

**Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF**

**March 28, 2011**

**Present and Voting:** Debbie Evans, DeWayne Townsend, Carol Pass, Nicholas Kakos, Gail Dorfman, Barbara Johnson, David Ellis and Ken Kelash

**Alternates Attending:** Tom Bissen, Jeffrey Strand

**Absent:** Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, R.T. Rybak, Rep. Joe Mullery, Annie Young, (excused), Bill McCarthy

**Staff:** Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad, Jack Whitehurst and Barbara Lickness

**Others Present:** Don Anderson, Joseph Spangler, Gary Arntsen, Shirley Heyer, Todd Rasmusen, Jacy Hildreth, Brad Pass, Donna Neste

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ken Kelash, chair of the NRP Policy Board, called the meeting to order at 4:44 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Nicholas Kakos and seconded by Debbie Evans the agenda was adopted.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Debbie Evans and seconded by Nicholas Kakos the minutes of the February 28, 2011 meeting were adopted.

**IV. POLICY ITEMS**

**1. Legislation Update**

A copy of the bill introduced (S.F. No. 953) was distributed. The bill continues NRP as it is currently managed until \$3 million dollars remain. Senator Ken Kelash didn't have exact dates for committee hearings but suggested that they would occur within a few weeks.

**V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

**1. Windom Park NRP Phase I Review**

Don Anderson presented the review on behalf of the neighborhood. He highlighted each strategy in the Windom Park plan. Special emphasis was given to the housing section and the return on investment with their loan programs. A chart showing all the loans made with locations noted on a map of the neighborhood helped to give a clear impact of these programs. With \$1.8 million allocated and invested in housing programs, there was a leveraged investment in the neighborhood of over \$4.6 million. He also gave summaries of business loans made through the NRP program.

**2. Midtown Phillips NRP Phase I Review**

Todd Rasmusen began by taking the Board on a virtual walking tour of the neighborhood. He pointed out the things that have happened with NRP support at the various locations in this verbal tour. Of special pride was Midtown Phillips contribution to East Phillips Park and Cultural Community Center. Shirley Heyer presented information on the Midtown Phillips Phase I Review Process. Donna Neste presented the youth work on graffiti abatement projects. On 29<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> a mural was designed and painted. The youth who accompanied Donna unrolled a photo of the mural and described the work that was done. Joseph Spangler finished the comment period.

**3. Update on NRP Celebration**

Barbara Lickness, NRP staff, distributed a report that indicated that there was interest in participation in the Aquatennial Torchlight Parade. The committee suggested doing a more formal celebration of the twenty years of NRP in the fall.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

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Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

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**ATTEST:** Ken Kelash, Chair