

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

March 27, 2006

Present and Voting: Debbie Evans, Dorothy Titus, Tom Bissen, Nicholas Kakos (Protection Neighborhoods Alternate), Peter McLaughlin, Cara Letofsky (Alternate, Mayor's Office), Barbara Johnson, Lydia Lee, Byron Laher and Jon Olson, chair, presiding.

Alternates Attending: Ryan Marth, Carol Pass, Robert Lilligren

Absent: Jeffrey Strand (excused), Gail Dorfman (excused), Laura Waterman Wittstock (excused), Ken Kelash (excused), Mark Stenglein, R.T. Rybak, Rep. Joe Mullery, Emmett Carson, Todd Klingel

Staff: Bob Miller, Jack Whitehurst, Carsten Slostad

Others Present: David Fey, Tara Barenok, Gary Arntsen, Vuzumuzi Zulu, Craig Pier, Makeda Zulu-Gillespie

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held in Conference Room C-2350 in the Hennepin County Government Center and Jon Olson, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:43 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Peter McLaughlin and seconded by Byron Laher the agenda as presented was adopted.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Nicholas Kakos and seconded by Byron Laher the minutes of the February 27, 2006 meeting were adopted.

IV. POLICY ITEM

I. Future Funding Task Force

Byron Laher reported that briefing meetings were still being held with elected officials and projected that the report and recommendations of the future funding Task Force would be presented at the April meeting of the Policy Board.

V. ACTION ITEM

1. Near North Willard Hay NRP Phase II Action Plan [NRP / FR#2006-05]

Jack Whitehurst, NRP staff, presented a review of the neighborhood's Phase I activities. Makeda Zulu-Gillespie reported on the process used in developing the neighborhood's Phase II plan. Craig Pier presented the neighborhood's Phase II housing strategies. Vuzumuzi Zulu presented the Business and Economic Development strategies in the neighborhood's Phase II plan. He also discussed strategies in the Community Safety section of the plan. Upon a motion by Nicholas Kakos and seconded by Dorothy Titus 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 Near North and Willard Hay neighborhoods of \$1,845,711, based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP;

WHEREAS: The neighborhood conducted a Phase II neighborhood planning process that began in 2005 and has submitted a Near North Willard Hay NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan ("Plan") that requests a Phase II allocation of \$1,845,711;

WHEREAS: The Near North and Willard Hay neighborhoods have allocated at least 70% of their Plan to housing programs, projects, services and activities;

RESOLVED: That the Board hereby accepts and adopts the Near North Willard Hay NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan and approves the expenditure of up to \$1,845,711 of NRP funds for implementation of the Plan;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor: [a] approve the Near North Willard Hay NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan, and specifically those parts of the Plan that fall under City jurisdiction, for their Phase II allocation of up to \$1,845,711; [b] amend the 2006 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) appropriation by \$633,874 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$1,211,837 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund CNR0 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 70% of the amount approved for the Plan (\$1,291,998) shall be obligated in the first three (3) years after approval of the Plan; and [d] authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the Plan and the activities above.

V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

1. Phase II Approvals / Status Report

A report was included in the meeting materials. Bob Miller reported that we are well into Phase II planning. He projected that half of the plans will be completed within this year.

2. City of Minneapolis Resident Survey

The remaining portion of the meeting was used to receive a presentation on the recently released results of the Minneapolis Resident Survey. Tara Barenok presented highlights from the documents included with the meeting materials and responded to questions and comments from Policy Board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Jon Olson, Chair