

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

January 22, 2007

Present and Voting: Debbie Evans, Beverly Conerton, Carol Pass, Jeffrey Strand, Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, Gail Dorfman, Cara Letofsky (alternate, Mayor's Office), Barbara Johnson, Chris Stewart, Byron Laher, Ken Kelash (alternate, Central Labor Union), Anita Duckor, and Jon Olson, chair, presiding

Alternates Attending: Nicholas Kakos, Mark Hinds, Carletta Sweet, and Robert Lilligren

Absent: R.T. Rybak, Rep. Joe Mullery, Karen Kelley-Ariwoola, Bill McCarthy, and Todd Klingel

Staff: Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad, Barbara Lickness, and Margaret Mountin

Others Present: Gary Arntsen, Steven Bosacker, and Ruth Olson

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jon Olson, chair of the NRP Policy Board, called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Robert Lilligren the agenda was adopted with the addition of the consideration of a resolution relating to the Community Engagement report of the City.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Jeffrey Strand and seconded by Mark Stenglein, the minutes of November 20, 2006 were adopted.

IV. POLICY ITEMS

1. NRP Neighborhood Representative Election

[NRP / PR#2007-01]

The following elected neighborhood representatives and alternates were officially seated along with Chris Stewart, the new representative from the Minneapolis School Board.

At-Large Representative
At-Large Alternate

Debbie Evans
Nicholas Kakos

Revitalization Representative	Beverly Conerton
Revitalization Alternate	Mark Hinds
Redirection Representative	Carol Pass
Redirection Alternate	Thomas Bissen
Protection Representative	Jeffrey Strand
Protection Alternate	Carletta Sweet

2. NRP FY 2005 Policy Board Audit

The Office of the State Auditor mailed a copy of the 2005 Policy Board Audit to each member of the Policy Board. Bob Miller commented that all members should have received a copy and that it was an unconditional, unqualified audit with no findings at all. The audit was received and filed.

V. ACTION ITEMS

1. Salary Increase for NRP Staff

[NRP / FR#2007-01]

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Debbie Evans, the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board hereby approves a 2% salary increase for NRP staff effective January 22, 2007.

2. Kenny Participation Agreement Waiver / Plan Modification [NRP/FR#2007-02]

Bob Miller reviewed the neighborhood's request to waive the dollar expended and contracted threshold so that Kenny can begin Phase II planning. He explained that delays in accomplishing a major project in the Phase I plan are preventing the neighborhood from meeting the phase II eligibility. The complex project involved will be carried over into the Phase II plan. Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Anita Duckor the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS: The Kenny Neighborhood Association completed implementation of all other NRP Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan priority projects and prepared and submitted its NRP Phase I Highlights to the Policy Board; and

WHEREAS: The Kenny neighborhood identified Lyndale Avenue improvements as a priority in its Phase I NRP Neighborhood Action Plan and continues to be a partner with the City, County and State to implement the Lyndale Avenue South Master Plan; and

WHEREAS: The construction of Hwy 121 and Lyndale Avenue South are planned within the same time frame as the Kenny NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan implementation; and

WHEREAS: The Kenny Neighborhood Association presented its Phase II Participation Agreement at a broadly advertised meeting for approval on April 18, 2006, to be funded by a Plan Modification of \$22,500 approved May 18, 2006; and

WHEREAS: NRP staff reviewed the Kenny Phase II Participation Agreement and determined that it is consistent with the guidelines adopted by the NRP Policy Board May 15, 2001;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (“Board”) hereby approves the Kenny Neighborhood Association request for a waiver of the contracting and expenditure threshold requirements for beginning Phase II planning; and

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board approves the Kenny Neighborhood Association request to rollover funds in the amount of \$132,198.02 from its NRP Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan to its NRP Phase II Action Plan for implementation of the Lyndale Avenue South Improvements; and

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board approves the Kenny neighborhood request for reallocation of \$22,500 from Lyndale Avenue Strategy 1.2.2 Lyndale Gateway of their Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan, to a new NRP Phase II Strategy, Phase II Plan Development with an effective date of May 18, 2006;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board approves the Kenny neighborhood Phase II Participation Agreement with an effective date of May 18, 2006.

3. North Loop Plan Modification #1

[NRP / FR#2007-03]

Bob Miller reviewed the request of the neighborhood to make a minor language change to allow for NRP funds to be used to construct a dog park and to move the appropriate funds to support this project. Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Jeffrey Strand the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with its “Changing Approved Neighborhood Action Plans and Early Access Requests (amended Sept. 5, 1995)” policy, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby approves changing the language of Natural Environment Strategy 3.1.1.1. in the Warehouse District North Loop Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan to include “NRP funds may also be used to fund a dog park”;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Board approves the reallocation of \$ 41,000 from Planning and Implementation 6.1.1.1, North Loop Comprehensive Plan to Planning and Implementation 6.1.3.2, Implementation Assistance;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Board approves the reallocation of \$ 35,000 from Planning and Implementation 6.1.1.1, North Loop Comprehensive Plan to Natural Environment Strategy 3.1.1.1.

VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

1. Nominating Committee

Jon Olson appointed Peter McLaughlin to chair the nominating committee with Carol Pass and Ken Kelash as additional members. The committee will report its recommendations for Policy Board officers at the February meeting.

2. Community Engagement Meetings

[NRP / PR#2007-02]

Bob Miller reviewed the planning for the upcoming Community Engagement meetings. He also referred members to a survey that has been sent out and is available online. Steve Bosacker, City Coordinator, also informed the members of the joint plans that have been made for these upcoming meetings.

Beverly Conerton then introduced a resolution, which was seconded by Barbara Johnson and adopted. The resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS: The City and NRP have scheduled a series of meetings and a survey to gather community input on community engagement.

RESOLVED: That the NRP staff provide a report on the results from the community engagement meetings and survey at the February 26th NRP Policy Board meeting.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Policy Board use its March 26th meeting to discuss the results from the survey and meetings.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Policy Board request that the City Council schedule its review of the community engagement system for after the March NRP Policy Board meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Joe Olson, Chair