

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

November 20, 2006

Present and Voting: Debbie Evans, Dorothy Titus, Carol Pass, Jeffrey Strand, Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, Gail Dorfman, Cara Letofsky (Alternate, Mayor's Office), Robert Lilligren (Alternate, City Council), Rep. Joe Mullery, Lydia Lee, Ken Kelash (Alternate, Central Labor), and Jon Olson, chair, presiding

Alternates Attending: Nicholas Kakos

Absent: R.T. Rybak, Karen Kelley-Ariwoola, Byron Laher (excused), Anita Duckor (excused), Todd Klingel

Staff: Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad

Others Present: Melvin North, Mark Laliberte, Philip Miller, Della Meschures, Gary Arntsen, Kate Sherra, Council Member Elizabeth Glidden, Ryan Knoke, Montana Scheff, Cheryl Kabot

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

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Jeffrey Strand the agenda was adopted with the addition of an action item on the Community Engagement Report.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Dorothy Titus and seconded by Ken Kelash, the minutes of the October 23, 2006 meeting were adopted.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

1. 2007 NRP Policy Board Meeting Dates

[NRP / PR#2006-12]

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Robert Lilligren, the following resolution setting the dates of the 2007 Policy Board meetings was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board hereby approves the following Mondays for monthly Policy Board meetings. January 22, February 26, March 26, April 23, May 21, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22, November 19, December 17.

2. Organizational Recognition for the Central Neighborhood [NRP/ PR#2006-13]

The Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization (CANDO), a new resident participation organization actively working for the past few years on improvement projects for the Central neighborhood, requested recognition as the neighborhood action plan implementation contractor. Members and officers from the CANDO organization reviewed the progress this organization has made in their neighborhood. Both Council Member Lilligren and Council member Glidden congratulated this organization for their hard work and supported their request. Upon a motion by Robert Lilligren and seconded by Debbie Evans the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED, That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board (“Board”) has received and reviewed the request of the Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization (CANDO) to serve as NRP’s resident participation organization for the Central neighborhood;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That CANDO has committed to implementing the Central neighborhood action plan approved by the neighborhood and this Board in a manner consistent with the rules, policies and guidelines of NRP;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That NRP staff will monitor the activities of CANDO to ensure that it carries out its resident involvement and neighborhood action plan implementation activities in a responsible, fair, inclusive and fiscally sound manner;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Board recognizes CANDO as the resident participation organization and the contracting agent for NRP activities in the Central neighborhood of Minneapolis;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Board directs the NRP staff to initiate recovery, to the extent possible and cost effective, of previously provided funds or advances from the assets of CNIA and terminate any remaining NRP relationships with CNIA.

3. Harrison Neighborhood COPSIRF Extension [NRP / FR#2006-16]

The Harrison Neighborhood requested an extension of a contract with the Minneapolis Police Department that is using funding from the NRP COPSIRF program. Since this program has expired, Policy Board approval is necessary to extend the use of these funds.

Upon a motion by Dorothy Titus and seconded by Debbie Evans the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board extends the approval granted May 23, 2005 that reserves up to \$120,000 from the previously approved COPSIRF program of the Board for expenditure in the Harrison, Willard Hay and Near North neighborhoods in accordance with the MOU adopted by the neighborhoods and 4th precinct in 2005;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the time of performance for expenditures from this reservation shall be September 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the amount expended shall be limited to the unexpended balance of \$ 47,148 from the Harrison and Near North Public Safety Reserve NRP contracts (C1407);

RESOLVED FURTHER: That there shall be no further extensions in the time of performance for expending these funds and that any unexpended balance that remains on August 1, 2007 shall be reallocated to the NRP administrative contingency fund; and

RESOLVED FURTHER: That NRP staff is directed to take the appropriate measures to either amend and extend the existing contract or execute a new contract to expend the funds in accordance with the MOU executed previously between the neighborhoods and the 4th precinct.

V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

1. Community Engagement Report

[NRP / PR#2006-14]

Bob Miller, in referring to the report, reminded the members that the City issued this report on November 9th and by receiving and filing this report the Policy Board would officially review and comment on it.

Jeffrey Strand moved and Ken Kelash seconded the following resolution, which was then adopted. The resolution directs staff to organize community meetings for the end of January 2007 and to prepare a summary of the findings for the Policy Board's March 2007 meeting.

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2006 the Minneapolis City Coordinator provided individual Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board ("Board") members with a copy of the "Community Engagement Report" prepared for the City Council which has been officially received by the Board on November 20, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that empowerment of the neighborhood residents of Minneapolis improves the City's quality of life and has been a major positive program outcome of NRP, and that true empowerment occurs when residents have the opportunity to develop action plans to address neighborhood priorities and allocate resources to implement those action plans; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board ("Board") directs the NRP Director to organize and conduct a series of inclusive and open public meetings that are geographically coordinated and cover all neighborhoods in the City to gather input and feedback from neighborhood residents and NRP neighborhood organizations concerning the "Community Engagement Report", NRP, citizen participation, and community engagement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NRP Director shall provide staff support to the community meetings to ensure inclusive and open sessions where residents and neighborhoods can be heard; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Director shall prepare and provide a summary of findings and recommendations from the neighborhood meetings for the March 2007 Board meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Jon Olson, Chair