

**Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF**

**July 23, 2007**

**Present and Voting:** Debbie Evans, Beverly Conerton, Carol Pass, Jeffrey Strand, Mark Stenglein, Gail Dorfman, Barbara Johnson, Rep. Joe Mullery, Byron Laher, Ken Kelash (Alternate, Central Labor Union), Anita S. Duckor, and Jon Olson, chair, presiding

**Alternates Attending:** Nicholas Kakos, Mark Hinds, Tom Bissen, Carletta Sweet,

**Absent:** Peter McLaughlin, R.T. Rybak (excused), Chris Stewart, Sandra Vargas, Todd Klingel, Bill McCarthy

**Staff:** Bob Miller, Robert Thompson, Carsten Slostad

**Others Present:** Gary Arntsen, Dennis Werneke, Kathleen Lamb

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Jon Olson, chair of the NRP Policy Board, called the meeting to order at 4:43 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Two items were added to the agenda: 1) update on the progress of the Allina agreement, and 2) recommendation of the grievance panel on the Jordan grievance. Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Carol Pass, the agenda as amended was adopted.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein and seconded by Anita S. Duckor, the minutes of the June 25, 2007 meeting were adopted.

**IV. POLICY ITEMS**

**1. Neighborhood Representative Election Dates for 2007** [NRP / PR#2007-12]

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Anita S. Duckor, the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLVED:** That the dates for the 2007 NRP Neighborhood Representative Election are as follows:

Filing forms available, August 15, 2007

Candidate filing deadline, noon on Friday, September 14, 2007

Candidate forums and election, Thursday, November 15, 2007

**V. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. East Isles Neighborhood Phase I Plan Modification #8** [NRP / FR#2007-18]

Upon a motion by Jeffrey Strand and seconded by Byron Laher, the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts Plan Modification #8 to the East Isles Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan creating a new housing strategy supporting the capital campaign for the Bridge Center for Youth's new facility and moving \$65,000 from an existing housing strategy to fund this support.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor approve the East Isles Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan Modification #8.

**VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

**1. Final Report on the 2007 Minneapolis St. Paul Home Tour** [NRP / PR#2007-13]

Bob Miller presented the final report on the Minneapolis St. Paul Home Tour. He specifically highlighted efforts NRP has made to run the tour more efficiently and reduce costs. He recommended that NRP continue to coordinate this event.

Upon a motion by Anita S. Duckor and seconded by Ken Kelash the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLVED,** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board (Board) agrees that NRP should be the coordinator for the 2008 Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Board authorizes the Director to: (1) enter into any contracts or agreements needed to conduct the 2008 Home Tour; (2) expend funds from the approved 2007 and 2008 Administrative Budgets as needed for this purpose; (3) create the accounts and files needed to document the revenues received and the expenses incurred for the Home Tour; and (4) use the NRP name, logo and website to promote and advertise the Tour; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Director shall provide a full report on the revenues and expenditures, attendance and any other relevant matters to the Board by July 30, 2008.

## 2. Update on Community Engagement Process

Jeffrey Strand, a member of the Community Engagement Task Force, reported on the progress of the task force's work. A short discussion then occurred on this topic and Track III (NRP) of the Community Engagement Task Force's work.

## 3. Update on Allina Contract

Bob Miller reported that he is still trying to arrange a meeting with the participating neighborhoods. Carol Pass reported that EPIC would be putting a plan modification in place to proceed with this contract.

## 4. Jordan Grievance

[NRP / PR#2007-14]

Byron Laher reported that the grievance panel made up of himself, Gail Dorfman and Jeffrey Strand has met and reviewed the Jordan grievance and has a recommendation for consideration. He then reviewed the findings of the panel and presented the following recommendation:

*In the unanimous opinion of the Grievance Review Panel, it is not necessary for the NRP to withhold the amount in dispute in order to protect the interests of the NRP.*

*It is our recommendation to the NRP Policy Board, that it concur with the Findings and Recommendations, and that it direct Mr. Miller to immediately authorize payment of the disputed amount; but that Mr. Miller should accompany that payment with a letter expressing reservations about the independent contractor agreement, and/or an admonition that NRP funds shall not be used to pay any subsequently assessed FICA, payroll taxes, etc.*

Discussion on the recommendation focused on a concern that the Policy Board would not be liable for any future costs from settlement of this grievance.

Debbie Evans moved to amend the settlement recommendation with Gail Dorfman seconding the following resolution.

**RESOLVED:** That NRP notify the Jordan Area Community Council (JACC) in writing that upon receipt of a letter from JACC stating that they will hold NRP harmless against any taxes or penalties NRP will release the disputed funds.

The amendment was adopted and then the recommendation of the panel was adopted.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm

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Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

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**ATTEST:** Joe Olson, Chair