

## **Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board**

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

**August 24, 2009**

**Present and Voting:** Debbie Evans, Mark Hinds, Kari Anderson, Jeffrey Strand, Barbara Johnson, Rep. Joe Mullery, Scott Vreeland, Jill Davis, David Ellis, Ken Kelash, and Gail Dorfman, chair, presiding

**Alternates Attending:** Carol Pass

**Absent:** Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, R.T. Rybak

**Staff:** Bob Miller, Barbara Lickness

#### **Others Present:**

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

Gail Dorfman, chair of the NRP Policy Board, called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. A brief discussion on the election rules revision was held until a quorum was established at 4:45 p.m.

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

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

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

Upon a motion by Scott Vreeland and seconded by Ken Kelash the minutes of the June 22, 2009 and July 27, 2009 meetings were adopted

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

##### **1. NRP Neighborhood Representative Election (Technical Revisions)**

[NRP / PR#2009-09]

Bob Miller presented the suggested revisions stating that since we were no longer using the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis to assist in this election and since the current rules specify the League's participation, the rules need to be updated to reflect this change. The other revision suggested was to clarify the voting process if there are three or fewer candidates running for election.

Upon a motion by Mark Hinds and seconded by Scott Vreeland the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board hereby adopts technical revisions to the Neighborhood Representative Election Rules to be in compliance with current practice; and,

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That these revisions are to be applied to the Neighborhood Representative Election scheduled for November 19, 2009.

**V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

**1. Preview of 2010 Administrative Budget Proposal**

Bob Miller did a preliminary presentation of the budget, stating the Professional Services MOU with the City is still being negotiated. In addition, audit costs are an increasing area of concern. He suggested that some revisions to the audit policy, such as raising the thresholds for a full audit and providing more limited reviews, could help contain NRP's costs.

**2. Transition Group Status Report**

Bob Miller stated that the attorneys working on the Policy Board's requested legal opinion have prepared a draft and are consulting with other knowledgeable attorneys to produce a final opinion for the next meeting of the Policy Board. The team working on transition issues will include Bob Cooper, Jeff Schneider, Jack Whitehurst and Bob Miller and will begin meeting after the opinion is received.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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Barbara Lickness, Secretary Pro Tem

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**ATTEST:** Gail Dorfman, Chair