

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

April 22, 2002

Present and Voting:

Ron Ravensborg, Carol Pass, Jeffrey Strand, Judy Schwartau (At-Large Alternate representing Revitalization), Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, Gail Dorfman, Edward Solomon (Alternate for Park Board), Sharon Henry-Blythe (Alternate for School Board), Joanne Walz (Alternate for Emmett Carson), Byron Laher (Alternate for James Colville), Ken Kelash (Alternate for Bill McCarthy) and Diane Hofstede, chair, presiding

Alternates Attending:

Nicholas Kakos

Absent:

Julia Burman (excused), R.T. Rybak, Paul Ostrow, Rep. Joe Mullery, Bob Fine, Catherine Shreves, Emmett Carson, James Colville, Bill McCarthy, John Powell, Louise Dickmeyer

Staff:

Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad

Others Present:

Shirley Yeoman

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jeff Strand, vice-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

With the addition of two new items, MRT appointments and the McKinsey study, Ken Kelash moved and Peter McLaughlin seconded adoption of the revised agenda. The motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Judy Schwartau requested that the minutes reflect her concern that the MCDA failed to provide additional information requested by the Affordable Housing Review Team on the Urban Village proposal and that the neighborhood had not been notified by NRP about this situation. Upon a motion by Peter McLaughlin and seconded by Ken Kelash the minutes of the March 25, 2002 meeting as amended were adopted.

At this point in the meeting Jeffrey Strand turned the meeting over to Diane Hofstede, chair of the Policy Board.

IV. POLICY ITEMS

1. **By-laws Revision Committee Report** [NRP / PR#2002-03]

Gail Dorfman, chair of the committee, and Bob Miller reviewed the revisions that were made since the revised By-laws were presented at the last meeting. Upon a motion by Jeffrey Strand and seconded by Ken Kelash the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby adopts the revised By-laws and authorizes distribution to the Joint Powers of the Policy Board for their approval; and,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Director be authorized to implement the process for Joint Powers' review and approval.

2. **Financial Management Support System for Neighborhoods** [NRP / PR#2002-04]

At the October 22, 2001 meeting of the Policy Board, a request was made that the Director explore the feasibility of a standardized web-based accounting system for use by NRP and the neighborhood organizations. Given this request, Bob Miller established a working group of representatives from seven neighborhoods with different budgets, needs and resources to explore this issue and the broader topic of the financial management support needs of neighborhoods. Shirley Yeoman from the Standish Ericsson neighborhood presented the findings and recommendations from the working group to the Board. The review was extensive, comprehensive and identified a number of actions that NRP could take to assist neighborhoods with their financial management activities. Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Jeffrey Strand the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby extends their appreciation to: Julia Burman (NRP Policy Board and Holland), Michael Jon Olson (Seward), Shirley Yeoman (Standish Ericsson), Marie Marino (Bottineau), David Rubedor (Powderhorn Park), Michelle Mensing (Fulton), Bob Thompson (Lyndale), and Robert Thompson (NRP staff), for their service on the Financial Management Support Service Working Group;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board gratefully accepts the Report of Findings submitted by the Working Group;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board forwards the report to the Director and NRP staff for their review and recommendations on implementation; and,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Director report back to the Board at the May 20 meeting of the Board about the next steps and an implementation schedule.

3. Management Review Team Appointment

[NRP / PR#2002-05]

Jeffrey Strand reported to the Policy Board that the Neighborhood Representatives of the Board have met and selected Neighborhood Representatives for the Management Review Team. He then moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Mark Stenglein and then adopted.

WHEREAS the relevant Policy Board Policy adopted April 3, 1995 provides for four neighborhood representatives and four alternates for the NRP Management Review Team (MRT), and since only two applicants filed for the MRT by the March 15, 2002 deadline;

BE IT RESOLVED: That since the Policy Board Neighborhood Representatives nominated Debbie Evans for Protection Neighborhoods Representative and G. Harrison Nelson for At-Large Neighborhood Representative on the MRT, the Policy Board hereby confirms those appointments; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED: That Ms. Evans and Mr. Nelson were the only applicants who filed for appointment to the MRT, and because of apparent lack of interest in additional appointments or reappointment to the MRT and to ensure service on the MRT, that Policy Board Alternate Greg Bastien has volunteered to serve, and is hereby appointed as the Revitalization Neighborhood Representative on the MRT on an interim-acting basis until such time as the Policy Board opts to reopen the open appointments process.

4. Future Planning / McKinsey Report & Recommendations

[NRP / PR#2002-06]

Peter McLaughlin asked to include this item on the agenda so members could discuss options available to the Board to inform McKinsey and policy makers as deliberations continue about the future of NRP, MCDA and the Planning Department. As part of the discussion it was determined that McKinsey had only interviewed a few Policy Board members. Peter McLaughlin moved and Ken Kelash seconded that the chair send a letter to McKinsey requesting that there be more consultation with Policy Board members than appears to have occurred. The motion carried. It was also recommended that further discussion occur on this issue at the next meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Diane Hofstede, Chair