

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

June 27, 2011

Present and Voting: Debbie Evans, DeWayne Townsend, Carol Pass, Nicholas Kakos, Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughlin, Gail Dorfman, Robert Lilligren (Alternate, City Council), Ken Kelash.

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

Absent: R.T. Rybak, Rep. Joe Mullery (excused), Annie Young, David Ellis (excused), Bill McCarthy

Staff: Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad

Others Present:

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ken Kelash, chair of the NRP Policy Board, called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Robert Lilligren and seconded by Peter McLaughlin the agenda was adopted.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by DeWayne Townsend and seconded by Mark Stenglein the minutes of the May 23, 2011 meeting were adopted.

IV. ACTION ITEM

1. North Minneapolis Neighborhoods Tornado Relief [NRP / FR2011-06]

Bob Miller introduced the proposal to release frozen Phase II funds for the six north Minneapolis neighborhoods most affected by the May 22 tornado. For the purposes of discussion, Mark Stenglien moved and Gail Dorfman seconded the motion. Robert Lilligren reported that the City has set aside \$600, 000 of non- TIF NRP funds for tornado relief.

Nicholas Kakos ask that Jeffery Strand be seated for this discussion. Debbie Evans moved to amend the resolution to include Hawthorne and Lind-Bohanon and their frozen funds in this proposal. DeWayne Townsend seconded the motion to amend. The amendment was adopted.

Jeffrey Strand then moved to amend with Gail Dorfman seconding, to insert in the second line after City Council in the final resolving clause “in coordination with north side recovery efforts”. The amendment was adopted. The following amended resolution was then adopted with Robert Lilligren abstaining from voting.

(Note that the amendments are in italics)

RESOLVED, That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (“Board”) recognizes that the Northside Minneapolis neighborhoods devastated by the tornado of May 22 need all the public and private resources that can be made available to them to assist with the complex and extensive rebuilding effort that will be required;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the *eight* neighborhoods directly impacted by the May 22 tornado have \$ 2,215,822 that has been allocated to them for implementation of their Phase II NAP’s but has been frozen by the City of Minneapolis action of December 13, 2010;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board recognizes that these funds are needed by the *Hawthorne, Lind-Bohanon, Harrison, Folwell, