

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

May 21, 2001

Present and Voting:

Judy Schwartz, Jeffrey Strand, Holliar Tyner, Nicholas Kakos, Peter McLaughlin, Gail Dorfman, Ron Thaniel (Alternate for Sharon Sayles Belton), Barret Lane (Alternate for City Council), Edward Solomon, Joanne Walz (Alternate for Emmett Carson), Byron Laher (Alternate for James Colville), Ken Kelash (Alternate for Dick Johnson), Diane Hofstede and Mark Stenglein, chair, presiding

Alternates Attending:

Clareyse Nelson

Absent:

Sharon Sayles Belton, Jackie Cherryhomes, Rep. Karen Clark, Catherine Shreves, Emmett Carson, James Colville, Dick Johnson, John Powell, David Jennings

Staff:

Bob Miller, Jack Whitehurst, Carsten Slostad

Others Present:

Lori Olson, Gary Arntsen, John Ruffin, Zachary Metoyer, Valerie Metoyer, Pauline Thomas

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mark Stenglein, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. in Conference Room C-2350 in the Hennepin County Government Center.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Nicholas Kakos and seconded by Ken Kelash the agenda was adopted.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Nicholas Kakos the minutes of the April 23, 2001 meeting were adopted with the addition at the end of the minutes noting the request of Judy Schwartz that the chair convene the personnel committee to begin work on the review of the Director.

IV. POLICY ITEMS

1. Phase II Participation Agreement Guidelines [NRP / PR#2001-06]

NRP staff member Jack Whitehurst reviewed each section of the Phase II Participation Agreement Guidelines. Ken Kelash and Nicholas Kakos brought forward their concern that the Conflict of Interest and Ethics policy that is currently being drafted be included in the guidelines. Nicholas Kakos then moved “that the guidelines be expanded to include a statement on Ethics and the Conflict of Interest policy.” Holliar Tyner seconded the motion. Judy Schwartau recommended that the Ethics and Conflict of interest statement be a separate item in the guidelines and not incorporated into the “general guidelines” section of the document. The amendment was adopted. Ken Kelash then moved and Barret Lane seconded to receive and file the amended guidelines. The motion carried.

V. ACTION ITEMS

1. Powderhorn Park Phase II Participation Agreement [NRP / PR#2001-07]

Bob Miller reviewed Powderhorn Park’s Phase II Participation Agreement with the board. Upon a motion by Peter McLaughlin and seconded by Barret Lane the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) Phase II Guidelines, approved on July 24, 2000, the Board hereby approves the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood’s Phase II Participation Agreement, as submitted on May 1, 2001, and authorizes the Powderhorn Park neighborhood to begin its NRP Phase II plan development activities.

2. Seward Phase II Participation Agreement [NRP / PR#2001-08]

Bob Miller reviewed Seward’s Phase II Participation Agreement with the board. Upon a motion by Holliar Tyner and seconded by Judy Schwartau the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) Phase II Guidelines, approved on July 24, 2000, the Board hereby approves the Seward Neighborhood’s Phase II Participation Agreement, as submitted on May 14, 2001, and authorizes the Seward neighborhood to begin its NRP Phase II plan development activities. This approval is contingent upon Seward Neighborhood Group’s completion of the neighborhood’s NRP Phase I Plan Review.

3. Steven's Square Phase II Participation Agreement [NRP / PR#2001-09]

Upon a motion by Joanne Walz and seconded by Judy Schwartau the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) Phase II Guidelines, approved on July 24, 2000, the Board hereby approves the Stevens Square/Loring Heights Neighborhood's Phase II Participation Agreement, as submitted on May 14, 2001, and authorizes the Stevens Square/Loring Heights neighborhood to begin its NRP Phase II plan development activities. This approval is contingent upon Stevens Square/Loring Heights Neighborhood Group's completion of the neighborhood's NRP Phase I Plan Review.

4. Housing Related Concrete Program Revision [NRP / FR#2001-09]

Bob Miller explained that the resolution adopted at the May 21, 2001 meeting included "with interest" in the second resolving clause. Because the funds being used will be repaid to the NRP in a much shorter time frame than originally planned, the little amount of interest generated would be off set by a greater administrative cost in accounting for the interest. He recommended that the second resolve clause in resolution [NRP / FR#2001-03] be amended by deleting "with interest". Upon a motion by Jeffrey Strand and seconded by Gail Dorfman the board adopted amending resolution [NRP / FR#2001-03] by deleting "with interest" from the second resolve clause.

5. Central Neighborhood Plan Modification

Bob Miller reported that he denied a Central Neighborhood Action Plan modification for \$120,000 that would have moved funds from various strategies in the plan to administrative support. Citing the plan modification policy adopted in 1994 and amended in 1995, Bob Miller stated that the Central Neighborhood had failed to demonstrate the broad-based neighborhood support that the policy requires. Peter McLaughlin asked that the neighborhood members present be given the opportunity to respond. Zachary Metoyer, chair of CNIA, responded that he respected Mr. Miller's decision and asked that immediate consideration be given to approval of two \$25,000 plan modifications. Further inquiry by Policy Board members of the CNIA representatives present determined that even this amount of money would not solve the neighborhood's needs at this time. Joanne Walz, although supportive of the policy, suggested that this situation was special and needed extra consideration. Other members of the board, however, did not support making an exception for Central. Joanne Walz moved to receive and file the director's report. Joanne Walz then asked the record to reflect that she supports the adopted policy on plan changes and modifications. It was also recommended that NRP

staff should provide extra support when there is a leadership change in a neighborhood. Peter McLaughlin responded stating that Mr. Miller has given CNIA assurance that NRP staff will work with them and help them move forward. The consensus of the Board was that the processing of this request is an administrative matter and the adopted policy of the Board has been followed. The Director's report was approved for receipt and filing.

6. Updates / Reports

The chair informed the Board that he would convene a meeting of Personnel Committee members Ken Kelash, Diane Hofstede, and Judy Schwartau prior to the next Policy Board meeting.

Bob Miller informed the Policy Board that the committee working on the Conflict of Interest Policy was close to completing their work and the revised draft will be presented at the June meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Mark Stenglein, Chair