

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

June 30, 2003

Present and Voting:

Ron Ravensborg, Cam Gordon, Carol Pass, Nicholas Kakos, Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, Gail Dorfman, R.T. Rybak, Paul Ostrow, Rep. Joe Mullery, John Erwin (Alternate Park Board), Byron Laher (Alternate United Way), Ken Kelash (Alternate Central Labor Union), and Diane Hofsted, chair, presiding

Alternates Attending:

Julia Burman, Greg Bastien, Zachary Korb, Debbie Evans, David Fey, Barret Lane

Absent:

Bob Fine, Sharon Henry-Blythe, Emmett Carson, James Colville, Bill McCarthy, Angela Sterns

Staff:

Bob Miller, Bev Banks, Peg Mountin, Brett Feldman, Carsten Slostad

Others Present:

Roger Banks, Peter O'Brien, Sue Nelson, Jose Velez, Doug Walter, Rita Ulrich, Kara Johnson, Steve Brandt, Bill Means, Sue Bembenek, Matt Lehman, William D. Carter, Jeffrey L. Strand, Don Anderson, Mary Turer, Tom Reid, Jeff Schneider, Chief Robert Olson, Judy Schwartau, Gary Arntsen

I. CALL TO ORDER

Diane Hofstede, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:38 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 Byron Laher the agenda was adopted.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Julia Burman the minutes of the May 19, 2003 meeting were adopted.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consent Agenda

Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Ken Kelash the following items were adopted.

1. Lowry Hill Neighborhood Plan Modification #2 [NRP / FR#2003-11]

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with its policy on “Changing Approved Neighborhood Action Plans and Early Access Requests” (approved by the NRP Policy Board on June 6, 1994, and amended on September 5, 1995) the Minneapolis Revitalization Program Policy Board (Board) hereby approves and authorizes the Lowry Hill Residents, Inc. to modify the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Action Plan as follows:

Reallocate \$25,000 from *Traffic Calming Measures*
(Traffic section, strategy 7.b.1, page 20)

Reallocate \$5,000 to a *new* strategy, *Neighborhood Communication*
(Administration/Staff Support section, new strategy 9.a.2). The description for the new strategy shall read, "Research and develop new or enhanced mechanisms to increase communication within the neighborhood, including but not limited to web-based and other new technologies."

Reallocate \$20,000 to a *new* strategy, *Kenwood School/Kenwood Recreation Center* (Parks and Recreation section, new strategy 5.a.4). The description for the new strategy shall read, "Make improvements to the Kenwood School/Kenwood Recreation Center, including but not limited to new gym flooring."

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.

2. Hennepin County “Second 7.5%” NRP funds for Whittier [NRP / FR2003-12]

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board approves the redirection of \$28,498.75 of unspent Hennepin County “Second 7.5%” NRP funds reserved for the Whittier neighborhood to partially fund a community organizer staff position through December 31, 2003;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That this approval is contingent upon the approval of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners.

3. Hennepin County “Second 7.5%” NRP funds for West Phillips

[NRP / FR2003-13]

RESOLVED: That the Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board approves the use of up to \$43,920 of Hennepin County “Second 7.5%” NRP funds to partially fund summer and after-school youth programs for the period June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2004 in the Phillips West neighborhood.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That this approval is contingent upon the approval of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners.

4. Phase II Planning Funds for Jordan

[NRP / FR2003-14]

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby approves amending the Jordan Area Community Council Phase II Participation agreement and authorizes an additional \$20,000 expenditure increase for a new total of \$117,711 of Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program funds from the Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund for Jordan’s Phase II Plan development activities.

5. Kingfield Neighborhood Plan Modification #8

[NRP / FR2003-15]

RESOLVED: That in accordance with its policy on Changing Approved Neighborhood Action Plans and Early Access Requests, the Minneapolis Revitalization Program Policy Board (Board) hereby approves and authorizes the Kingfield Neighborhood Association request to modify the Kingfield Neighborhood Action Plan as follows:

- \$75,000 from Neighborhood Livability, 1.1.4.1 Traffic Calming
- \$50,000 from Neighborhood Livability, 1.1.4.2 Freeway Ramps
- \$22,983.44 from Neighborhood Livability, 1.1.5.1 Park Improvements
- \$70,396.76 from Housing, Bs, Infrastructure, 2.1.1.1c Streetscape Grants
- \$110,000 from Housing, Bs, Infrastructure, 2.3.1.2 Rental Code Compliance
- \$54,558.97 from Housing, Bs, Infrastructure, 2.3.2.1 Home Improvement Fund
- \$4,000 from Housing, Bs, Infrastructure, 2.3.3.1 Housing Fairs
- \$11,300 from Neighborhood Life, 3.1.1.3 Kingfield Booklet
- \$3,000 from Neighborhood Life, 3.3.1.4 Youth Farm Project
- \$15,000 from Neighborhood Life, 3.3.1.5 Youth Farm Implementation

\$100,000 to Neighborhood Livability, 1.2.1.2 Implementation Staff
\$216,239.17 to Housing, Bs, Infrastructure 2.3.1.3 Property Redevelopment
\$30,000 to Neighborhood Life, 3.1.1.5 Community Events
\$40,000 to Neighborhood Life, 3.1.1.6 Community Initiated Projects
\$30,000 to Neighborhood Life, 3.1.2.2 Kingfield News

