

**Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF**

**April 25, 2005**

**Present and Voting:** Debbie Evans, Sean Wherley, Carol Pass, Jeffrey Strand, Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, Gail Dorfman, David Fey (Alternate, Mayor's Office), Paul Ostrow, Lydia Lee, Ken Kelash (Alternate, Central Labor Union), Diane Hofstede and Rep. Joe Mullery, chair, presiding

**Alternates Attending:** Nicholas Kakos

**Absent:** R.T Rybak, Jon Olson (excused), Byron Laher (excused), Emmett Carson, Todd Klingel, Tony Looking Elk

**Staff:** Bob Miller, Stacy Sorenson, Carsten Slostad

**Others Present:** Margo Dean, JoAnne Kelty, Jim Wentzel, Ken Witt, Steve Jerbi, Stephen Wright, Makeda Zulu Gillespie, Sandra & Jesus Virula, Larry Hiscock, Sterling Nelson, Kerry Ashmore

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Joe Mullery, 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 Ken Kelash and seconded by Jeffrey Strand the agenda was adopted with the addition of a discussion of the Community Oriented Public Safety Reserve Fund final report from the March meeting as a second policy item.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Mark Stenglein the minutes of the March 28, 2005 meeting were adopted.

**IV. POLICY ITEMS**

**1. Policy Recommendation on "Preparation and Processing of Neighborhood Action Plans, Plan Modifications and Early Access Requests"**

[NRP / PR#2005-07]

Ken Kelash presented the report and recommendation of the Bylaws committee. He reviewed the policy recommendation and moved that it be sent to the neighborhoods for their review and comment. Mark Stenglein seconded his motion.

Paul Ostrow, speaking in favor of the motion, then moved to amend the first paragraph on page two of the policy under Information, Orientation and Education Meeting to read as follows:

Delete “*try to*” in the first and second sentence and then add the following sentence to the end of the paragraph “*NRP staff shall notify the executive director if efforts to organize the necessary meetings are unsuccessful for any reason and the executive director shall report any concerns regarding cooperation from other jurisdictions to the Policy Board.*”

The amendment to the policy was adopted and then the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board accepts the amended draft report of the Bylaws Committee on the process for reviewing neighborhood Early Access Requests, Plan Modifications and Action Plans; and,

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Board agrees that distribution to the neighborhoods is appropriate and that the Board is interested in receiving their comments, modifications, suggestions and reaction before adopting this internal process change; and

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Board authorizes the Director to distribute the attached draft Preparation and Processing of Neighborhood Action Plans, Plan Modifications, and Early Access Requests policy for 45 days of neighborhood review and comment.

## **2. COPS Reserve Fund – Final Report**

[NRP / PR#2005-08]

This item was added to the agenda to give members from the Harrison neighborhood an opportunity to express their concerns about the action taken by the Policy Board at the March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, which reallocated remaining dollars in the COPS Reserve Fund back to all the neighborhoods. *See page two Minutes of the Policy Board March 28, 2005 [NRP / FR#2005-10].* They requested that the Policy Board consider extending the Harrison / Near North / Willard Hay contract so that they could continue their Public Safety strategy using the unexpended dollars for their project.

Sean Wherley moved and Paul Ostrow seconded a motion to rescind the March 28<sup>th</sup> motion [NRP / FR#2005-10]. Considerable discussion then occurred. David Fey moved to call the question. The motion to call the question was adopted and then the motion to rescind was adopted as follows with Ken Kelash voting no.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board hereby rescinds resolution [NRP / FR#2005-10] adopted on March 28, 2005.

Jeffrey Strand then moved with David Fey seconding, the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board lay over further action on the remaining funds in the Community Oriented Public Safety Reserve Fund until the May 23, 2005 meeting of the Policy Board.

The question was called and the resolution was adopted.

## V. ACTION ITEMS

### 1. Hennepin County “Second 7.5%” NRP Funds for Bryant [NRP / FR#2005-12]

Upon a motion by Peter McLaughlin and seconded by Ken Kelash the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approves the use of \$8,000 of Hennepin County “Second 7.5%” NRP Funds to provide funding for the Center for Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment in support of programs offered in the Bryant Neighborhood.

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

### 2. Hawthorne Neighborhood Phase I Plan Modification #13 [NRP / FR#2005-13]

Ken Witt, chair of the Hawthorne Area Council, reviewed the proposed plan modification and described the process used by the neighborhood to develop this major modification. Upon a motion by Diane Hofstede and seconded by Gail Dorfman the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLVED:** That in accordance with the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (Board) policy on “Changing Approved Action Plan and Early Access Requests” (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 revise two strategies in the approved Hawthorne Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan and authorizes the reallocation of \$674,741.57 between existing plan strategies as detailed in the Summary of Proposed Changes included with the neighborhood plan modification request.

**3. Increase of 2005 Administrative Budget Appropriation** [NRP / FR#2005-14]

Upon a motion by Peter McLaughlin and second by Ken Kelash the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby approves an increase of \$110,943.12 to the 2005 NRP Administrative Budget to satisfy remaining 2004 budget obligations; and,

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor: [a] amend the 2005 City of Minneapolis General Operating Resolution by increasing the NRP Program Fund (CNR0) by \$110,943.12; and [b] authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any necessary contracts or agreements to implement the activities above.

**VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

**1. Minneapolis / St. Paul Home Tour**

The 2005 Home Tour Guide was distributed and Bob Miller highlighted some of the special features of the upcoming Home Tour. He reported that, unlike previous years, a much better partnership has been established with the City of St. Paul this year. He also asked Policy Board members to consider volunteering for the Home Tour. A final report on the home tour will be on the agenda of the June meeting of the Policy Board.

**2. Litigation Status**

In response to Policy Board members concerns regarding a letter sent by Mr. Halverson, Bob Miller reported that NRP has met all the requirements of the mediation agreement and copies of documents are available to board members.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

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**ATTEST:** Joe Mullery, Chair