

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

December 23, 2002

Present and Voting:

Ron Ravensborg, Judy Schwartau (At- Large Alternate for Revitalization), Julia Burman, Jeffrey Strand, Peter McLaughlin, Mark Stenglein, Erik Takeshita (Mayor's Alternate), Barret Lane (City Council Alternate), Rep. Joe Mullery, Bob Fine, Joanne Walz (Alternate Minneapolis Foundation), Byron Laher (Alternate United Way), and Diane Hofstede, chair, presiding

Alternates Attending:

Nicholas Kakos

Absent:

Carol Pass, Gail Dorfman, RT Rybak, Paul Ostrow, Catherine Shreves, Emmett Carson, James Colville, Bill McCarthy, Louise Dickmeyer

Staff:

Bob Miller, Brett Feldman, Stacy Sorenson, Carsten Slostad

Others Present:

Debbie Evans, Cam Gordon, Clareyse Nelson, Gary Arntsen

I. CALL TO ORDER

Diane Hofstede, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. in MCDA Conference Room 3 in the Crown Roller Mill Building.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Byron Laher and seconded by Jeffrey Strand the agenda was adopted with the addition of comment on the "Draft City Goals and Expectations".

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Peter McLaughlin and seconded by Bob Fine the minutes of the November 18, 2002 meeting were adopted.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

1. Memoriam for Edward C. Solomon

[NRP / PR#2002-19]

Upon a motion by Peter McLaughlin and second by Bob Fine the following resolution in memoriam for Edward C. Solomon was adopted.

RESOLVED: The NRP Policy Board expresses its sincere sympathies and condolences to the family of Edward C. Solomon, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, the residents of the Field, Regina and Northrop Neighborhood Group, the users of McRae Park and the entire Minneapolis park system.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the NRP Policy Board recognizes the impact and contributions made by Edward C. Solomon to furthering the goals of the RNP and for his unwavering support and commitment to the empowerment of the residents of the City of Minneapolis.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the contribution that Edward C. Solomon made to improving Minneapolis neighborhoods and the City of Minneapolis as a whole shall be forever remembered and stand as his legacy.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That Edward C. Solomon will be deeply missed.

2. Sheridan Neighborhood Plan Modification #9

[NRP / FR#2002-26]

Upon a motion by Byron Laher and seconded by Julia Burman the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) policy on “Changing Approved Action Plans and Early Access Requests” policy (approved by the NRP Policy Board on June 6, 1994 and amended on September 5, 1995) the Board hereby approves the Director’s recommendation to create a new strategy in the approved Sheridan Neighborhood Action Plan to fund bicycle-related physical improvements and authorizes the reallocation of \$546,375.16 between existing plan strategies as requested by the Sheridan Neighborhood Organization in its letter of November 17, 2002; and

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to: 1) request that the City Council and the Mayor authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements needed to implement the activities described in this report and 2) further request that the MCDA Board of Commissioners authorize the appropriate MCDA officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the activities above.

3. Powderhorn Park Early Access Request

[NRP / FR#2002-27]

Because of the delay in City Council adoption of Powderhorn Park's Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan while deliberations continue on the funding of the second phase of NRP, the Powderhorn Park neighborhood is requesting funding to sustain their programs until the future funding issues are resolved. Upon a motion by Jeffrey Strand and seconded by Peter McLaughlin, the following motion with language revised at the meeting was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby approves amending the Powderhorn Park Phase II Participation Agreement and authorizes a \$75,000 expenditure increase for a new total of \$114,770 of Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program funds from the Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund to Powderhorn Park as an early resource commitment to the NRP Phase II Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Action Plan.

4. Future Funding for NRP Phase II

[NRP / PR#2002-20]

With the Powderhorn Park request starting the discussion, a continuing discussion about future funding occurred. Barret Lane representing the City Council and Erik Takeshita representing the Mayor informed the Policy Board that a five-year plan for future funding priorities for the City was being drafted for the City Council and would be released in January. Peter McLaughlin expressed his frustration that the Policy Board was not included in developing this plan. Joanne Walz suggested that some kind of committee or task force should be formed. Representative Joe Mullery asked for an accounting of the funds that are reserved for the NRP through the statute that created NRP. He then moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Jeffrey Strand and carried.

