

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

January 24, 2011

Present and Voting: Debbie Evans, DeWayne Townsend, Carol Pass, Nicholas Kakos, Peter McLaughlin, Gail Dorfman, Barbara Johnson, Rep. Joe Mullery, Sen. Kenneth Kelash, Annie Young, David Ellis

Alternates Attending: Wizard Marks, Gordon Kepner, Tom Bissen, and Jeffrey Strand

Absent: Mark Stenglein (excused), R.T Rybak, Bill McCarthy, Chris Stewart

Staff: Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad, and Barbara Lickness

Others Present: Christopher Hoffer, Christie Rock, Monica Smith, Ed Bell, Dick Sandberg, Jan Sandberg, Malcolm, Andrew Hauer, Gerry Ewald, John Novak, Nancy Przymus, Pat Scott, Donald Hammen, Carletta Sweet, Gary Arntsen, Jana Metge, Lynn Reguier, Susan Braun

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ken Kelash, 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 DeWayne Townsend and seconded by David Ellis the revised agenda, which was distributed at the meeting, was adopted.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Nicholas Kakos and seconded by DeWayne Townsend the minutes of the December 20, 2010 meeting were adopted. Annie Young abstained from voting.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

1. Cedar Isles Dean NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

[NRP / FR#2011-01]

Ed Bell, Gail Lee and Monica Smith presented the plan on behalf of the neighborhood organization. Of the plan strategies, over 80% of the plan is for use in housing strategies with the remaining funds going to support community building, neighborhood safety, and environmental strategies. Upon a motion by Nicholas Kakos and seconded by Debbie Evans 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 Cedar Isles Dean neighborhood at \$261,420 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP,

WHEREAS: The CIDNA neighborhood has conducted an inclusive Phase II plan development process,

WHEREAS: The submitted CIDNA NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests an allocation of \$261,420 and dedicates at least seventy percent (70%) of that allocation to housing programs, projects, services and activities,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the Cedar Isles Dean (CIDNA) NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan,

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 Cedar Isles Dean NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan, and specifically those parts of the Plan that fall under City jurisdiction, for their Phase II allocation of \$261,420; [b] amend the 2011 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) by \$261,420 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 activities above.

1. Downtown Minneapolis NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

[NRP / FR#2011-02]

Christie Rock, consultant for the neighborhood, presented the plan. In her presentation she emphasized the leveraging that the neighborhood has done and will continue to do to implement their strategies, building upon the relationships that have already been established. An important emphasis in the housing section of the plan is to work toward reducing homelessness. The plan also supports partnerships with the Minneapolis Police Department and other collaboratives addressing neighborhood livability and visitor's perception of safety. Upon a motion by Peter Mc Laughlin and seconded by Debbie Evans, 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 Downtown Minneapolis neighborhoods at \$913,167 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP,

WHEREAS: The Downtown Minneapolis neighborhoods have conducted an inclusive Phase II plan development process,

WHEREAS: The submitted Downtown Minneapolis NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests an allocation of \$913,167 and dedicates at least seventy percent (70%) of that allocation to housing programs, projects, services and activities,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the Downtown Minneapolis Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan,

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 Downtown Minneapolis NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan, and specifically those parts of the Plan that fall under City jurisdiction, for their Phase II allocation of \$913,167; [b] amend the 2011 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) by \$913,167 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 activities above.

V. POLICY ITEM

1. Appointment of a Nominating Committee

Ken Kelash appointed Carol Pass, David Ellis, and Peter McLaughlin to this committee and charged it with the task of providing a slate of officers for election at the February 28th meeting of the Policy Board.

VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

1. Report of the Director

At the December 20, 2010 meeting, the Policy Board directed NRP staff to provide options available to address the actions taken by the City Council in the December budget approval process. Bob Miller presented three options for consideration. Nicholas Kakos then introduced the following resolution, which was seconded by Debbie Evans.

[NRP / PR#2011-01]

BE IT RESOLVED: That the NRP Director is authorized to work with any neighborhood organization or organizations interested in pursuing legal action that ensures the current and future use of all NRP funds of the development and implementation of Neighborhood Phase I or Phase II Neighborhood Action Plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the NRP Chair and NRP Director develop and pursue passage of legislation that will preserve and protect all NRP funds that have been appropriated to NRP in accordance with State Statutes and current City Ordinances for now and the future.

In the discussion that followed, the issue of using NRP funds for legal action was questioned. After some background discussion, Rep. Joe Mullery called the question to end discussion. The resolution was then voted upon and adopted with Barbara Johnson voting no. A progress report on this item will be on the agenda of the February meeting.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Celebration of Neighborhood Accomplishments / 20 Years of NRP.

Ken Kelash, recalling the celebration of the first 10 years of NRP and neighborhood accomplishments in 2001, suggested that a similar event be held to celebrate 20 years of NRP. He suggested that now was the time to start exploring the possibilities for an event that could be held in the summer, perhaps during the Aquatennial Celebration week. NRP staff will begin working on organization of the event.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Kenneth Kelash, Chair