

## **Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board**

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

**August 28, 2006**

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

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

**Absent:** Peter McLaughlin (excused) Barbara Johnson, R.T. Rybak, Emmett Carson, Todd Klingel, Bill McCarthy, Anita Duckor

**Staff:** Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad

**Others Present:** John Akre, Susan Folstad

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

Jon Olson, chair of the NRP Policy Board, called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

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

Upon a motion by Dorothy Titus and seconded by Jeffrey Strand the agenda was adopted.

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

Upon a motion by Dorothy Titus and seconded by Jeffrey Strand the minutes of the July 24, 2006 meeting were adopted

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

##### **1. West Calhoun Neighborhood Phase I Plan Modification #3 {NRP FR#2006-10}**

West Calhoun did not have a Crime and Safety strategy in the plan adopted by the neighborhood in April of 1999. This modification creates a new strategy and moves \$15,000 from a Excelsior Boulevard strategy to fund it. Upon a motion by Jeffrey Strand and seconded by Mark Stenglein, the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board hereby approves the modification of the West Calhoun Neighborhood Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan by adding the following new Goal, Objective and strategy:

**Goal:** To assure the safety of the citizens in the West Calhoun Neighborhood

**Objective:** To increase initiatives which reduce and prevent criminal activity.

**Strategy 11: Community Crime and Safety Initiatives**

To fund Community Crime and Safety Initiatives including activities such as:

- Block Club Organizing
- Neighborhood Watch Patrols
- Clean-up Projects
- Graffiti Removal
- Security Lighting
- Pedestrian & Bike Safety / Greenways & Parkways
- Neighborhood Alerts as needed
- Crime Prevention through Environmental Design

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That \$15,000 from the Excelsior Boulevard Streetscape strategy be moved to this new Community Crime and Safety Initiatives strategy to fund this new initiative.

**2. Sheridan Neighborhood NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan**

[NRP / FR#2006-11]

John Akre presented highlights from the neighborhood's Phase II plan. In addition to the continuation of their housing initiatives, the plan focuses on their "13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Arts District". A master plan has been developed for the streetscape of the avenue. They also have included a "fix and paint" program to encourage upgrading spaces for home-based businesses. Development of park space that will include a veteran's memorial at the river at the end of 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue is in the plan. He also pointed out that the neighborhood has included un-funded strategies and highlighted their sustainable development guidelines.

Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Ken Kelash 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 Sheridan neighborhood of \$438,317, 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 Sheridan NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan that requests a Phase II allocation of \$438,317;

**WHEREAS:** The Sheridan 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 Sheridan NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan;

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor: [a] approve the Sheridan 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 \$438,317; [b] amend the 2006 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) appropriation by \$147,411 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] refer \$73,705 to the 2007 budget and authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$205,201 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 (\$306,822) 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.

### **3. Memorial Resolution for Frances Guminga**

[NRP / PR#2006-10]

This item was laid over from the July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jeffrey Strand presented a revised version of the memorial resolution he introduced at the July meeting. He then moved that it be adopted with Mark Stenglein seconding the motion. The following memorial resolution was then adopted.

**WHEREAS:** Frances Guminga was a tireless activist, advocate, and mentor to many residents in both North and Northeast Minneapolis and across the city and metro area; and,

**WHEREAS:** Frances Guminga was instrumental in the creation and work of several Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) neighborhood organizations, which were creating comprehensive NRP Phase I plans for the neighborhoods of Bottineau, Shingle Creek, and Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Associations; and,

**WHEREAS:** Frances Guminga was: President of Bottineau Citizens in Action; Co-Founder of the Mississippi Corridor Neighborhood Coalition (MCNC) of 20 neighborhoods, whose environmental advocacy work has been instrumental to the City of Minneapolis and its residents; Co-founder of Clean Energy Now, a metro-wide area coalition of over 2,000 environmental advocacy agencies, organizations, and residents, which led the nation's first effort for coal-to-gas conversions of the Xcel Energy Riverside, High Bridge, and King Coal Plants; and,

**WHEREAS:** Frances Guminga authored numerous comment letters and successful environmental grants leading to the following environmental improvements in our lifetime: Improved water and air monitoring and reporting in Minneapolis and metropolitan area; Stormwater/Sewer separation for improved water quality of the Mississippi River; and Inclusion of the DNR Critical Area Plan in the City of Minneapolis Master plan, striving to improve the environment in Minneapolis and the Mississippi River; and,

**WHEREAS:** Frances Guminga authored the award-winning “*Conceptual River Corridor Plan*” for North/Northeast/South Minneapolis, recognized as a “national model”, was eventually used for the “Above the Falls Master Plan” efforts; Co-authored the first Environmental Inventory done for North/Northeast/South Minneapolis neighborhoods in 1993, and Authored the “Historical Marshall Street Walking Tour”; and,

**BE IT THEREFOR RESOLVED:** that the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board honors Frances Guminga for her tireless and invaluable work establishing, empowering and educating residents and neighborhoods about their roles and responsibilities in the City; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board honors Frances Guminga for her visionary work and lifelong environmental advocacy which have benefited and will benefit the Mississippi River and citizens of the City of Minneapolis long into the future; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** those official copies of this resolution are sent to Family of Frances Guminga, and to the City of Minneapolis Central Library for its permanent record.

V. **PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

1. **2007 NRP Administrative Budget**

Bob Miller presented the 2007 Administrative Budget for review by the Policy Board. Approval of the budget is scheduled for the September meeting. He pointed out that the major expense, other than staff salaries and benefits, is in the professional services line item. The staffing will remain the same for 2007 and at the request of the City Council, the budget includes funding so that a roll over of funds for unpaid 2006 obligations in 2007 will not need to be requested at a later date.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

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**ATTEST:** Jon Olson, Chair