

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

September 25, 2006

Present and Voting: Debbie Evans, Dorothy Titus, Tom Bissen, Jeffrey Strand, Peter McLaughlin, Gail Dorfman, Cara Letofsky (Alternate, Mayor's Office), Barbara Johnson, Rep. Joe Mullery, Lydia Lee, Byron Laher, Ken Kelash (Alternate, Central Labor Union), and Jon Olson, chair, presiding.

Alternates Attending: Ryan Marth, Carol Pass, Nicholas Kakos

Absent: Mark Stenglein, R.T. Rybak, Emmett Carson, Bill McCarthy, Todd Klingel, Anita Duckor

Staff: Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad

Others Present: Gary Arntsen, Louie Zaragoza

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved by consent of the members.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Rep. Joe Mullery and seconded by Lydia Lee the minutes of the August 28, 2006 meeting were adopted.

IV. POLICY ITEM

1. New Dates for the 2006 NRP Neighborhood Representative Election

[NRP / PR#2006-11]

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and second by Byron Laher the following resolution to change the date of the Neighborhood Representative Election was considered. The change was suggested because there were no candidate filings in the Revitalization category. The change would extend the candidate filing time with the hope that some candidates to represent the Revitalization Neighborhoods would file and thus not leave that position un-represented.

WHEREAS: No individuals have filed as candidates for the position of Neighborhood Representative for the Revitalization neighborhoods by the filing deadline established by the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board (“Board”);

WHEREAS: Concerns have been raised about the potential absence of representation on the Policy Board for the 37 Revitalization Neighborhoods;

WHEREAS: Conducting a fair, open and inclusive election process that involves all of the city’s neighborhoods is an essential component of the NRP;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board reopens the neighborhood representative election process for 2006 and adopts the following schedule for conducting the 2006 elections for Neighborhood Representatives:

- Friday, October 13 Filing Deadline for Candidates
- Friday December 1 Registration Deadline for Electors
- Tuesday December 12 Candidate forums and Election

RESOLVED FURTHER: That all candidates who submitted their applications previously be included in the candidate pool and have the option to revise the category under which they are filing without filing a new application.

Jeffrey Strand then moved and Ken Kelash seconded the following amendment;

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board NRP Neighborhood Representative Election Rules Policy adopted May 30, 1995 and amended April 1, 1996; July 21, 1997 and July 26, 1999 be revised to read as follows:

- The length of the filing period shall be 60 days *but may be extended by the NRP Director for no more than 15 additional calendar days if no applications have been filed by the deadline for a specific neighborhood representative category (i.e. At-Large, Protection, Revitalization, Redirection). The extension of the filing deadline shall apply to only the neighborhood representative category for which no filings were received.*

During the discussion that followed, members questioned whether or not these two items should be separated. As the amendment would change the election rules, it would have to go out for a 45-day review by the neighborhoods and the members felt this would complicate things for this year’s election. The chair then ruled that these resolutions should be separated; the main motion was then considered and adopted.

Ken Kelash then moved to lay over the Strand amendment for further discussion at a later date. Gail Dorfman seconded the motion, which was then adopted with Jeffrey Strand voting against it.

V. **ACTION ITEM**

1. **2007 NRP Administrative Budget**

[NRP / FR#2006-12]

The budget was presented at the August 28th meeting and briefly reviewed again by Bob Miller at this meeting. Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Barbara Johnson the following resolution was then adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board (Board) approves and adopts the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Administrative Budget for Fiscal Year 2007, in the amount of \$1,778,889 as detailed in "Attachment A" to August 22, 2006 Administrative Budget Proposal memorandum which is incorporated herein by reference;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board authorizes the Director to spend up to \$1,778,889 in FY 2007 on administrative expenses generally in accordance with Attachment A, with total expenditures in the "Compensation" (4000-4900 and 7800-7860 account codes) and "Non-Compensation" categories to be limited to the amounts indicated in that budget, but with discretion to adjust amounts among the specific "Non-Compensation" line items as needed and between "Compensation" and the "Non-Compensation" category for "Professional Services" without further approval from this Board; and appropriates \$1,778,889 of NRP Program Moneys for administrative expenditures in 2007;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Director is hereby authorized and directed to request that the City Council, City of Minneapolis, appropriate \$ 1,778,889 to Fund CNR0-890-3550 for the purposes herein authorized, and to request that CPED immediately transfer \$1,778,889 to the NRP's City of Minneapolis Fund 230; and,

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Director is hereby authorized to negotiate and sign any Professional Services Agreements or Memorandums of Understanding needed to secure the services in "Attachment B" to the August 22, 2006 Administrative Budget Proposal memorandum.

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Jon Olson, Chair