

## **Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board**

### **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF**

**August 25, 2008**

**Present and Voting:** Debbie Evans, Beverly Conerton, Kari Anderson, Jeffrey Strand, Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, Cara Letofsky (Alternate, Mayor's Office), Barbara Johnson, Rep. Joe Mullery, Scott Vreeland, David Ellis, Ken Kelash, and Gail Dorfman, chair, presiding.

**Alternates Attending:** Brock Hanson, Mark Hinds, Nicholas Kakos

**Absent:** R.T. Rybak, Peggy Flanagan

**Staff:** Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad

**Others Present:** Gary Arntsen, Michael Kimble, Karen Capistran, Cam Gordon, Kerri Pearce Ruch

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Scott Vreeland the agenda was adopted.

#### **III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Peter McLaughlin and seconded by Ken Kelash the minutes of the July 28, 2008 meeting were adopted.

#### **IV. POLICY ITEMS**

##### **1. Update on the 2007 NRP Policy Board Audit**

Karen Capistran from the State of Minnesota Office of the State Auditor reported that the audit of the NRP Policy Board for funding year 2007 is underway and about 50% complete. Her update on the status of the audit was presented in compliance with new auditing standards. The results from this audit should be ready and submitted to the Policy Board members within the next two months.

## **2. Financial Information for “Framework for the Future”**

Bob Miller reviewed materials presented to the Ways & Means / Budget Committee on August 4, 2008 and on August 18, 2008. These reports on the redevelopment finance district legislation give projections of revenue capacity and the impacts various scenarios will have for the City, the Target Center and neighborhood revitalization purposes. Neighborhood revitalization purposes are not defined in the statute. The assistant city attorney has raised a concern about this in a legal advisory, also part of these materials. It raises several issues such as eligibility for the use of these funds. A return to the legislature for clarification may be needed.

## **2. Resident Response to the “Framework for the Future”**

Beverly Conerton presented a response from the neighborhood residents called an “Alternative to the Framework”. Debbie Evans then summarized the elements of the alternative for the Policy Board members. She also distributed a sheet from the Neighborhoods for NRP showing financial comparisons between the Framework, what the Mayor has proposed and the alternative plan.

## **3. Policy Board Response to the “Framework for the Future”**

At the July meeting a resolution was passed to have a committee draft a response to the “Framework for the Future”. It was agreed to have this committee continue to meet to develop a resolution that would express the concerns that have been raised and to offer some alternatives for consideration.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm

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Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

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**ATTEST:** Gail Dorfman, Chair