

**Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF**

**June 22, 2009**

**Present and Voting:** Debbie Evans, Mark Hinds, Kari Anderson, Jeffrey Strand, Mark Stenglein, Robert Lilligren (Alternate, City Council), Rep. Joe Mullery, Scott Vreeland (Alternate, Park Board), David Ellis, Ken Kelash, and Gail Dorfman, chair, presiding.

**Alternates Attending:** Brock Hanson, Carol Pass, Nicholas Kakos

**Absent:** Peter McLaughlin, R.T. Rybak, Tom Nordyke, Jill Davis

**Staff:** Bob Miller, Peg Mountin, Carsten Slostad

**Others Present:** Jim Parsons, Erica Christ, Sam Fehr, Lamia Mohamed, Michael Kimbel

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Gail Dorfman, chair of the NRP Policy Board, called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Jeffrey Strand and seconded by Scott Vreeland the agenda was adopted.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Scott Vreeland and seconded by Ken Kelash the minutes of the May 18, 2009 meeting were approved.

**IV. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Central Neighborhood NRP Phase I Action Plan Modification #19**

[NRP / FR#2009-03]

Bob Miller stated that he could administratively approve this modification, however because of the extensive changes being made and the amount of dollars being reallocated he is asking for Policy Board review and approval. He then introduced Jim Parson, executive director of CANDO, who presented the plan modification. Upon a motion by Robert Lilligren and seconded by Scott Vreeland the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLVED,** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board (“Board”) has received and reviewed Plan Modification #19 to the Central Neighborhood’s Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Board supports the language changes and reallocations proposed in this modification, agrees with the NRP Directors determination that approval of this modification is appropriate and approves an effective date of June 1, 2009 as the date for the plan modification approval.

**2. Whittier Neighborhood NRP Phase I Action Plan Modification #23  
NRP Phase II Action Plan Modification #11** [NRP / FR32009-04]

Bob Miller stated that this plan modification uses a multi-year approach to utilize Phase I program income funds for Phase II strategies that the neighborhood feels are under funded. Erica Christ, chair of the Whittier Alliance, then presented the modification specifics. Upon a motion by Robert Lilligren and seconded by David Ellis, the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLVED**, That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board (“Board”) has received and reviewed Plan Modification #23 to the Whittier Neighborhood’s Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan and Plan Modification #11 to the Whittier Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Board supports the program income allocations in this modification, agrees with the NRP Directors determination that approval of this modification is appropriate and approves an effective date of June 1, 2009 as the date for the plan modification approval.

**3. 2009 Minneapolis St. Paul Home Tour Report** [NRP / PR#2009-07]

Bob Miller presented the report. He highlighted the areas that showed increased attendance and satisfaction with the way the tour is presented. He also pointed out the much better working relationship that has been established with St. Paul and attributed this to their new staff person. Again this year, the tour generated more income than expense. He suggested that the tour continue in 2010 and that decisions should be made about the future of the tour beyond next year. Upon a motion by Ken Kelash and seconded by Jeffrey Strand, 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 2010 Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Board authorizes the Director to: (1) enter into any contracts or agreements needed to conduct the 2010 Home Tour; (2) expend funds from the approved 2009 and 2010 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

**BE IT 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, 2010; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Director explore and assess organizational options for continuing the Home Tour as an annual event after 2010 and report back his findings by July 30, 2010.

#### **4. Future of NRP**

[NRP / PR#2009-08]

With the new Neighborhood and Community Relations Department and the Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission beginning operations, the neighborhood representatives asked that a resolution be presented to address the future of NRP. Bob Miller suggested that a legal opinion from external counsel be requested as a starting point for future discussions. Upon a motion by Jeffrey Strand and seconded by Scott Vreeland, the following resolution was then discussed, amended and adopted.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That this plan be provided to the Board as part of the discussion of the 2010 NRP Budget in October, 2009; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the NRP Director begin this assessment by requesting a legal opinion from NRP's external counsel on the impact of the creation of the Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations Department on the NRP program that addresses, at a minimum, the:

- Impact of the 2008 Special Law on the funding sources for, and status of, NRP after 2009; and
- Who has responsibility for, and what is the status of, NRP funds from Phase I and Phase II after 2009.

*During discussion Jeffrey Strand moved to amend with Robert Lilligren seconding by adding the following clause.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Policy Board chair establish a working group to implement this resolution.

**V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

**1. Update on NCEC Activities**

Bob Miller reported that the results of the recent election of neighborhood representative members to the NCEC were included in the meeting materials packet.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:24 p.m. at the request of Bob Miller, Mark Hinds moved and Scott Vreeland seconded that the meeting be closed for an update on legal proceedings.

Upon a motion by Scott Vreeland and seconded by Ken Kelash, the closed session and the Policy Board meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

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**ATTEST:** Gail Dorfman, Chair