

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

October 22, 2001

Present and Voting:

Judy Schwartau, Jeffrey Strand, Clareyse Nelson (Redirection Alternate), Nicholas Kakos, Peter McLaughlin, Ron Thaniel (Alternate for Sharon Sayles Belton), Barret Lane (Alternate City Council Member), Edwina Garcia (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, Jackie Cherryhomes, Rep. Joe Mullery, Edward Solomon, Catherine Shreves, Emmett Carson, James Colville, Dick Johnson, john powell, David Jennings

Staff:

Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad, Brett Feldman

Others Present:

Bob Cooper, Karen Pritz, Gary Arntsen

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mark Stenglein, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. in Conference Room C-2350 in the Hennepin County Government Center.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Jeffrey Strand requested the addition of an additional action item to the agenda, standardized accounting for NRP. He then moved the adoption of the agenda as amended. Ken Kelash seconded the motion and the agenda was adopted.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Nicholas Kakos and seconded by Ken Kelash the minutes of the September 24, 2001 meeting were adopted.

IV. POLICY ITEMS

1. Neighborhood Representative Election Update [NRP / PR#2001-14]

Bob Miller referred the members to a list of candidates who have filed for election as neighborhood representatives to the 2002 Policy Board. He also stated that the voter's guide for this election is now available on the NRP web-site. Nicholas Kakos then moved to amend the rules / procedure for the candidate forums as follows:

RESOLVED: In reference to the election of Neighborhood Representatives to the Policy Board candidate forums, candidates shall be allowed up to three minutes each for closing statements.

Denise Stephens seconded the motion, which was then adopted.

V. ACTION ITEMS

1. NRP Administrative Budget for 2002

Bob Miller presented the administrative budget proposal for 2002. He pointed out the proposed reductions and the specific areas of the budget that would be affected by these changes. Considerable discussion about the NRP's financial contributions to the MCDA and proposed contribution to the Planning Department then occurred. It was the consensus of the group that further deliberations were needed and upon a motion by Nicholas Kakos and seconded by Denise Stephens the budget was tabled until the November meeting of the Policy Board.

2. Support for Phase II Planning Activities [NRP / FR#2001-16]

At the September 24, 2001 meeting of the Policy Board, Bob Miller presented options for consideration that would support Phase II planning activities. The Board requested that he bring back to this meeting a specific recommendation for consideration and adoption. His recommendation, based upon considerable review of the funding revenues for NRP activities, was to release the allocation approved at the November 20, 2000 meeting, which was frozen July 23, 2001 and to increase it to make an unspent balance of \$1,500,000. Eligible neighborhoods would be able to request up to 50% of the funds received in Phase I for participation agreement and plan development activities. Upon a motion by Nicholas Kakos and seconded by Ken Kelash the following resolution was then adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) authorizes the Director to request: 1) that the City Council appropriate \$ 665,711 to the Minneapolis Community Development Agency's Fund CNR0 (NRP Program Funds) to increase the Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund to \$1,500,000; 2) that these funds be used for neighborhoods that meet the Phase II entry thresholds to fund Phase I action plan reviews, collect needed information for Phase II, develop their Phase II participation agreements and conduct their community participation efforts; and 3) that the City Council and the MCDA Board of Commissioners authorize the appropriate City and MCDA officers to execute and amend needed contracts to implement this action;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That any allocation received by a neighborhood from the Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund will be considered an advance against their Phase II allocation and will be included in their Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That an eligible neighborhood may request up to 50% of the funds it received in Phase I from the blanket appropriations for participation agreement and plan development activities from the Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the NRP staff shall review all requests for allocations from the Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund and that allocations may be approved by the NRP Director if they are for \$50,000 or less or by the Board if they are for more than \$ 50,000;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Director will provide to the Board a written update each month on approved expenditures from the Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That a negative decision by the Director on a neighborhood request for resources from the Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund can be appealed by the neighborhood to the Board for a final determination;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That this action revises the resolution adopted by the Board on November 20, 2000;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the action of the Board on July 23, 2001 is revised to allow the expenditure of up to \$ 1.5 million from the funds to be used for Phase II for the Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the authorization granted to the Director on July 23, 2001 to expend up to \$10,000 to financially assist any neighborhood with pre Phase II planning activity until an interim plan for funding and implementing is adopted is rescinded; and

RESOLVED FURTHER: That neighborhoods are authorized to reallocate unused Phase I NRP funds, in accordance with the Changing Approved Neighborhood Action Plans and Early Access Requests Policy of the Board, to support Phase II plan development activities.

3. Hale Page Diamond Lake Phase II Participation Agreement [NRP / FR#2001-17]

Upon a motion by Peter McLaughlin and seconded by Ken Kelash the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby approves the Hale, Page, Diamond Lake Phase II Participation Agreement and authorizes an expenditure of up to \$36,570 of Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program funds from the Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund to the Hale, Page, Diamond Lake Community Association for administrative support associated with Phase II plan development activities.

4. Field, Regina, Northrop Phase II Participation Agreement [NRP / FR#2001-18]

Upon a motion by Peter McLaughlin and seconded by Judy Schwartau the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby approves the Field, Regina, Northrop Phase II Participation Agreement and authorizes an expenditure of up to \$44,000 of Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program funds from the Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund to Field, Regina, Northrop Neighborhood Group for administrative support associated with Phase II plan development activities.

5. Standardized Accounting System for Neighborhoods [NRP / PR#2001-15]

Jeffrey Strand moved that the Policy Board request the director to explore the feasibility of a standardized web-based accounting system for use by NRP and the neighborhood organizations and report back to the Policy Board by January 31, 2002. Clareyse Nelson seconded the motion, which was then adopted.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Mark Stenglein, Chair