

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

July 21, 2003

Present and Voting:

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

Alternates Attending:

Julia Burman, Debbie Evans, David Fey, Barret Lane

Absent:

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

Staff:

Bob Miller, Barb Lickness, Carsten Slostad

Others Present:

Bill Means, Pat Born, Gretchen Nicholls, David Rubedor, Jana Metge, Deanna Foster, Tom Reid, Eric Guida, Rita Ulrich, Karri Plowman, Justin Heinemann, George Jelatis, Gary Arntsen

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

A revised agenda was distributed and upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Nicholas Kakos the revised agenda was adopted.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Byron Laher and seconded by Ken Kelash the minutes of the June 30, 2003 meeting were adopted.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consent Agenda

Upon a motion by Peter McLaughlin and seconded by Ken Kelash the following items on the consent portion of the agenda were adopted.

1. Hennepin County “Second 7.5%” NRP funds for Longfellow [NRP / FR#2003-17]

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby approves the use of up to \$40,000 of Hennepin County “Second 7.5%” NRP funds to fund a community organizer for the Howe and Longfellow neighborhoods from June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2004.

2. Hennepin County “Second 7.5%” NRP funds for Lyndale [NRP / FR#2003-18]

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby approves the use of up to \$90,000 of Hennepin County “Second 7.5%” NRP funds to partially fund youth programs for the period June 1, 2003 through December 31, 2004 in the Lyndale neighborhood.

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

3. Phase II Plan Development Advance Funds for Seward [NRP / FR#2003-19]

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby approves amending the Seward Phase II Participation agreement and authorizes an additional \$35,000 for a new total of \$75,000 of Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program funds from the Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund for Seward’s Phase II Plan development activities.

4. Phase II Plan Development Advance Funds for Corcoran [NRP / FR#2003-20]

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 Corcoran Neighborhood to begin its NRP Phase I review and Phase II Participation Agreement development activities; and,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board authorizes the use of \$35,232.50 from the NRP Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund to assist the Corcoran Neighborhood with Phase II activities.

5. Nokomis East Plan Modification #9

[NRP / FR#2003-21]

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

FROM:

Housing 3.2.1.2.(Demo/Acq. fund)	\$ 60,000
Housing 3.5.1.2 (Assisted Living)	\$ 50,000
Housing 3.1.1.1 (Program Income)	\$320,000
Housing 3.1.1.3 (Rental Rehab)	\$ 50,000
Safety 1.1.1.1 (Block Clubs)	\$ 1,340
Safety 1.1.1.2 (Phone Tree)	\$ 530
Safety 1.1.2.2A (Substation)	\$ 40,782.07
Safety 1.1.2.2B (Citizen Patrol)	\$ 30,000
Safety 1.1.2.4 (Cit. Patrol Equip.)	\$ 5,683.05
Econ Dev. 5.2.1.1 (Bus. Loans)	\$ 70,700
Econ Dev. 5.2.1.1 (Prog. Income)	\$ 6,254
People Svcs. 2.2.1-3.3 (ECFE)	\$ 4,760
People Svcs. 2.1-3.7 (MFAC)	\$ 1,000
Total	\$641,049.12

TO:

Housing 3.1.1.1 (Low Int. Loans)	\$110,000
Housing 3.1.1.2 (Deferred Loans)	\$320,000
People Svcs. 2.3.1.3 (Organizer/News)	\$ 92,116.12
People Svcs. 2.1-3.8 (Children First)	\$ 5,760
Administration 6.1.1.1 (Implementation)	<u>\$113,173</u>
Total	\$ 641,049.12

and language modifications as follows:

Housing 3.1.1.1 - *“Program income from this loan program can be used to fund additional revolving loans through this strategy or additional activities through the following strategies:*

- Housing 1.1.2 (Deferred Loans)
- Housing 2.1.3 (Emergency Grants)
- Housing 3.1.1 (Part 150 Sound Insulation)”

Housing 3.1.1.2 - *“Program income from this loan program can be used to fund additional deferred loans through this strategy or additional activities through the following strategies:*

- Housing 1.1.1 (Low Interest Home Improvement Loans)
- Housing 2.1.3 (Emergency Grants)
- Housing 3.1.1 (Part 150 Sound Insulation)”

Housing 3.2.1.3 - *“Program income from this loan program can be used to fund additional emergency grants through this strategy or additional activities through the following strategies:*

- Housing 1.1.1 (Low Interest Home Improvement Loans)
- Housing 1.1.2 (Deferred Loans)
- Housing 3.1.1 (Part 150 Sound Insulation)”

Housing 3.3.1.1 - *“Program income from this loan program can be used to fund additional emergency grants through this strategy or additional activities through the following strategies:*

- Housing 1.1.1 (Low Interest Home Improvement Loans)
- Housing 1.1.2 (Deferred Loans)
- Housing 2.1.3 (Emergency Grants)

B. Discussion Item

6. Southside Neighborhood Housing Services

[NRP / PR#2003-10]

Bob Miller briefly reviewed the status of the dissolution of Southside Neighborhood Housing Services and the transfer of NRP activity to Northside Neighborhood Housing Services. Upon a motion by David Fey and seconded by Peter McLaughlin the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) authorizes the Director to work with the consultants in charge of the dissolution of Southside Neighborhood Housing Services (SNHS) to accomplish an orderly transfer of the NRP activity at SNHS to Northside Neighborhood Housing Services (NNHS);

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board authorizes the Director to agree to reclassification of existing cash payable accounts due and payable to NRP to offset some or all of the operating and transition costs associated with dissolution;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board approves the use of up to \$50,000 from NRP's 2003 Administrative Budget for costs associated with this dissolution;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board authorizes the Director to assess operational costs that are appropriately documented to the neighborhood programs for which they were incurred; and,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board authorizes the Director to take any actions needed to ensure an orderly transition of the activities of Southside to Northside.

