

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

June 24, 2002

Present and Voting:

Ron Ravensborg, Julia Burman, Carol Pass, Jeffrey Strand, Mark Stenglein, Gail Dorfman, R.T. Rybak, Paul Ostrow, Rep. Joe Mullery, 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:

Judy Schwartz, Greg Bastien, Nicholas Kakos, David Fey (Mayor's Office)

Absent:

Peter McLaughlin (excused) Bob Fine, Catherine Shreves, Emmett Carson, James Colville, Bill McCarthy, John Powell, Denise Stephens (excused)

Staff:

Bob Miller, Brett Feldman, Carsten Slostad

Others Present:

Bob Cooper, Jeff Schneider, Jennifer Ringold, Sara Dietrich, Jamie Jencks, Gary Schiff, Steve Brandt

I. CALL TO ORDER

Diane Hofstede, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:43 p.m. in Conference Room C-2350 in the Hennepin County Government Center.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Mark Stenglein the agenda was adopted.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Ken Kelash the minutes of the May 20, 2002 meeting were adopted.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

1. Youth Coordinating Board Funding Request [NRP / PR#2002-07]

The Youth Coordinating Board annually requests \$200,000 of NRP Program Funds to support its activities. Their request is supported by City Ordinance (Title 16, Chapter 419.70). Bob Miller presented their request and recommended that the Policy Board approve a transfer of funds to the Youth Coordinating Board. Jeffrey Strand, however, was concerned about whether or not this was an approved legal use of NRP funds and moved a substitute motion, which was seconded by Mark Stenglein. The following motion was then adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board considers the annual funding for the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board to be meritorious, but in keeping with prudent legal and fiduciary considerations the transfer of \$200,000 for year 2002 is tabled for consideration at the August 2002 Policy Board meeting and the Director is requested to obtain a legal opinion in the next 30 to 45 days to confirm that such funding is a legal expenditure of NRP funds according to the NRP statute; and,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Policy Board consider annual funding for the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board in the context of reduced annual funding provided to the NRP as a result of legislative changes in the property tax system.

2. Minneapolis Schools “Second 7.5%” Funds for Willard Hay

[NRP / FR#2002-14]

Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Ken Kelash the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby approves the use of up to \$30,000 of Minneapolis Schools “Second 7.5%” NRP funds for improvements to Willard playground and park.

V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

Jack Dempsey, on behalf of McKinsey and Company, presented the findings of their study of the City of Minneapolis planning and development activities and their recommendations for strengthening community and economic development in Minneapolis. This was the same presentation given to the City Council on June 14, 2002. After the presentation, considerable time was devoted for members to question the report and its recommendations. Deputy Mayor David Fey explained the process that has been

put in place to review the McKinsey recommendations prior to any City Council action on the recommendations. After considerable discussion, it was determined that the Policy Board should prepare a formal response to the recommendations and upon a motion by Jeffrey Strand and seconded by Byron Laher the following resolution was adopted.

[NRP / PR#2002-08]

RESOLVED: That the chair of the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board appoints a work team comprised of a majority of neighborhood representatives to review the recommendations of the McKinsey report and prepare a formal response for the Policy Board's consideration at its July 22, 2002 meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Diane Hofstede, Chair