

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

August 23, 2010

Present and Voting: Debbie Evans, DeWayne Townsend, Carol Pass, Jeffrey Strand, Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlen, Barbara Johnson, Liz Wielinski, Sen. Ken Kelash

Alternates Attending: Wizard Marks, Gordon Kepner, Tom Bissen, Nicholas Kakos,

Absent: R.T. Rybak, Rep. Joe Mullery, Chris Stewart, Gail Dorfman (excused)
David Ellis (excused)

Staff: Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad, Barbara Lickness

Others Present: Jeff Schneider, Cherie Shoquist, Gary Arntsen, Margo Ashmore, Jana Metge, Kerri Pierce Ruch, Amy Lusebrink, David Barnett

I. CALL TO ORDER

Sen. Ken Kelash, 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

The agenda was approved by unanimous consensus.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Debbie Evans and seconded by DeWayne Townsend, the minutes of the July 26, 2010 meeting were approved.

IV. PRESENTATION

1. Healthy Housing Indicators Analysis

Jeff Schneider and Cherie Shoquist from the Community Planning and Economic Development department presented highlights from this ongoing research project.

Research is being conducted to better understand how the housing crisis was impacting city housing stock, particularly at the neighborhood level. The research findings will be used as a tool to better understand the relationship between various program interventions and key housing indicators. The presentation included indicators of housing distress, housing investment and indicators of housing value. Cherie Shoquist presented an overview of Minneapolis home ownership incentive and assistance programs available from the city. The presentation was followed by a brief questions and comments from the Policy Board members.

V. ACTION ITEMS

1. Lind-Bohanon NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan [NRP / FR#2010-09]

Bob Miller described the plan on behalf of the neighborhood until the arrival of presenters from the neighborhood. He highlighted their housing strategies and community garden projects. He also clarified that inclusion of the Kingsley Commons affordable housing strategy was necessary to legally expend these affordable housing dollars. Upon a motion by Mark Stenglein 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 Lind-Bohanon neighborhood of \$521,140, based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP;

WHEREAS: The Lind-Bohanon Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests an allocation of \$521,140 and dedicates 70% of that allocation to housing and housing related programs and activities;

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy board hereby accepts and adopts the Lind-Bohanon NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated August 5, 2010;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the city Council and Mayor: [a] approve the Lind-Bohanon 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 \$521,140; [b] amend the 2010 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNRO (NRP Fund) appropriation by \$521,140 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan and; [c] authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the Plan and the activities above.

Amy Lusebrink and David Barnett from the neighborhood arrived at the meeting and were congratulated and allowed to make further comments about the Lind-Bohanon plan.

2. North Loop / Warehouse District NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

[NRP / FR#2010-10]

Barbara Lickness, NRP staff for the neighborhood, presented the plan on their behalf. Mark Stenglein moved and Debbie Evans seconded adoption of the plan. During the discussion Peter McLaughlin pointed out that Hennepin County would be a partner in Southwest Corridor transit planning. He moved to amend section 5, objective 3, strategy 1 to include Hennepin County as a partner. The amendment was adopted then the following resolution was then acted upon and approved:

WHEREAS: On April 19, 2004 the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board (“Board”) approved a Phase II allocation for the North Loop neighborhood of \$293,007 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP;

WHEREAS: The neighborhood conducted a Phase II neighborhood planning process that began in November 2009 and has submitted a North Loop NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan that requests a Phase II allocation of \$293,007;

WHEREAS: The North Loop neighborhood has allocated at least 70% of their Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan to housing programs, projects, services and activities;

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the North Loop NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor: [a] approve the North Loop 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 \$293,007; [b] amend the 2010 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) appropriation by \$293,007 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; and [c] authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the Plan and the activities above.

VI. REPORT

1. CLPC / Loring Park Contracting Concern

Jana Metge, Director, Citizens for a Loring Park Community, presented on behalf of the neighborhood issues that have occurred with the Park Board regarding staffing and the use of Loring Park facilities. She distributed a resolution passed by their neighborhood board. Liz Wielinski, representing the Park Board also made comments. Bob Miller advised that neighborhoods continue to use shared use agreements to address issues when they arise.

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VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Ken Kelash, Chair