

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF**

January 24, 2000

**Present and voting:**

Gretchen Nicholls, Judy Schwartz (At-Large Alternate voting for Revitalization), Clareyse Nelson, Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, Ron Thaniel (Alternate for Sharon Sayles Belton), Barret Lane (Alternate for City Council), Rep. Karen Clark, Edward Solomon, Judy Farmer, Byron Laher (Alternate for James Colville), Ken Kelash (Alternate for Dick Johnson), Denise Stephens (Alternate for David Jennings), Diane Hofstede and Nicholas Kakos, vice-chair presiding.

**Alternates Attending:**

Walt Gutzmer

**Absent:**

Jason Amundsen, Sharon Sayles Belton, Jackie Cherryhomes, Emmett Carson, James Colville, Dick Johnson, john powell, David Jennings.

**Staff:**

Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad

**Others Present:**

Kathleen O'Brien, Kent Robbins, Leslie Wintheiser, Jeff Schneider, Gary Arntsen, Jana Metge, Council Members Sandy Colvin Roy and Nancy Thurber.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was held in Conference Room 333 of City Hall and called to order by Nicholas Kakos, Vice-Chair of the Policy Board at 4:40 p.m. New board members were formally introduced.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Clareyse Nelson the agenda was adopted.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Ken Kelash the minutes of the December 13, 1999 meeting were adopted.

#### IV. POLICY ITEMS

##### 1. Appointment of a Nominating Committee

Nicholas Kakos reported that Jackie Cherryhomes, Chair of the Policy Board, would appoint a nominating committee and request that they present a slate of candidates for Policy Board officers at the February meeting.

##### 2. NRP Evaluation

[NRP / PBR#2000-01]

Kathleen O'Brien reviewed the status of the NRP Evaluation being conducted by Teamworks. The evaluation was due November 15, 1999 and now is projected to be complete on April 30, 2000. Jackie Cherryhomes has asked that Ms. O'Brien consult with Renee Burger of Teamworks to determine when the product will be finished, ensure the April 30<sup>th</sup> delivery date, and perhaps find ways we can help get the project completed. Development of a protocol for issuing the report when it is completed is also one of the tasks that Ms. O'Brien will coordinate. Upon a motion by Judy Schwartau and seconded by Ken Kelash the following resolution was adopted.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That Kathleen O'Brien be designated the permanent and sole contact person for all matters pertaining to Teamworks and the NRP evaluation.

##### 3. Program Operations Work Team

Kathleen O'Brien, one of the co-chairs of the Program Operations Work Team, presented the four components of the team's report to the Policy Board. The recommendation of the Phase II Steering Committee and the Program Operations Work Team is that the Policy Board adopt the criteria and the evaluation method for utilizing the criteria that will measure the proposed models. They also recommend that the board receive and file the proposed models, authorize their distribution to the public and receive and file the proposed citizen input process and schedule.

[NRP / PBR#2000-02]

Byron Laher moved and Gretchen Nicholls seconded adoption of the criteria as proposed. Judy Schwartau then moved to amend by adding under "Participation Related Criteria" the following: Is the model simple and clear enough to encourage neighborhood volunteer participation? Ken Kelash seconded the amendment. The amendment was then adopted with Gretchen Nicholls voting against the amendment. Diane Hofstede then moved to amend by adding under "Participation Related Criteria #7" the following: and encourage diversity of ideas to the end of the sentence. Barret Lane seconded the amendment. This amendment was unanimously adopted and then the motion as amended was unanimously adopted.

Ken Kelash moved and Byron Laher seconded adoption of the staff recommendation for Item D “Issue: Who should do the assessment?” The motion was unanimously adopted.

Kathleen O’Brien then presented background information on the committee’s work developing the five proposed models and Leslie Wintheiser presented the proposals for public notification and input.

Peter McLaughlin moved and Ken Kelash seconded that the Policy Board receive and file the five proposed models and approve them for circulation for public comment. The motion was unanimously adopted.

A motion was then made by Ken Kelash and seconded by Mark Stenglein that the Policy Board receive and file the citizen input process and proceed with the plans for the citywide meeting scheduled for February 8, 2000. The motion was unanimously adopted.

**V. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Cost of Living Increase for NRP Staff**

[NRP / FR#2000-01]

Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Ken Kelash the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board approves a 2.5% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all NRP employees effective the first day of the pay period beginning January 31, 2000.

**2. Minneapolis Schools “Second 7.5%” funds for Fulton**

[NRP / FR#2000-02]

Upon a motion by Judy Schwartau and seconded by Clareyse Nelson the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board approves the use of up to \$30,000 of Minneapolis Schools “Second 7.5%” NRP funds for site improvements at Fulton School.

### **3. NRP Administrative Budget**

During the NRP 2000 Administrative Budget adoption process the City Council amended the budget to include an additional \$50,000 for the City Coordinator's Administrative Budget for the purposes of developing a citizen participation forum utilizing the Jefferson Center Citizen Jury process. Policy Board approval is needed to include this amendment in the NRP 2000 Administrative Budget. Kathleen O'Brien and Council Members Sandy Colvin Roy and Kathy Thurber presented the request for approval. Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Barret Lane the following resolution was considered.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board concurs with the City Council and approves the allocation of \$50,000 to the City Coordinator's Administrative Budget for purposes of developing a citizen participation forum regarding what core services should the City provide and how these services should be funded.

The resolution was defeated.

### **4. NRP Litigation**

The meeting was adjourned and reconvened in a closed executive session for the purpose of a discussion on an item being litigated.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

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**ATTEST:** Nicholas Kakos, Vice-Chair