb Johnson requested a copy of the radio ads being promoted and the strategy for this initiative.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Public attendees were asked to leave. The meeting then reconvened in closed session to review legal matters involving NRP with legal counsel.

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Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

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**ATTEST:** Gail Dorfman, Chair