

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

August 20, 2001

Present and Voting:

Judy Schwartau, Jeffrey Strand, Clareyse Nelson (Alternate for Redirection), Nicholas Kakos, Peter McLaughlin, Barret Lane (Alternate for City Council), Joanne Walz (Alternate for Emmett Carson), Byron Laher (Alternate for James Colville), Ken Kelash (Alternate for Dick Johnson), Denise Stephens (Alternate for David Jennings), Diane Hofstede, and Mark Stenglein, chair, presiding.

Alternates Attending:

Gretchen Nicholls

Absent:

Holliar Tyner, Gail Dorfman, Sharon Sayles Belton, Rep. Karen Clark, Edward Solomon, Catherine Shreves, Emmett Carson, James Colville, Dick Johnson, John Powell, David Jennings

Staff:

Bob Miller, Peg Mountin, Carsten Slostad

Others Present:

Lori Olson, Gary Arntsen, Dorothy Mayer, Steve Brandt, John Cevette, Jeff Langaard, Becky Olson, Marion Biehn

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 Jeff Strand and seconded by Diane Hofstede the agenda was adopted with the addition of a report on the progress being made on the interim funding plan and a report on the progress of the personnel committee review of the Director.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Diane Hofstede and seconded by Jeff Strand the minutes of the July 23, 2001 meeting were adopted.

IV. ACTION ITEM

1. Whittier Neighborhood Phase II Participation Agreement [NRP/ FR#2001-12]

Jeff Langaard, director of the Whittier Alliance, introduced leaders from the Whittier Board, Becky Olson, Marion Beihn and John Cevette. A comprehensive review of the successes the neighborhood has accomplished and their plan to proceed with Phase II was presented by John Cervette. Judy Schwartz moved and Diane Hofstede seconded adoption of the Participation Agreement. Because this agreement did not ask for additional funding, questions were raised about where money would come from to support the planning process. Mr. Langaard indicated that existing and unused Phase I dollars would be redirected through plan modifications. Nicholas Kakos moved to amend that "any funding required to implement Whittier's participation agreement for Phase II be subject to approval of the Policy Board following adoption of policy guidelines established by the NRP office." Joanne Walz seconded the amendment. Discussion of the amendment produced clarifications and understandings that enabled Nicholas Kakos to withdraw the amendment. The following resolution was then adopted.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) Phase II Guidelines, approved on July 24, 2000, the Board hereby approved the Whittier Alliance Phase II Participation Agreement, dated June 28, 2001 and authorizes the Whittier neighborhood to begin its NRP Phase II plan development activities.

V. POLICY ITEMS

1. Sub-Recipient Monitoring and Audit Policy [NRP / PR#2001-12]

Bob Miller presented a draft sub-recipient monitoring and audit policy that NRP can use for those organizations that receive NRP funds and distribute these funds to other organizations. This draft is consistent with the City of Minneapolis' policy and will be reviewed by legal counsel and the Office of the State Auditor prior to final adoption. Consistent with Policy Board policy about neighborhood notification, approval is needed to distribute this draft to the neighborhoods for review and comment. Diane Hofstede moved and Ken Kelash seconded approval for distribution. The motion carried.

2. Conflict of Interest Policy

Bob Miller reported that he had received suggestions for revisions and thus the policy was not ready for adoption. He requested that the committee working on this policy be reconvened to prepare a final draft for the Policy Board's consideration at the next meeting.

3. Report on Interim Funding

Bob Miller reported that he is still working on a presentation of options available to the Policy Board for funding Phase II planning until decisions are made on the level of funding that will be provided for Phase II.

4. Personnel Committee

Diane Hofstede reported that the Personnel Committee is meeting and reviewing the performance of the Director. The committee plans to have a recommendation for the Policy Board at the September meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Mark Stenglein, Chair