RESOLVED: That the City of Minneapolis supply the NRP Board and the Director with the computation of what monies must be used as directed by the NRP statute and what monies are directed to be used if the Tax Increment Funds run short to fund the NRP.

5. Minneapolis / St. Paul Home Tour

[NRP / FR#2002-28]

Bob Miller informed the Policy Board that beginning in 2003 the City of Minneapolis Public Affairs Office would no longer be coordinating the Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour. NRP has been actively supporting this event for several years and has been a major contributor to the staffing of the Tour. Based upon an internal review, it was determined that the Home Tour is too valuable an opportunity to showcase NRP and the City to allow it to disappear in Minneapolis and that NRP could use existing staff to coordinate and oversee the Tour. The Director also indicated that no budget modification to support this event is being requested and that every effort will be made to minimize NRP's costs. Upon a motion by Peter McLaughlin and seconded by Bob Fine the following resolution was adopted with Barret Lane voting no.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) agrees that NRP should be the coordinator for the 2003 Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour; and

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board authorizes the Director to: 1) enter into any contracts or agreements needed to implement the 2003 Home Tour; 2) expend funds from the approved 2003 Administrative Budget for this purpose; 3) create the accounts and files needed to document the revenues received and the expenses incurred for the Home Tour; and 4) use the NRP name, logo and web-site to promote and advertise the Tour; and

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Director shall provide a full report on the revenues and expenditures, attendance and any other relevant matters to the Board by July 30, 2003 so that decisions on NRP's future role can be made.

6. Draft City Goals

[NRP / PR#2002-21]

Upon a motion by Jeffrey Strand and seconded by Judy Schwartau, the following resolution was adopted with Barret Lane and Erik Takeshita abstaining from voting.

Whereas, the Mayor and the City Council on November 6, 2002 articulated Draft City Goals and Expectations for public input through December 31, 2002; and,

Whereas, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program ("NRP") has been successfully implemented throughout the various neighborhoods in Minneapolis over the past decade; and,

Whereas, the Draft City Goals and Expectations did not include reference to the NRP process;

Be it Therefore Resolved, that the NRP Policy Board Chair direct a comment by December 31, 2002 to the Mayor and City Council articulating the value to the City of the various functions of the NRP in engaging the residents of the City in neighborhood-based planning and other means of enhancing the quality of life in Minneapolis.

V. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

1. NRP Audit Report for 2001

Bob Miller informed the Policy Board members that the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) has completed the NRP audit for 2001 and that there were no findings. Because of new accounting rules, the OSA will mail copies of the audit directly to Policy Board members.

2. “Focus Minneapolis” Working Group Report

Bob Miller referred Policy Board members to a summary of the work that has been done by this group so far which was included in a report in this meeting’s packet of materials. The group will continue to meet in January.

3. Personnel Committee

The committee has met and begun their review of the Director. Jeffrey Strand has resigned from the committee and the chair will appoint a new neighborhood representative so that the committee can continue their work in January.

4. Neighborhood Representative Election Results

The following persons were duly elected as neighborhood representatives and alternates to the Policy Board for 2003.

Ron Ravensborg	At-Large Representative
Julia Burman	At-Large Alternate
Nicholas Kakos	Protection Representative
Debbie Evans	Protection Alternate
Cam Gordon	Revitalization Representative
Greg Bastien	Revitalization Alternate
Carol Pass	Redirection Representative
Zachary Korb	Redirection Alternate

5. Recognition of members leaving the Policy Board

On behalf the of Policy Board, the chair recognized and thanked Jeffrey Strand and Judy Schwartau for their service as neighborhood representatives on the Policy Board.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Diane Hofstede, Chair