At this point in the meeting Nicholas Kakos moved and Peter McLaughlin seconded to amend the agenda by moving the Presentation & Report Item to the next item before the Board. The motion carried.

V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

1. American Indian Neighborhood Revitalization Program Phase I Evaluation

The American Indian NRP plan was developed and submitted separately from the People of Phillips NRP plan because of the unique legal and political status of American Indians in Minneapolis. Bill Means presented the review on behalf of the Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce, the organization that was responsible for conducting it. He pointed out that in addition to all the physical improvements on Franklin Avenue that happened because of NRP support, thousands of families from the Phillips Neighborhood were served by the participating agencies in the areas of Elders and Youth, HIV/AIDS access to care, Housing, Community Safety and Employment & Economic Development.

VI. POLICY ITEMS

1. City Council Study Session on NRP

A City Council study session on citizen engagement and the NRP was held on Friday, July 18, 2003. The purpose of the session was to identify some common principles that could be used to resolve questions of resources and structure for the City's community engagement system, including NRP. The results of the NRP community meetings held in June and a community summit sponsored by PPNA, MICAH, SNG, and the Center for Neighborhoods helped to inform the discussion. Materials from this study session were distributed to Policy Board members. David Fey outlined the process and goals for the study session. David Rubedor distributed the Community Summit report and highlighted the findings and recommendations in that report. The Board members then were given the opportunity for questions and comments and a lively discussion followed.

2. Focus Minneapolis / Ordinance Revision / Future of NRP [NRP / PR#2003-11]

The discussion on the City Council study session then moved into a discussion on the future of NRP and Council Member Barret Lane's Ordinance Revision. A draft resolution supporting the Lane amendments to the ordinance was distributed. Barret Lane suggested that the Board adopt this or a similar resolution. Nicholas Kakos distributed a similar resolution, which was drafted by the Neighborhood Representatives. He then moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Ken Kelash.

Whereas, the residents of Minneapolis and the volunteers from Neighborhood Organizations have contributed more than a million hours of volunteer service through the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) to make this city a better place to live, work, learn and play;

Whereas, volunteers have become more connected to city government through their involvement with their Neighborhood Organization;

Whereas, the Teamworks evaluation of NRP praised the program and found statistically significant evidence that NRP has improved the housing stock of the city, increased homeownership rates and fostered inter-governmental collaboration;

Whereas, citizens of this city believe that NRP has greatly contributed to the quality of life in the city and allowed residents to directly participate in decisions that affect them;

Whereas, the revisions to Chapter 419 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances proposed by Council Member Barret Lane update the legal framework for continuing the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP);

Whereas, the "Analysis of Proposed NRP Ordinance" presented by Patrick Born on June 4, 2003 defines the Common Project revenues available for funding NRP through 2009;

Whereas, the residents of the city have had the opportunity to express their opinions regarding the continuation of NRP and its funding, governance and structure and have strongly supported:

- Continuation of the NRP program
- Using Community Development Block Grant revenues to supplement the Common Project revenues allocated to NRP
- Funding for organizing and citizen participation activities
- Funding for implementation of projects and programs identified in Neighborhood Action Plans

- Having an independent NRP Policy Board
- Having NRP staffed by employees of the Policy Board
- Strengthening the formal public processes through which neighborhood organizations can meaningfully participate in city decisions

Whereas, the NRP Policy Board wants to maximize the potential for continued success of NRP, encourage even greater resident participation, and recognize and work within the changed financial environment in which the program will need to operate;

Now, Therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** by the NRP Policy Board as follows:

1. The Policy Board supports the Lane Amendments as a way to resolve the competing claims to Common Project revenues;
2. NRP shall receive, beginning with fiscal year 2003, the annual revenues projected in the Common Project Revenue review of June 4, 2003 under Case 1 (i.e. with the non-Common Project revenues from the Target Center's finance plan included in the analysis);
3. CDBG or other funding sources shall be used, for qualifying activities, programs and projects, to fill the gap between \$11 million and the amount in line 2;
4. The NRP shall continue to be governed by the Joint Powers Board established in 1991;
5. The NRP Policy Board shall continue to be responsible for the central office staffing of the NRP program;
6. NRP shall waive claim to the proceeds from the sale of Brookfield assets that are a part of the Common Project and are or have been foreclosed on as a result of prior loan defaults (i.e. Saks) and to any proceeds from the Brookfield repayment due in 2009 that exceeds \$20,000,000; and
7. The NRP shall receive all interest earnings on any unexpended Phase I and Phase II appropriated funds in addition to the Common Project revenues in 1. above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NRP Policy Board Chair is authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City that reflects the above statements.

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A lengthy discussion on the resolution followed. Much of the discussion focused on waiving claims to future revenue from the Saks parcel. Nicholas Kakos then moved to amend the resolution by substituting the language in point #2 of the Lane draft resolution for point #6 in his resolution. Byron Laher seconded the motion. This motion to amend was defeated and the resolution as originally proposed was adopted with Ron Ravensborg voting against and Paul Ostrow, David Fey and Rep. Joe Mullery abstaining.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Diane Hofstede, Chair