

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

June 21, 2004

Present and Voting: Sean Wherley (Alternate, At-Large Rep.), Cam Gordon, Zachary Korb, Nicholas Kakos, Peter McLaughlin, Gail Dorfman, David Fey (Alternate, Mayor's Office), Paul Ostrow, Dennis Schapiro, Byron Laher (Alternate, United Way), Ken Kelash (Alternate, Central Labor Union), Diane Hofstede, and Rep. Joe Mullery, chair, presiding

Alternates Attending: Carol Pass, Jeffrey Strand

Absent: Debbie Evans (excused), Michael Opat, R.T. Rybak, Jon Olson, Emmett Carson, Lauren Segal, Bill McCarthy, Tony Looking Elk, Todd Klingel

Staff: Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad

Others Present: Lee Pao Xiong, Cynthia Lee, Jack Kryst, Jeff Schneider, Don Snyder, Gary Arntsen

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Joe Mullery, 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 Ken Kelash and seconded by Nicholas Kakos the revised agenda distributed to the members and alternates was adopted.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Nicholas Kakos the minutes of the May 17, 2004 meeting were adopted.

IV. POLICY ITEM

1. Amendment to Housing & Housing Related Activities Policy [NRP / PR#2004-29]

Bob Miller recommended amending this policy, which was originally adopted on September 19, 1994, to bring it into compliance with current understanding and practice that staff time used to develop, plan, implement, administer or monitor NRP funded housing or housing related programs, projects, services or activities should be defined as a direct expense to those programs.

Byron Laher moved and Ken Kelash seconded that this amended policy be sent to the neighborhoods for their 45-day review and comment before further action is taken on amending this policy.

V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

1. Minneapolis Unified Housing Policy Presentation

Lee Pao Xiong, Director of CPED's Housing Division, introduced Cynthia Lee who presented the City of Minneapolis Unified Housing Policy, which was adopted by the City Council on June 18th. She stated that the purpose of this action was to restate and consolidate into one document previously adopted city housing policies. She then presented each section of the policy. Council Member Lisa Goodman's amendments to this policy were then presented. These amendments generated the most concern and comment from Policy Board members, as they were targeted at NRP and the Policy Board. It was recommended that CPED include additional clarifying information in the document before this Unified Housing Policy is distributed to neighborhoods.

The policy was received and filed.

2. Minneapolis / St. Paul Home Tour

Bob Miller presented the final report on the 2004 Minneapolis / St. Paul Home Tour. He highlighted the increased attendance and reviewed the financial and survey results. Of particular note was the interest generated in this year's event from Web-site promotion and through increased media coverage, especially from the Star Tribune newspaper.

No formal action was requested. The report was received and filed.

3. MCDA / CPED Costs for NRP Planning & Implementation

At the May 17th Policy Board meeting, a motion requesting a report on the planning and implementation costs of the MCDA and the City that were charged against the Common Project from 1990 through 2003 was adopted. The City Finance Officer responded to this request and provided a table showing the requested information. Jack Kryst, CPED Development Finance Division Officer, was in attendance and made himself available to respond to Policy Board members' questions as they reviewed this information.

No formal action was requested. The report was received and filed.

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Joe Mullery, Chair