

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

August 19, 2002

Present and Voting:

Ron Ravensborg, Julia Burman, Carol Pass, Peter McLaughlin, David Fey (Alternate, Mayor's Office), Barret Lane (Alternate, City Council), Rep. Joe Mullery, Edward Solomon (Alternate, Park Board), Sharon Henry-Blythe (Alternate, School Board), Byron Laher (Alternate for James Colville), Denise Stephens (Alternate for Louise Dickmeyer) and Diane Hofstede, chair, presiding

Alternates Attending:

Absent:

Jeffrey Strand (Excused), Mark Stenglein, Gail Dorfman, R.T. Rybak, Paul Ostrow, Bob Fine, Catherine Shreves, Emmett Carson, James Colville, Bill McCarthy (Excused), Louise Dickmeyer

Staff:

Bob Miller, Willie Willis, Brett Feldman,

Others Present:

Jeff Schneider, Arlin Waelti, Annie Nelson and presenters from the Youth Coordinating Board

I. CALL TO ORDER

Diane Hofstede, 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 Edward Solomon and seconded by Peter McLaughlin the agenda was adopted.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Edward Solomon and seconded by Peter McLaughlin the minutes of the July 22, 2002 meeting were adopted.

IV. POLICY ITEMS

1. NRP Neighborhood Representative Election [NRP / PR#2002-10]

Upon a motion by Barret Lane and seconded by David Fey the following resolution which sets the dates for the Neighborhood Representative Election was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board adopts the following schedule for the 2002 Election of Neighborhood Representatives and Alternates to the Policy Board:

Candidate Filing Period	August 20 – September 23, 2002
Candidate Forums and Election	November 21, 2002

2. Affordable Housing Reserve Fund Guideline Waiver [NRP / PR#2002-11]

The Powderhorn Park Residents Group (PRG) is one of the partners in the Village in Phillips project at 24th & Bloomington Avenue South. The Policy Board approved funds from the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund to assist in this project. PRG is asking for a waiver of one of the funding guidelines in order to expedite land acquisition to keep the project on schedule. Upon a motion by Edward Solomon and seconded by Julia Burman the following resolution was adopted with Peter McLaughlin and Carol Pass abstaining.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby approves the request of the Powderhorn Residents Group and waives the following guideline: “No disbursement of funds under the program will be made until total project financing is in place and available for closing on the project” from the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund as it would apply to the Village in Phillips project at 24th & Bloomington Avenue South.

V. ACTION ITEMS

1. Hennepin County “Second 7.5%” NRP funds for Near North / Willard Hay
[NRP / FR#2002-16]

Upon a motion by Peter McLaughlin and seconded by Edward Solomon the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby approves the use of up to \$122,000 of Hennepin County "Second 7.5%" NRP funds to support the Colorful Threads Summer Youth Peace Garden Project (\$20,000), the Homeownership Preservation Demonstration Project (\$75,000) and the Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program (\$27,000) in the Near North / Willard Hay neighborhood.

2. Fulton Neighborhood Phase II Participation Agreement [NRP/ PR#2002-12]

Upon a motion by Edward Solomon and seconded by Julia Burman the following resolution was adopted with Barret Lane abstaining.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby approves the Fulton Neighborhood Association Phase II Participation Agreement dated May 8, 2002 and authorizes the Fulton neighborhood to begin its NRP Phase II plan development activities.

3. Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board [NRP / FR#2002-17]

Annie Nelson, Executive Director of the Youth Coordinating Board, presented background information about the Board and then youth representing various programs presented information. The youth included Chris Bates, (youth educational and economic statistics) Luis Rosario, ("Summer Jam") Toki Wright, ("What's Up" and "Hip Hop") Mary Henry and Dwayne Fisher, ("Minneapolis Youth Vote") Veda Partalo, ("Youth Facilitator Leaders") and Kamaria McCollum and Christina Rice, ("Where Are My Girls At?").

Discussion on the legal issues related to funding the Youth Coordinating Board then occurred. Edward Solomon moved for adoption of the director's recommendation. Byron Laher seconded the motion and with Edward Solomon's agreement, amended the motion to make adoption contingent upon review of Arlin Waelti's legal opinion by Minnesota House Counsel Joel Michael. The following resolution was then adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby approves the transfer of \$200,000 to the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board from Neighborhood Revitalization Program Funds for youth initiatives as decided and directed by the Board of Directors of the Youth Coordinating Board.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That this approval is contingent upon final legal review and approval of the use of these funds for this purpose.

Upon a motion by Denise Stephens and seconded by Peter McLaughlin, the following resolution was adopted to address Youth Coordinating Board funding for 2003.

[NRP / PR#2002-13]

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board revisit the discussion on NRP's support of the Youth Coordinating Board and determine the level of funding for 2003 at the Board's October meeting.

4. Follow-up on the McKinsey Report

[NRP / PR#2002-14]

Edward Solomon began the discussion by expressing his opinion that NRP should not be combined into a new department. Other members of the Board also expressed their opinions. David Fey informed the Board of the schedule that will move the McKinsey recommendations through the City Council process and then left the meeting. Edward Solomon made the following motion, which was seconded by Ron Ravensborg. The resolution was adopted with Barret Lane abstaining and Denise Stephens voting against.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Policy Board send a resolution to the City Council that informs the Council that it does not wish for NRP to be combined with other agencies into a new department.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Willie B. Willis, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Diane Hofstede, Chair