

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

September 25, 2000

Present and Voting:

Gretchen Nicholls, Jason Amundsen, Clareyse Nelson, Nicholas Kakos, Gail Dorfman, Sharon Sayles Belton, Earnest Belton (Alternate for Edward Solomon), Joanne Walz (Alternate for Emmett Carson), Byron Laher (Alternate for James Colville), Ken Kelash (Alternate for Dick Johnson), Denise Stephens (Alternate for David Jennings), and Mark Stenglein, chair, presiding.

Alternates Attending:

Judy Schwartz, Ron Thaniel

Absent:

Peter Mc Laughlin, Jackie Cherryhomes, Rep. Karen Clark, Edward Solomon, Judy Farmer, Emmett Carson, James Colville, Dick Johnson, John Powell, David Jennings, Diane Hofstede

Staff:

Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad

Others Present:

Jeff Schneider, Gary Arntsen, Patrick Kvidera, Susan Whitaker, Mary Maguire

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mark Stenglein, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. in Conference Room C-2350 in the Hennepin County Government Center

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Clareyse Nelson the minutes of the July 24, 2000 meeting were adopted.

IV. POLICY ITEMS

1. Phase II Report

Bob Miller reported to the Policy Board on the status of the implementation of Phase II.

2. Phase I Celebration and Kick-off Event for Phase II [NRP / FR#2000-14]

As part of the implementation of Phase II, Bob Miller presented a proposed event for February 24, 2001. This event is being designed to celebrate NRP accomplishments in Phase I and officially kick-off Phase II. Ken Kelash moved and Earnest Belton seconded the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (Board) approves February 24, 2001 as the formal kick-off date for Phase II of NRP.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes the Director to proceed with planning a celebration of Phase I and the kick-off of Phase II on that date; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes the use of up to \$20,000 (\$10,000 from the unspent revenues generated from the Vital Communities Conference and \$10,000 from the FY 2000 Administrative Budget) for planning and conducting the Phase II kick-off event; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board directs staff to seek additional resources as needed from the participating jurisdictions and local foundations.

3. Neighborhoods USA 2002 Annual Conference [NRP / PR#2000-22]

Bob Miller reported on a recommendation that NRP submit an application to host the annual Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) conference in Minneapolis in May of 2002. He requested Policy Board approval for submission of an application. If NRP's application is selected, Gail Dorfman suggested that consideration be given to including suburban communities and St. Paul in the conference. Joanne Walz also encouraged the Board to consider a broader collaboration of metropolitan hosts. Sharon Sayles Belton suggested that a committee of Policy Board members be formed to help with planning and fund raising activities. Nicholas Kakos expressed his concern that the Policy Board have final approval after the definite conditions of participation from NUSA are known. This was considered a friendly addition to the motion being considered. Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Gretchen Nicholls the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board approves and authorizes the Director to submit an application to host a Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) Conference in May of 2002 on behalf of the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the final proposal for the conference be presented to the Policy Board for approval before any final commitments to NUSA are made.

4. Personnel Committee

Mark Stenglein announced that he had commitments from two members and needed a third to serve on this committee. He encouraged any member interested in serving on this committee to contact him prior to the next meeting.

5. Administrative Budget for 2001

Bob Miller presented a preliminary overview of the FY2001 Administrative Budget. He specifically addressed each item in the Professional Services category that makes up the majority of the budget. The biggest change being proposed is a reduction of funds for the MCDA and he explained the rationale for this reduction. Sharon Sayles Belton requested that Bob Miller meet with Steve Cramer and Chuck Ballentine to discuss the impact of this reduction and any options that may be available.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Sharon Sayles Belton and seconded by Earnest Belton the following items on the consent agenda were approved.

1. Hennepin County “Second 7.5%” Funds for Near North/Willard Hay

[NRP FR#2000-15]

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby approves the use of up to \$15,000 of Hennepin County’s “Second 7.5%” NRP funds to support the Northside Residents Redevelopment Council’s Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program in the Near North / Willard Hay neighborhoods.

2. Hennepin County “Second 7.5%” Funds for Standish Ericsson

[NRP FR#2000-16]

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby approves the use of up to \$13,000 of Hennepin County’s “Second 7.5%” NRP funds to support implementation of the YMCA Youth in Government Program in the Standish – Ericsson neighborhood.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That this approval is contingent upon final approval by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners.

B. DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Marshall Terrace Neighborhood Action Plan

[NRP FR#2000-17]

Bob Miller presented a short overview about the neighborhood and their plan and then turned the presentation over to Patrick Kvidera, Susan Whitaker, and Mary Maguire from the neighborhood. They highlighted each of the strategies of the plan for the Board. Upon a motion by Nicholas Kakos and seconded by Jason Amundsen the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the Marshall Terrace Neighborhood Action Plan dated February 16, 2000.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby approves Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program expenditures on projects and programs for the Marshall Terrace Neighborhood Action Plan in an amount not to exceed \$679,830 (this included previous First Step and "Early Access" allocations totaling \$260,000); and,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to: (1) request that the City Council and the Mayor [a] amend the 2000 Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA) appropriation resolution by increasing the NRP Program Fund CNR0 by \$419,830 and [b] authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements needed to implement the activities described in this report; and (2) further request that the MCDA Board of Commissioners authorize the appropriate MCDA officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the activities above.

3. Conflict of Interest / Ethics Policy

Draft copies of a Conflict of Interest Policy and an Ethics Policy were distributed so that the members could review them before the October meeting of the Policy Board.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Mark Stenglein, Chair