

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

February 24, 2003

Present and Voting:

Ron Ravensborg, Cam Gordon, Carol Pass, Nicholas Kakos, Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, R.T. Rybak, Paul Ostrow, John Erwin (Alternate for Park Board), Bill McCarthy, and Diane Hofstede, chair, presiding

Alternates Attending:

Julia Burman, Greg Bastien, Debbie Evans

Absent:

Gail Dorfman, Rep. Joe Mullery, Bob Fine, Sharon Henry-Blythe, Emmett Carson, James Colville, Angela Sterns

Staff:

Bob Miller, Jack Whitehurst, Carsten Slostad

Others Present:

Bob Cooper, Jeff Schneider

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 Nicholas Kakos and seconded by Mark Stenglein the agenda was adopted.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Bill McCarthy and seconded by Nicholas Kakos the minutes of the January 27, 2003 meeting were adopted.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

Upon a motion by Nicholas Kakos and seconded by Peter McLaughlin the following items on the consent agenda were adopted.

1. Longfellow Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund Request

[NRP / FR#2003-03]

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) Phase II Guidelines, approved on July 24, 2000, the Board hereby authorizes the Longfellow Community to begin its NRP Phase I review and Phase II Participation Agreement development activities.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board authorizes the use of \$50,000 from the Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund to assist the Longfellow Community with Phase II activities.

2. Logan Park Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund Request

[NRP / FR#2003-04]

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby approves amending the Logan Park Neighborhood Association Phase II Participation Agreement and authorizes a \$23,600 expenditure increase for a new total of \$48,900 of Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program funds from the Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund to Logan Park as an early resource commitment to the NRP Phase II Logan Park Neighborhood Action Plan.

3. Field Regina Northrop Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund Request

[NRP / FR#2003-05]

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby approves amending the Phase II Participation Agreement for the Field, Regina, Northrop Neighborhood Group and authorizes a \$60,142 expenditure increase for a new total of \$104,142 of Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program funds from the Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund as an early resource commitment to the NRP Phase II Field, Regina, Northrop Neighborhood Action Plan.

V. POLICY ITEMS

1. Report of the Nominating Committee

Debbie Evans reported that the committee was still taking member nominations until Friday, January 31st. Members of the committee are Debbie Evans, Peter McLaughlin and Bill McCarthy. The committee will present a slate of officers for election at the March meeting of the Policy Board.

2. Affordable Housing Reserve Fund Guidelines

Bob Miller presented a draft “Request for Proposals” (RFP). Staff from NRP, MCDA and Empowerment Zone have met to discuss coordination of the release of a RFP. Timing the schedule for submission of proposals to coincide with the submission dates for the City’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund is also a consideration. R.T. Rybak suggested that the Board consider giving points for proximity to transit.

Ron Ravensborg, while the discussion was on affordable housing, presented the Board with an idea about providing affordable housing by creating a new initiative that he called “renters to owners”. In an effort to increase the number of “affordable homeowners”, the NRP could set aside a pool of funds to provide mortgage guarantees for the top 20% of a mortgage.

The chair asked if he was intending to make a motion. Ron Ravensborg then moved and Mark Stenglien seconded the following resolution:

[NRP / PR#2003-02]

BE IT RESOLVED: That the NRP staff and Director, in conjunction with local lenders, banks, mortgage insurance companies and realtor organizations, develop guidelines and procedures to be approved by the NRP Policy Board for a pilot program to implement a “renters to owners” initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the NRP set aside \$2,000,000 (two million dollars) of the 2002 \$4,000,000 (four million dollars) affordable housing reserve to fund this new initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That these funds shall be made available only after approval of the program guidelines by the Policy Board and the transfer of the 2003 NRP allocation of \$11,000,000 from the City to the NRP program fund.

After considerable discussion, the question was called and a role call vote was taken. Voting for resolution were Ravensborg, Pass, Kakos, Stenglein, McLaughlin, McCarthy and Hofstede. Voting against the resolution were Gordon, Rybak and Ostrow. The resolution carried.

VI. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

1. “Focus Minneapolis” Working Group Report

[NRP / PR#2003-03]

Bob Miller reviewed the report with the Policy Board. He outlined the process taken by the working group and the conclusions that they reached using a power point presentation. Following the presentation, Cam Gordon recommended that the presentation be taken out to the neighborhoods for a few public meetings for additional input. It was suggested during the discussion that the City Council and NRP Policy Board have an open period for comment on the Focus Minneapolis Report. The chair accepted a motion to this affect and Paul Ostrow seconded the motion. With the loss of a quorum of members, the chair ruled that a vote was not appropriate. She asked that the Director move ahead with what was clearly a consensus of the members present and set up meetings for public input.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Diane Hofstede, Chair