Total reallocation = \$416,239.17

B. Discussion Items

1. Holland Neighborhood Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan [NRP / FR2003-16]

Kevin Reich, staff coordinator for Holland, presented the Holland Neighborhood Action Plan. The seven sections of the plan focus on Housing, Business and Corridors, Crime & Safety, Environment, Youth / Family and Education, Arts, and Transportation. Upon a motion by Paul Ostrow and seconded by Mark Stenglein the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the Holland Neighborhood Action Plan dated February 14, 2002.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby approves Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program expenditures on projects and programs for the Holland Neighborhood Action Plan in an amount not to exceed \$3,610,932; and

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to: (1) request that the City Council and the Mayor [a] amend the 2003 Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA) appropriation resolution by increasing the NRP Program Fund CNR by \$2,004,464 and [b] 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.

2. NRP Support for Community Based Public Safety Expenditures

Council President Paul Ostrow reintroduced and moved the following resolution [NRP / 2003PR-08] adopted by the Policy Board on April 21, 2003. Mark Stenglein seconded the motion. The final clause of the original motion required that neighborhoods have a chance for comment prior to final action on the motion, which was scheduled for the June meeting of the Policy Board. The period for neighborhood comment has now expired

and action on the original motion with the final clause removed was placed on the table for discussion. The motion as recorded [NRP / PR#2003-08] is as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis (the “City”) is facing a significant loss of local government aid from the State of Minnesota, and;

WHEREAS, the loss of these general fund revenues will result in forced reductions in community-oriented public safety activities that have played a major role in the safety and revitalization of our neighborhoods, and;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes section 469.1831, subdivision 2, requires that the activities of the NRP program must in part “...preserve and enhance within the neighborhood...public health and safety...”, and;

WHEREAS, expenditures are permitted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 469.1831 to provide public safety services when they are over and above the level of general City services from funds reserved pursuant to Laws of Minnesota 1990, Chapter 604, article 7, section 29, subdivision 1, as amended by Laws of Minnesota 1991, Chapter 291, article 10, section 20, subdivision 1, and:

WHEREAS, neighborhood representatives from throughout the city have emphasized the importance of continuing community-oriented public safety activities in an era of extremely limited resources;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NRP Policy Board dedicate one million dollars of the interest earned on the unexpended balance of NRP funds that have been provided to the NRP since the inception of the program to a dedicated fund committed to community oriented public safety activities, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City shall only use these funds to support community oriented public safety initiatives that are over and above the level of general City public safety services that will result after the budget reductions from the reduced level of local government aid occurs, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that expenditures from this fund shall be dedicated to community-oriented public safety initiatives, including but not limited to the following: CCP/SAFE staffing levels, bike patrols, foot patrols, fire prevention activities, Community Emergency Response Teams, and any other neighborhood-based homeland security activities, public safety personnel in the Minneapolis Schools, and community-based prosecution activities, including restorative justice and community-based prosecutors, and:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this NRP Policy Board action shall be submitted to the neighborhood organizations for review, comment, and sponsorship, and that matter shall be returned to the NRP Policy Board for final action in June 2003.

Paul Ostrow further suggested that implementation of the resolution would be through Precinct Advisory Committees.

The chair then opened the discussion by recognizing that many community members were in attendance and requested that they hold their questions and comments until the Policy Board members had completed their discussion. An extensive discussion then occurred. Questions and comments addressed many issues and concerns but they focused on the need for these funds, the legality of the use of NRP funds for this purpose, funding for Phase II, and how use would be monitored.

Carol Pass moved to table the motion for 90 days. Ken Kelash seconded the motion. There was confusion about whether her motion was to table or to postpone. The chair ruled that it was to postpone and thus debatable. Nicholas Kakos then moved to amend the motion by making it 60 days instead of 90 days. Paul Ostrow seconded the motion to amend. The question was called and the amendment was adopted on a 9 to 4 vote. The question was called on the amended motion and it was adopted.

V. **POLICY ITEMS**

1. **Personnel Committee**

Gail Dorfman, chair of the committee, informed the members that much of the work of the committee has been completed on the review of the performance of the Director. Because the committee started their work late, it now makes sense to do a two-year review. A further update on this expanded review will be presented at the July meeting of the Policy Board.

2. **Focus Minneapolis / Ordinance Revision / Future of NRP**

Bob Miller encouraged the members to review the report on the results from the NRP Policy Board Task Force on the proposed NRP ordinance changes and the Focus Minneapolis Options. No recommendations were presented in this report as directed by the Board. The City Council has scheduled a study session on citizen engagement and NRP for July 18th. David Fey indicated that this report would be presented at the study session.

VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

1. Final Report on the 2003 Minneapolis / St. Paul Home Tour

Bob Miller acknowledged Brett Feldman, lead staff for the Home Tour, and publicly thanked him for the fine work that was done on this year's Home Tour. Bob then reviewed some of the statistics, both in attendance and financial support. He pointed out that the public money invested in this event was down by 75% and the cost to the NRP was the in-kind staff time devoted to this project.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Diane Hofstede, Chair