

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

December 20, 2004

Present and Voting: Debbie Evans, Cam Gordon, Zachary Korb, Jeff Strand (Alternate for Protection), Peter McLaughlin, Gail Dorfman, David Fey (Alternate for Mayor's Office), Paul Ostrow, Jon Olson, Ken Kelash, Diane Hofstede, and Rep. Joe Mullery, chair, presiding.

Alternates Attending: Sean Wherley, Carol Pass

Absent: Nicholas Kakos (excused), Michael Opat, R.T. Rybak, Dennis Schapiro, Emmett Carson, Byron Laher, Tony Looking Elk, Todd Klingel

Staff: Bob Miller, Barb Lickness, Carsten Slostad

Others Present: Kirk Roggensack, Billie Weber, Amy Brock, Jeff Washburn, Jerry Terrel, Herb Gysler, Cathy Lue, Gary Arntsen

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Joe Mullery, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:48 p.m. in Conference Room C-2350 in the Hennepin County Government Center.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

An additional item, approval of a signature authorization for new health benefit program agreements, was added to the agenda. Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Debbie Evans the revised agenda was adopted.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Paul Ostrow the minutes of the November 22, 2004 meeting were adopted.

IV. POLICY ITEMS

1. Proposed Legislation Notification

[NRP / PR#2004-44]

This item was postponed from the November 22 meeting. It was moved by Debbie Evans and seconded by Jeffery Strand. The following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (“Board”) formally requests that the City of Minneapolis and its staff provide copies of all legislative suggestions, draft legislative agendas, and proposed legislation amending the NRP statutes, or any other legislation impacting the NRP or the City’s obligation to fund the NRP, or legislative suggestions directly affecting neighborhood organizations, citizen participation or its funding in the City of Minneapolis to the Chair of the NRP Policy Board and to the leader of the other governing boards.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board further requests that all amendments to the NRP statutes, or any other legislation impacting the NRP or the City’s obligation to fund the NRP, and any other legislation that directly affects neighborhood organizations, citizen participation or its funding in the City of Minneapolis that are proposed to or supported by the City Council or by City staff be provided at least thirty (30) days in advance of the introduction to the legislature.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That if the City Council complies with this request, the NRP Policy Board and its staff will respectfully reciprocate.

2. Additional Housing Proposal for Commercial Corridors [NRP / PR#2004-45]

Bob Miller introduced this requested additional proposal and stated that it was drafted from the City’s Higher Density Corridor Housing Initiative of February 3, 2004. Ken Kelash moved and Diane Hofstede seconded a resolution to send this proposal to the neighborhoods for a 45-day period of review and comment. During discussion a consensus was reached that the proposal needed additional work. Ken Kelash withdrew his motion and then moved to postpone action on this item until the January 24, 2005 meeting. Diane Hofstede seconded the motion and the motion to postpone was adopted.

V. ACTION ITEMS

1. VEBA Authority [NRP /PR#204-46]

NRP employees have the opportunity to participate in a VEBA Plan & Trust as part of the City’s benefits package. The City has made changes to the program that now qualify this VEBA Plan & Trust as a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA). Policy Board approval and authorization for the Director to sign revised agreements was requested. Upon a motion by Diane Hofstede and seconded by Paul Ostrow the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board ("Board") authorizes the NRP Director to enter into and execute the Adoption Agreement for the City of Minneapolis Health Reimbursement Arrangement Plan (the "Plan") and any agreements necessary to ensure that eligible NRP employees are covered by the Plan and Trust; and further authorizes the NRP Director to execute any agreements necessary to ensure that eligible NRP employees are covered by the Flexible Spending Account (Minneflex) programs of the City of Minneapolis.

2. Hennepin County "Second 7.5%" NRP funds for Seward [NRP / FR#2004-26]

Upon a motion by Peter McLaughlin and seconded by Diane Hofstede the following resolution, which approves an adjustment for use of already appropriated Hennepin County funds, was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (NRP) hereby approves using \$1,000 of Seward's Hennepin County "Second 7.5%" NRP funds to support the Franklin Avenue LRT Station Business Map Project.

