

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

June 25, 2007

Present and Voting: Debbie Evans, Beverly Conerton, Carol Pass, Jeffrey Strand, Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, Barbara Johnson, Rep. Joe Mullery, Byron Laher and Jon Olson, chair, presiding

Alternates Attending: Tom Bissen, Carletta Sweet, Robert Lilligren

Absent: R.T. Rybak (excused), Chris Stewart, Sandra Vargas, Bill McCarthy, Todd Klingel, Anita S. Duckor

Staff: Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad, Margaret Mountin

Others Present: Roberta Englund, Kathleen Lamb, Rick Collins,

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jon Olson, chair of the NRP Policy Board, called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

With the addition of a discussion on a previous action regarding an NRP Loan to Allina in the Phillips Neighborhood, the agenda was approved by consent of the members present.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon consent the minutes of the May 21, 2007 meeting were approved.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

1. Elliot Park Plan Modification Phase I #21 / Phase II #3 [NRP / FR#2007-14]

Upon a motion by Jeffrey Strand and second by Debbie Evans 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 the following reallocation of \$615,925.72 of Elliot Park Phase I NRP funds to strategies in the Elliot Park Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan approved by the Policy Board on January 23, 2006.

From: Phase I

- Economic Development Strategy, Business Development Loan Fund h, Undesignated Loan Fund - (\$241,750.67 - program income)
- Economic Development Strategy, Business Development Loan Fund h, Undesignated Loan Fund - (\$35,700 - non-contracted funds)
- Housing and Environment Strategy 3.1, Hinkle Murphy ADA compliance (\$166,002.05 - program income)
- Housing and Environment Strategy 3.6, Housing Loan/Grant Program (\$172,473 - program income)

To: Phase II

- Housing and Economic Development Strategy 2.2.1.1, Chicago Avenue Commercial Corridor (\$190,176.72)
- Housing and Economic Development Strategy 2.3.2.1, Business Opportunities (\$148,749)
- Community Livability and Public Realm Improvements Strategy 3.2.1.1, Community Building (\$138,500)
- EPNI's Importance to Elliot Park Strategy 4.1.1.1.b, Sustain the neighborhood association (\$138,500)

2. King Field NRP Phase II NRP Plan Modification #2 [NRP / FR#2007-15]

Upon a motion by Gail Dorfman and seconded by Byron Laher the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS: The King Field neighborhood requests a modification to their approved NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan and;

WHEREAS: The request exceeds the threshold for NRP Director approval;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: 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 the reallocation of \$160,000 within the Kingfield NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan from Housing Development and Redevelopment Strategy 1.1.1.3 Mixed-use Development, to Housing Development and Redevelopment Strategy 1.1.1.2 Home Improvement Loans.

3. Hennepin County “Second 7.5%” funds for Bryant Neighborhood

[NRP / FR#2007-16]

Bob Miller explained the need for this action and the reason for making approval retroactive to January 1, 2006. Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Byron Laher the following resolution was adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board (Board) approves the use of up to \$10,000 of Hennepin County “Second 7.5%” NRP Funds to provide funding for the Urban Arts Academy in support of children and family programs offered by the Academy in the Bryant Neighborhood,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That this approval is retroactive to January 1, 2006 based on the action taken by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners on December 13, 2005.

4. Folwell Neighborhood NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

[NRP / FR#2007-17]

Roberta Englund, executive director of the Folwell Neighborhood Association, presented the plan. The housing strategies will capitalize on three existing home improvement programs and a new program for housing stabilization will be added to address the housing foreclosures in the neighborhood. The remaining funding is for economic development and community building activities. Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Byron Laher 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 Folwell neighborhood at \$730,376 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP,

WHEREAS: The Folwell neighborhood has conducted an extensive and inclusive Phase II plan development process,

WHEREAS: The submitted Folwell NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests an allocation of \$730,376 and dedicates 70% 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 Folwell Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated June 25, 2007,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor [a] approve the Folwell NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan, and specifically those parts of the Plan that fall under City jurisdiction, for their Phase II allocation of up to \$730,376; [b] amend the 2007 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) by \$229,869 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] and authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$448,982 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund CNR0 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 70% (\$511,263) amount approved for the Plan shall be obligated in the first three (3) years after approval of the Plan; and [d] authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the activities above.

5. Contingency Funds for Jobs Program with Allina

[NRP / PR#2007-11]

Council Member Barbara Johnson asked that a discussion of this item be added to the agenda. On November 21, 2005 the NRP Policy Board adopted a resolution creating a loan pool for a Jobs Support Program with Allina in the Phillips neighborhood. To date this loan pool has not been established and she asked that the Policy Board be brought up to date on the circumstances relating to this delay. Bob Miller distributed the original agreement from November 21, 2005 and a "final" version from April 17, 2007. He noted that there have been many changes from the original. He informed the Policy Board that some of the neighborhood support for this project (\$100,000 of the funds) had been withdrawn by the West Phillips neighborhood after the Policy Board took its action. At this point, East Phillips has offered \$5,000 of support, Whittier \$25,000, and Midtown Phillips \$5,000. The newest version of the agreement (April 17, 2007) reflects this loss of neighborhood support.

A discussion on the changed financial situation of the NRP at this point in time and the need to proceed with commitments that had been previously made then occurred.

Commissioner Stenglein suggested that after Mr. Miller confers with the neighborhoods that need to be conferred with and discovers that a neighborhood in fact does have an interest in the project, the money that was approved two years ago should be released. He then moved with Barbara Johnson seconding, the following resolution which adopted. Debbie Evans, Beverly Conerton and Rep. Joe Mullery voted against the motion.

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RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board directs the Director to re-confer with the neighborhoods associated with the Allina Loan/Grant program to determine their continued commitment so that the NRP Contingency Fund commitment from NRP resolution [NRP / FR#2005-31] (\$120,000) can be released.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Jon Olson, Chair