

**Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF**

**October 26, 2009**

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

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

**Absent:** Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, R.T. Rybak, Barbara Johnson (excused), David Ellis (excused), Jill Davis

**Staff:** Bob Miller, Margaret Mountin, Stacy Sorenson, Carsten Slostad

**Others Present:** Amy Luesebrink, Bob Margl, Peter Gamades, Joel Brever

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Gail Dorfman, chair of the NRP Policy Board, called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. A quorum was reached at 5:00 pm.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Scott Vreeland and seconded by Ken Kelash the minutes of September 21, 2009 were adopted.

**IV. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Saint Anthony West Phase II NRP Neighborhood Action Plan**

[NRP / FR#2009-06]

Bob Margl presented the plan on behalf of the neighborhood. He reviewed the current make up of the neighborhood and how they developed their Phase II plan. He referenced the Phase I plan and said that about 90% of that plan went into housing strategies. With help from a consultant from the U of M, a survey was developed and input for the new plan was gathered. He then described in lengthy detail the outreach to the neighborhood and development of the final plan. Upon a motion by Scott Vreeland and seconded by Jeffrey Strand 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 St. Anthony West neighborhood of \$224,642, based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP;

**WHEREAS:** The St. Anthony West neighborhood has conducted an extensive and inclusive planning process;

**WHEREAS:** The submitted St. Anthony West Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests an allocation of \$224,642 and dedicates 80% of that allocation to housing programs, projects, services and activities;

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the St. Anthony West NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated October 8, 2009;

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor: [a] approve the St. Anthony West 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 \$224,642; [b] amend the 2009 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund 01CNR-8900800 (NRP Fund) appropriation by \$77,092 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$147,550 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund 01CNR-8900800 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 80% of the amount approved for the Plan (\$179,714) 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 Plan and the activities above.

## **2. Lind-Bohanon Phase II Waiver Request**

[NRP / PR#2009-10]

Bob Miller introduced Amy Luesebrink who presented the request on behalf of the neighborhood. The neighborhood is ready for Phase II planning but because the Lyndale Corridor Streetscape project has not been developed from their Phase I plan they technically do not qualify for Phase II activity. They request a waiver of the requirements so that they can begin Phase II. Policy Board members shared comments and concerns about the Lyndale Corridor Streetscape and the lack of progress on this one project. Upon a motion by Rep. Joe Mullery and seconded by Ken Kelash the following resolution was adopted.

**WHEREAS:** The Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association has completed implementation of its NRP Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan priority projects with one exception and has prepared and submitted its NRP Phase I Review in accordance with the NRP Phase II Planning Process Policy; and

**WHEREAS:** The Lind-Bohanon neighborhood identified Lyndale Avenue North improvements as a priority in its Phase I NRP Neighborhood Action Plan and needs participation and partnerships with the City, County and State to implement these improvements; and

**WHEREAS:** Completion of this single project will result in Lind-Bohanon meeting the required 95% contracted threshold for entry into Phase II; and

**WHEREAS:** NRP staff reviewed the Lind-Bohanon Phase II Participation Agreement and determined that it is consistent with the guidelines adopted by the NRP Policy Board May 15, 2001;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (“Board”) hereby approves the Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association request for a waiver of the contracting and expenditure threshold requirements for beginning Phase II planning; and

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Board approves the Lind-Bohanon neighborhood Phase II Participation Agreement with an effective date of October 26, 2009 and authorizes the Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association to proceed with development of a Phase II NAP for the Lind-Bohanon neighborhood.

## **V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

### **1. Directors & Officers Insurance**

Bob Miller informed the Policy Board that the current insurer for Directors & Officers insurance, Travelers, has given notice that they will not renew the policy when it expires on March 1, 2010. He further informed the members that we are in a process of gathering information from neighborhoods and is working with several agencies to find options available to provide this insurance. He will continue to work on finding a solution to this situation and will keep the Policy Board members informed of the situation as developments occur.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at

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Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

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**ATTEST:** Gail Dorfman, Chair