3. Corcoran NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan [NRP / FR#2004-27]

Amy Brock, executive director at Corcoran, presented the Corcoran NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan on behalf of the neighborhood. She highlighted language revisions to the draft that were made after a meeting with CPED staff. Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Paul Ostrow, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS: On April 19, 2004, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board approved a Phase II allocation for the Corcoran neighborhood of \$410,440 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP;

WHEREAS: The Corcoran neighborhood conducted an extensive Phase II neighborhood planning process during 2004 and has submitted a Corcoran NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan that requests a Phase II allocation of \$410,440;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the Corcoran NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated December 2004;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request the City Council and Mayor [a] amend the 2005 General Appropriation resolution by increasing the Community Planning and Economic Development Department agency Fund CNR – NRP Program Fund (CNR0-890-3550) by \$410,440 and [b] authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the activities above;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That up to 70 percent of the amount approved for this plan (\$287,308) shall be available for obligation in the first three (3) years after approval of the appropriation for this plan.

4. Field, Regina, Northrop NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

[NRP / FR#2004-28]

Herb Gysler, chair of the FRNNG Phase II NRP Steering Committee, presented the plan on behalf of the neighborhood. He pointed out that the Phase II plan's housing strategies build upon the success of Phase I housing strategies. Bob Miller commended the neighborhood on their use of a random sample survey and focus groups to inform the creation of the strategies in their Phase II plan. Upon a motion by Jon Olson and seconded by Diane Hofstede, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS: On April 19, 2004, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) established the Phase II allocation available for the Field, Regina, Northrop neighborhoods at \$1,093,966, based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP,

WHEREAS: The Field, Regina, Northrop neighborhoods have conducted an extensive and inclusive Phase II plan development process,

WHEREAS: the submitted Field, Regina, Northrop NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests an allocation of \$1,093,966 and dedicates 76.36 % of that allocation to housing programs, projects, services and activities,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the Field, Regina, Northrop Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated December 20, 2004,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to: 1) request the City Council and Mayor [a] amend the 2005 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning and Economic Development Department agency Fund CNR – NRP Program Fund (CNR0-890-3550) appropriation by \$989,824, and [b] authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contract or agreements necessary to implement the activities above, and

RESOLVED FURTHER: That up to seventy percent (70 %) of the amount approved for this plan (\$765,776) shall be available for obligation in the first three (3) years after approval of the appropriation for this plan.

5. Year of Celebration of NRP

[NRP / PR#2004-47]

Upon a motion by Jeffrey Strand and seconded by Ken Kelash the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS: The Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program was enabled by Legislative action and established as a Joint Powers program in 1991 through action of the participating jurisdictions of the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, the Park and Recreation Board of the City of Minneapolis, Independent School District No. 1, and the Library Board of the City of Minneapolis, and;

WHEREAS: The participating jurisdictions desired to participate in order to preserve and enhance the private and public infrastructure, the public health and safety, the economic vitality and the sense of community and social benefits with the neighborhoods of the City of Minneapolis, and;

WHEREAS: The Minneapolis NRP has been internationally recognized as a successful and innovative program for citizen engagement and has leveraged an estimated \$500 million investment of non-program funds into the City's neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS: The unforeseen ramifications of the 2001 Legislative tax reform created a period of uncertainty as to the future funding for the NRP Phase II programming in the City's neighborhoods, which has now been resolved by the "Lane Amendment" to Chapter 419 of the code of ordinances and commitment of funds to the program, and;

WHEREAS: The NRP Policy board acknowledges and respects the right of each participating jurisdiction to determine the nature of its own citizen engagement processes; and,

WHEREAS: The neighborhood residents working through neighborhood organizations are now poised to enter the Phase II planning and implementation stage;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the NRP Policy Board hereby declares the year 2005 as a "Year of Celebration of NRP" and,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the NRP Policy Board respectfully requests the participating jurisdictions to assist and cooperate with Minneapolis neighborhood organizations in recognizing past achievements and planning the future success of the NRP Phase II.

VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

1. Phase II Planning Reports

Bob Miller presented an updated report on administratively approved Phase II Participation Agreements and Plan Development Appropriations, Allocations and Expenditures. The report was received and filed.

2. Recognition of Retiring Board Members

Revitalization Neighborhood Representative Cam Gordon, Redirection Neighborhood Representative Zachary Korb, and Revitalization Neighborhood Alternate Representative Steven Miller were recognized and thanked for their service to the Policy Board.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

An informal discussion on CPED fees, Phase II requirements for housing expenditures and NRP funds for public safety expenditures was held prior to adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Joe Mullery, Chair