

**Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF**

**January 23, 2006**

**Present and Voting:** Debbie Evans, Dorothy Titus, Thomas Bissen, Jeffrey Strand, Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, Gail Dorfman, Robert Lilligren (Alternate, City Council), Jon Olson, Lydia Lee, Byron Laher, Ken Kelash (Alternate, Central Labor), Laura Waterman Wittstock and Rep. Joe Mullery, chair, presiding

**Alternates Attending:** Ryan Marth, Carol Pass, Nicholas Kakos

**Absent:** R.T. Rybak, Barbara Johnson, Emmett Carson, Todd Klingel

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

**Others Present:** Greg Lecker, Susan Braun, Julie Kerns, Tom Borrup, Millie Schaffer

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Rep. Joe Mullery, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m. in Conference Room C-2350 in the Hennepin County Government Center.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Jeffrey Strand and seconded by Lydia Lee, the agenda was adopted.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Jon Olson and seconded by Dorothy Titus, the minutes of the November 21, 2005 meeting were adopted.

**IV. POLICY ITEMS**

**1. Approval of 2006 Meeting Dates**

[NRP / PR#2006-01]

Upon a motion by Gail Dorfman and seconded by Jeffrey Strand the following dates were set for Policy Board meetings in 2006:

January 23, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, August 28, September 25, October 23, November 20 and December 11.

## **2. Appointment of a Nominating Committee**

The chair will appoint a committee that has a representative from the neighborhoods, from the community interests and from the elected officials. The committee will present a slate of officers for election at the February meeting. Jeffrey Strand has been selected by the Neighborhood Representatives as their member of the committee. The Chair will appoint the other representatives from the interested community interest and elected official members of the Policy Board.

## **3. Future Funding Task Force**

Byron Laher gave a brief update on the progress being made by Task Force. He reported that the Task Force is completing a report that will be presented to the Board in March or April. The Task Force has been reviewing and refining possible funding options for the future.

## **V. ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Bryn Mawr NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan [NRP / FR#2006-01]**

Bob Miller introduced Greg Lecker who presented the Bryn Mawr plan on behalf of the neighborhood. His presentation included the process used to gather information from the neighborhood and highlights from the plan's housing strategies. He stressed that partnerships that the neighborhood envisions to implement plan strategies. Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Jon Olson, the following resolution was adopted.

**WHEREAS:** On April 19, 2004 the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board ("Board") approved a Phase II allocation for the Bryn Mawr neighborhood of \$270,080, based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP;

**WHEREAS:** The neighborhood conducted a Phase II neighborhood planning process that began in 2004 and has submitted a Bryn Mawr NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan that requests a Phase II allocation of \$270,080;

**WHEREAS:** The Bryn Mawr neighborhood has allocated at least 70% of their Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan to housing programs, projects, services and activities;

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the Bryn Mawr NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan;

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request the City Council and Mayor [a] amend the 2006 General Appropriation resolution by increasing the Community Planning and Economic Development Department agency Fund CNR – NRP Program Fund (CNR0-890-3550) by \$259,364.50 and [b] authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the activities above;

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That up to 70 percent of the amount approved for this plan (\$189,056) shall be available for obligation in the first three (3) years after approval of the appropriation for this plan.

**2. Elliot Park NPR Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan** [NRP / FR#2006-02]

Representatives from the Elliot Park neighborhood included Susan Braun, Julie Kerns, Tom Borrup and David Fields. David Fields presented the plan on behalf of the neighborhood. He reviewed successful projects that EPNI accomplished with Phase I dollars and how the neighborhood used its NRP funds to leverage funds from other sources to accomplish their work. He then referred to the neighborhood's master plan and their goal to ensure that neighborhood based planning and development is sustained into the future. Upon a motion by Peter McLaughlin and seconded by Jeffrey Strand, the following resolution was adopted.

**WHEREAS:** On April 19, 2004 the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board ("Board") approved a Phase II allocation for the Elliot Park Neighborhood of \$678,504, based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP;

**WHEREAS:** The neighborhood conducted a Phase II planning process that began in the fall of 2004 and has submitted an Elliot Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan that requests a Phase II allocation of \$678,504;

**WHEREAS:** The Elliot Park neighborhood has allocated at least 70% of their Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan to housing programs, projects, services and activities;

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the Elliot Park Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan;

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request the City Council and Mayor [a] amend the 2005 General Appropriation resolution by increasing the Community Planning and Economic Development Department agency Fund CNR-NRP Program Fund (CNR0-890-3550) by \$643,754 and [b] authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the activities above;

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That up to 70 percent of the amount approved for this plan (\$474,952) shall be available for obligation in the first three (3) years after approval of the appropriation for this plan.

## **VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

### **1. Audit Report for Calendar Year 2004**

[NRP / PR#2006-02]

Bob Miller informed the Policy Board members that the audit for 2004 has been completed and that the Office of the State Auditor will be mailing each member a copy of this audit. He commented upon a finding in the management letter regarding the transfer of NRP Administrative funds in a timely manner saying that this has been resolved. Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Peter McLaughlin the report was received and filed.

### **2. Victory Neighborhood Phase I Action Plan Review**

[NRP / PR#2006-03]

Jon Olson moved and Mark Stenglein seconded that the Victory Neighborhood Phase I Action Plan Review be received and filed. Jon Olson then referred members to page 24 and 25 of the review and the neighborhood's comments about Victory Memorial Drive. On behalf of the Park Board, he disagreed with the comments in this section of the review and listed all the things that the Park Board has done and is doing for this area. He also stated that Victory had been unwilling to provide matching funds for the Park Board commitments and that this lack of support impeded obtaining federal government grant funds.

### **3. Recognition of Outgoing Policy Board Members**

[NRP / PR#2006-04]

Upon a motion by Jeffrey Strand and seconded by Debbie Evans the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board officially recognizes the service of outgoing Board Members Paul Ostrow, Diane Hofstede and Sean Wherley

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That staff is directed to so send these outgoing members a letter and certificate of appreciation for their service.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

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**ATTEST:** Joe Mullery, Chair