

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

September 23, 2002

Present and Voting:

Ron Ravenborg, Julia Burman, Carol Pass, Jeffrey Strand, Mark Stenglein, Gail Dorfman, R.T. Rybak, Paul Ostrow, Rep. Joe Mullery, and Diane Hofstede, chair, presiding

Alternates Attending:

Judy Schwartau, Nicholas Kakos, Greg Bastien, Erik Takeshita

Absent:

Peter McLaughlin, Bob Fine, Catherine Shreves, Emmett Carson, James Colville, Bill McCarthy, John Powell, Louise Dickmeyer

Staff:

Bob Miller, Brett Feldman, Barb Lickness, Carsten Slostad

Others Present:

Gary Schiff, Kim Vohs, Jeff Schneider, Jeff Langaard, Jeff Hayden, David Rubedor, Stacy Horwity, Seth Garwood, Alexander Olson, Florence Hall, Elena Gorder, Ahkmari Sekh-ra, Steve Brandt

I. CALL TO ORDER

Diane Hofstede, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. in Conference Room C-2350 in the Hennepin County Government Center.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Ron Ravensborg the agenda was adopted with the addition of a discussion on the Commercial Corridor Reserve Fund.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by R.T. Rybak and seconded by Ron Ravensborg the minutes of the August 19, 2002 meeting were adopted.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Julia Burman the following items on the consent agenda were adopted.

1. Minneapolis Schools “Second 7.5%” funds for Lynnhurst [NRP / FR#2002-18]

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby approves the use of up to \$211,500 of Minneapolis Schools “Second 7.5%” NRP funds for improvements to the Burroughs School playground and park

2. North Loop Neighborhood Phase I Participation Agreement [NRP / FR#2002-19]

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby approves the participation agreement presented to this Board by the Warehouse District North Loop Association, to conduct the NRP Phase I planning process for the North Loop Neighborhood; and,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That this Board hereby approves and authorizes the expenditure for that agreement, under an NRP participation contract between the MCDA and Warehouse District North Loop Association, of \$20,000 from the lump sum of \$1,157,950 appropriated April 1, 1994 for funding participation agreements for Phase I NRP / First Step neighborhoods.

3. Logan Park Neighborhood Phase II Participation Agreement [NRP/ FR#2002-20]

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) Phase II Guidelines, approved on July 24, 2000, the Board hereby approves the Logan Park Neighborhood Association Phase II Participation Agreement, dated September 4, 2002 and authorizes the Logan Park neighborhood to begin its NRP Phase II plan development activities;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the use of up to \$21,800 from the Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund for Phase II plan development activities in the Logan Park neighborhood.

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Powderhorn Park Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan [NRP / FR#2002-21]

Representatives from the Powderhorn Park neighborhood were introduced and David Rubidor, executive director of PPNA, then addressed the board on behalf of the neighborhood. He presented highlights from the review of the Powderhorn Park Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan that included the leveraging of dollars that happened as a result of NRP investments, the collaborations that were created with other neighborhoods and with the Park Board, and the level of neighborhood investment in improving the housing stock. He also listed several major projects that were accomplished because of the support of NRP funds. Mr. Rubidor continued his presentation by explaining the asset based planning process that the neighborhood used to develop the Phase II plan and how outreach to the neighborhood was accomplished. He completed his presentation by highlighting each section of the Phase II plan, listing major strategies and the percentage of the funds needed to accomplish these strategies.

Jeffrey Strand moved and Paul Ostrow seconded a motion to adopt the plan. One of the concerns raised during discussion on the motion was lowering the focus of affordable housing funds to 50% of metro median income. The following language was crafted, added to the original motion and accepted by Jeffrey Strand and Paul Ostrow for inclusion in the motion.

“RESOLVED FURTHER: That Powderhorn Park Neighborhood will target its affordable housing resources to those with metro median incomes of 50% or less to the maximum extent possible and feasible.”

The remaining discussion centered upon the level of committed Phase II funding. The consensus reached was to go ahead with adoption of the Powderhorn Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan. The question was called and the following resolution, including the added language was then adopted.

IV. POLICY ITEMS

1. “Focus Minneapolis” City Council Resolution [NRP / PR#2002-15]

Mayor R.T. Rybak, expressing regrets that he would have to leave the meeting early, asked that the Policy Board place this item on the agenda for further discussion at the next meeting. He asked members to help in the process of determining how NRP will fit in the CPED department that is being established. Julia Burman moved and Jeffrey Strand seconded a motion that the NRP Policy Board set up a committee of at least 5 members appointed by the chair to identify the benefits and detrimental impacts of the

reorganization plan (“Focus Minneapolis”). During discussion it was suggested that perhaps a special meeting of the Policy Board would be helpful. Gail Dorfman suggested the following language, which was acceptable to all and was moved (Burman), seconded (Strand) and adopted.

RESOLVED: That the NRP Policy Board set up a working group to evaluate “Focus Minneapolis” and develop implementation options that protect the integrity of neighborhoods in neighborhood planning.

2. Personnel Committee

The chair announced that she would be appointing a Personnel Committee. Jeffrey Strand volunteered to represent the neighborhoods and Gail Dorfman volunteered to represent the governmental jurisdictions. A community interest member will also be appointed.

3. Commercial Corridor Reserve Fund

Moved by Ron Ravensborg and seconded by Jeffrey Strand that the Policy Board consider the release of Commercial Corridor Reserve Funds (2001, 2002) and 2002 Affordable Housing Reserve Funds at the October meeting. The motion carried.

4. Revised By-Laws

Jeffrey Strand moved and Ron Ravensborg seconded a motion for unanimous consent from the Board to forward the by-law changes adopted by the Board on April 22 to the jurisdictions for their review and approval as changes to the Joint Powers Agreement. The motion carried.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Diane Hofstede, Chair