

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

October 22, 2007

Present and Voting: Debbie Evans, Beverly Conerton, Carol Pass, Jeffrey Strand, Peter McLaughlin, Cara Letofsky (Alternate, Mayor's Office), 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, Carletta Sweet, Robert Lilligren,

Absent: Mark Stenglien (sent Policy Aide), Gail Dorfman (sent Policy Aide), R.T. Rybak, Chris Stewart, Sandra Vargas, Bill McCarthy, Todd Klingel

Staff: Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad, Beverly Banks, Margaret Mountin

Others Present: Stephan Renquist, John Trombley, Debbie Nelson, Sherri Pugh Sullivan, David Ellis, Michael Darger, Don Risk, Gary Arntsen, Steve Brandt

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jon Olson, chair of the NRP Policy Board, called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Byron Laher and seconded by Debbie Evans, the agenda was adopted.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Byron Laher, the minutes of the September 24, 2007 meeting were adopted

IV. ACTION ITEMS

1. Waite Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan [NRP / FR#2007-19]

Don Risk, Michael Darger and Gary Arntsen presented the highlights of the Waite Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan to the Policy Board. Upon a motion by Anita S. Duckor and seconded by Ken Kelash, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS: On April 19, 2004, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board ("Board") approved a Phase II allocation for the Waite Park neighborhood of \$447,124 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP; and

WHEREAS: The Waite Park neighborhood conducted an extensive and inclusive Phase II neighborhood action plan development process; and

WHEREAS: The Waite Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests a Phase II allocation at their guideline of \$447,124 and dedicates at least 70% of that allocation to housing programs, projects, services and activities.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board ("Board") hereby accepts and adopts the Waite Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated October 17, 2007; and

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor [a] approve the Waite Park 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 \$447,124; [b] amend the 2007 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) by \$156,493 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] and authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$280,631 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund CNR0 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 70% of the amount approved for the Plan (\$312,986) 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.

2. Victory NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan [NRP / FR#2007-20]

Stephan Renquist, chair of the NRP steering committee, presented the plan on behalf of the neighborhood. John Trombley, president of the Victory neighborhood board and Debbie Nelson, staff were also present. Upon a motion by Rep. Joe Mullery and seconded by Barbara Johnson, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS: On April 19, 2004, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board ("Board") approved a Phase II allocation for the Victory neighborhood of \$480,270 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP; and

WHEREAS: The Victory neighborhood conducted an extensive and inclusive Phase II neighborhood action plan development process; and

WHEREAS: The Victory NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests a Phase II allocation at their guideline of \$480,270 and dedicates 70.86% of that allocation to housing programs, projects, services and activities.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board ("Board") hereby accepts and adopts the Victory NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated September 26, 2007; and

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor [a] approve the Victory 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 \$480,270; [b] amend the 2008 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) by \$240,135 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] and authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$240,135 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund CNR0 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 70% of the amount approved for the Plan (\$336,189) 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.

3. Plymouth Plaza Transition Fund Loan

[NRP / FR#2007-21]

Bob Miller reported on the settlement agreements reached through negotiation with all parties involved with this issue, thus fulfilling the action requested by the Policy Board at the August 27th meeting. Upon a motion by Jeffrey Strand and seconded by Carol Pass the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board hereby accepts the settlement agreements negotiated by the Director and agreed upon by all parties on October 18, 2007.

V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

1. Recognition of Byron Laher

At this point in the meeting the members officially thanked Byron Laher who has served as a representative to the Policy Board from the Greater Twin Cities United Way for the past 14 years. He was recognized for his active role in serving on committees and task forces in addition to his service as vice-chair in past years.

2. Community Engagement Track III Report

This report and presentation was given to the City Council's Committee of the Whole on October 18th. Bob Miller reviewed the highlights of the report with the Policy Board members. As part of this presentation, he expanded the review of the past funding and financial status of the program.

3. Funding for Phase II and Funding for the Future beyond 2009

Bob Miller, continuing the discussion from the previous item as he outlined the current funding status for Phase II NRP Program funds and answered questions of the members to clarify how this complex funding works. It was agreed to continue this discussion at the November meeting.

Robert Lilligren distributed a copy of the action taken by the City Council that formed a working group to bring back a proposal on the future of NRP to the City Council for their December 6th committee meeting. The action also directed Development Finance Staff to find funding sources to assure funding for Phase II plans in an amount of not less than 70% of the approved April 19, 2004 Policy Board allocations.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Jon Olson, Chair