

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

July 26, 2004

Present and Voting: Debbie Evans, Cam Gordon, Zachary Korb, Peter McLaughlin, Gail Dorfman, David Fey (Alternate, Mayor's Office), Paul Ostrow, Dennis Schapiro, Byron Laher, Diane Hofstede, and Nicholas Kakos, vice-chair, presiding.

Alternates Attending: Sean Wherley, Carol Pass, Jeffrey Strand

Absent: Michael Opat, R.T. Rybak, Jon Olson, Emmett Carson, Tony Looking Elk, Todd Klingel, Ken Kelash (excused), Rep. Joe Mullery

Staff: Bob Miller, Stacy Sorenson, Carsten Slostad

Others Present: John Akre, Mike Romens

I. CALL TO ORDER

Nicholas Kakos, vice-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

The vice-chair recommended that the discussion of the By-Laws be moved to the end of the meeting to accommodate presentations by neighborhoods. Upon a motion by Diane Hofstede and seconded by Gail Dorfman the agenda as revised was adopted.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Diane Hofstede and seconded by Paul Ostrow the minutes of the June 21, 2004 meeting were adopted.

IV. ACTION ITEM

1. NRP Neighborhood Representative Election [NRP / PR #2004-30]

Upon a motion by Diane Hofstede and seconded by Zachary Korb the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby approves the following dates for the 2004 Neighborhood Representative Election.

Candidate filing forms available:	Friday, August 20
Candidate filing deadline:	Friday, September 17
Candidate forums & Election:	Thursday, November 18

Discussion about the upcoming election generated the following resolutions.

[NRP / PR#2004-31]

Upon a motion by David Fey and seconded by Paul Ostrow the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That a discussion of the Procedures for Election of Neighborhood Representatives and the Election Rules be on the August Policy Board meeting agenda.

[NRP / PR#2004-32]

Upon a motion by Debbie Evans and seconded by Diane Hofstede the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the By-Laws Task Force meet prior to the August Policy Board meeting for the purpose of discussing the Neighborhood Representative election process and procedures.

V. **PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

1. **Sheridan Neighborhood Phase I Plan Review**

John Akre and Mike Romens presented a Phase I Plan Review on behalf of the Sheridan Neighborhood Organization (SNO). Their presentation included a video showing highlights of Sheridan's neighborhood events. It was pointed out that SNO took over implementation of the Neighborhood Action Plan, which was originally written by another Sheridan neighborhood group. Collaborations on projects with other Northeast neighborhoods were highlighted and it was also noted that SNO does not rely on paid staff but on lots of enthusiastic volunteers to implement their projects and programs.

2. **Phase II Participation Agreement Report**

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Policy Board in May, Bob Miller reported on three Participation Agreements that he administratively approved. The report was then received and filed.

3. Neighborhood Planning for Community Revitalization Grant Request

[NRP / FR#2004-18]

Debbie Evans reported that a grant from the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) at the University of Minnesota has been obtained for a research project to review how neighborhood organizations reach out to under-represented populations in their neighborhoods. The project allows for up to 260 hours of research by graduate level students during the fall of 2004. It was suggested that the intern or interns working on the project present an overview of the project and a progress report to the Policy Board.

Upon a motion by Diane Hofstede and seconded by Byron Laher the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board approves the use of up to \$2,000 in matching funds from the NRP 2004 administrative budget to support this CURA research project.

4. Elliot Park Neighborhood Phase I Review

Robert Miller presented the review on behalf of the neighborhood. He highlighted the considerable leveraging of additional dollars the neighborhood accomplished in the implementation of their plan. Also, of special note were the major projects of East Village the Grant Park development. The neighborhood's work with commercial development projects was also noted.

VI. POLICY ITEM

1. By-Laws Revisions

Jeff Strand presented the report on By-laws revisions for the Task Force. It was determined that action on adopting revisions would be scheduled for the August meeting of the Policy Board.

Paul Ostrow expressed concern that the revision of Article V, Section 3, Subdivision b; may be in conflict with the recently negotiated memorandum of understanding between NRP and CPED. Cam Gordon requested that the Director obtain a legal review of Article III, Section 2, Subdivision c: to make sure that election rules and election procedures of the Policy Board are in compliance with this revision. David Fey asked for clarification of Article VII, Section 2 in granting power to the chair to appoint committees. Paul Ostrow offered to submit language to the Task Force for consideration to address his and David Fey's concerns.

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VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Nicholas Kakos, Vice - Chair