I. CALL TO ORDER

Ken Kelash, chair of the NRP Policy Board, called the meeting to order at 4:44 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Nicholas Kakos and seconded by Debbie Evans the agenda was adopted.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Debbie Evans and seconded by Nicholas Kakos the minutes of the February 28, 2011 meeting were adopted.

IV. POLICY ITEMS

1. Legislation Update

A copy of the bill introduced (S.F. No. 953) was distributed. The bill continues NRP as it is currently managed until $3 million dollars remain. Senator Ken Kelash didn’t have exact dates for committee hearings but suggested that they would occur within a few weeks.
V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

1. Windom Park NRP Phase I Review

Don Anderson presented the review on behalf of the neighborhood. He highlighted each strategy in the Windom Park plan. Special emphasis was given to the housing section and the return on investment with their loan programs. A chart showing all the loans made with locations noted on a map of the neighborhood helped to give a clear impact of these programs. With $1.8 million allocated and invested in housing programs, there was a leveraged investment in the neighborhood of over $4.6 million. He also gave summaries of business loans made through the NRP program.

2. Midtown Phillips NRP Phase I Review

Todd Rasmusen began by taking the Board on a virtual walking tour of the neighborhood. He pointed out the things that have happened with NRP support at the various locations in this verbal tour. Of special pride was Midtown Phillips contribution to East Phillips Park and Cultural Community Center. Shirley Heyer presented information on the Midtown Phillips Phase I Review Process. Donna Neste presented the youth work on graffiti abatement projects. On 29th and 14th a mural was designed and painted. The youth who accompanied Donna unrolled a photo of the mural and described the work that was done. Joseph Spangler finished the comment period.

3. Update on NRP Celebration

Barbara Lickness, NRP staff, distributed a report that indicated that there was interest in participation in the Aquatennial Torchlight Parade. The committee suggested doing a more formal celebration of the twenty years of NRP in the fall.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

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Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Ken Kelash, Chair