

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

October 27, 2008

Present and Voting: Debbie Evans, Mark Hinds, (Alternate for Revitalization), Kari Anderson, Jeffrey Strand, Barbara Johnson, Rep. Joe Mullery, Scott Vreeland, David Ellis, and Gail Dorfman, chair, presiding

Alternates Attending: Brock Hanson, Carol Pass, Nicholas Kakos

Absent: Beverly Conerton, Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, R.T Rybak, Lydia Lee, Ken Kelash

Staff: Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad, Joe Horan

Others Present: Kerri Pierce Ruch, Gary Arntsen, Pat Scott, Kim Havey, Jana Metge, John Van Heel, Mike Kimble, Diane Moe, Robert Cook, Dick Sandberg, Jan Sandberg, Gail Baez

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Barbara Johnson and seconded by Jeffrey Strand the agenda was adopted with an amendments adding a resolution concerning the 2009 Legislative Session.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Scott Vreeland and seconded by David Ellis the minutes of the September 22, 2008 meeting were adopted.

IV. POLICY ITEMS

1. Dates for 2009 Policy Board Meetings

[NRP / PR2008-15]

Upon a motion by Scott Vreeland and seconded by Mark Hinds a motion setting the meeting dates for the 2009 NRP Policy Board was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board hereby adopts the following dates for monthly meetings in 2009.

January 26	July 27
February 23	August 24
March 23	September 21
April 27	October 26
May 18	November 23
June 22	December 21

V. **ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Loring Park Neighborhood NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan**

[NRP / FR2008-8]

John Van Heel, Chair of Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC), introduced Jana Metge, executive director of CLPC, who in turn introduced the neighborhood leaders from the Loring Park Neighborhood who were present to support and comment on the neighborhood's NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan. John Van Heel presented the overview and accomplishments from the Phase I plan. Jana Metge presented the livability section of the plan. Gail Baez presented the crime and safety section addressing criminal justice planning. Dick Sandberg, chair of the land use committee, presented that portion of the plan. Robert Cook presented the Nicollet Avenue Corridor strategies and Kim Havey presented the environmental section and concluded the presentation.

Upon a motion by Mark Hinds and seconded by Gail Dorfman 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 Loring Park neighborhood at \$502,173 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP,

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

WHEREAS: The submitted Loring Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests an allocation of \$502,173 and dedicates 75% of that allocation to housing programs, projects, services and activities,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the Loring Park Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated October 21, 2008,

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 Loring 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 \$502,173; [b] amend the 2008 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund 01CNR-8900800 (NRP Fund) by \$196,582 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] and authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$305,591 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund 01CNR-8900800 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than \$372,342 of the 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.

2. Revenue Projections and Modification of Phase II Allocation Policy

[NRP / PR#2008-16]

Bob Miller explained to the members that the actual revenue for 2007 exceeded projections and significantly reduced the projected shortfall of revenue for funding NRP. Because of this and the short time left for the current funding of NRP, he recommended that the Policy Board adopt a revision to the Phase II fund holdback policy and increase the amount of Phase II dollars available to neighborhoods in the first three years after the adoption of their Phase II Plan to 80%. Upon a motion by Scott Vreeland and seconded by Mark Hinds the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board, based on the October 2008 Common Project revenue projection published by the Development Finance Division of the City, approves the following modification to the second resolved clause of Policy Board Resolution NRP / FR#2004-14:

“FURTHER RESOLVED, That neighborhoods be informed that up to ~~70%~~ 80% of the specified allocation shall be available for expenditure during the first three years after approval of their Phase II neighborhood action plan”

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this change is effective immediately; and

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the NRP staff inform the neighborhoods and appropriate City officials of this change.

3. Discussion on a Resolution for 2009 Legislative Strategy

Jeffrey Strand presented the following resolution, which was seconded by Mark Hinds for discussion. The resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board (Policy Board) was created in 1991 pursuant to the NRP legislation with multi-jurisdictional representation on the NRP Policy Board, which has successfully governed the Neighborhood Revitalization Program for 17 years, becoming a national model for community engagement and partnerships with independent neighborhood associations; and,

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2008, the Minneapolis City Council adopted Resolution No.2008R-402 that adopted the final report of the NRP Work Group entitled Framework for the Future: Options for the Focus, Funding and Governance of NRP Program and Action Plan Activities after 2009 and approved establishment of a new City Neighborhood and Community Relations Department within the office of the City Coordinator, and the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission, to coordinate community engagement and to oversee the operation of the NRP after 2009; and,

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2008, the Policy Board requested by Resolution that the City live up to its principles of community engagement by entering into a meaningful and direct dialogue with the Policy Board and neighborhood organizations on the future of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, encouraged the City to consider whether residents' interests are best served by a Neighborhood Revitalization Program governance structure that brings policy makers and neighborhood representatives together through the multi-jurisdictional Policy Board as the governance structure for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, funding of neighborhood organizations at a minimum of \$12 million annually after 2009 for operating support and for discretionary / implementation funding, and the City secure funding to cover the gap in NRP Phase II funding; and,

WHEREAS, the Policy Board also voted to strongly encourage the City to work with neighborhood organizations, the Policy Board, and its other jurisdictional partners to develop a mutually agreeable legislative proposal that clearly allows for funds from the newly authorized Redevelopment Finance District to be used for the statutorily defined purposes of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Policy Board Chair and the NRP Director shall be authorized and directed to pursue a 2009 State Legislative strategy to develop a legislative proposal that clearly allows for funds from the newly authorized Redevelopment Finance District to be used for the statutorily defined purposes of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

During discussion it was determined that the resolution was not acceptable to the membership and that revision of the final clause would be needed. Jeffrey Strand proposed a revision and Mark Hinds seconded for purposes of discussion. The following language of the final clause was discussed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Policy Board Chair and the NRP Director shall be authorized to prepare a 2009 State Legislative proposal that clearly allows for funds from the newly authorized Redevelopment Finance District to be used for the statutorily defined purposes of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, and to report back at the November 2008 Policy Board meeting.

Further discussion provided no agreement and Jeffrey Strand moved to table the amendment. Then the discussion went back to the original motion. Scott Vreeland moved to table the original motion. With lack of a second on either of these motions, Scott Vreeland moved to postpone this discussion until the next meeting. Jeffrey Strand seconded the motion and the motion was adopted.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Gail Dorfman, Chair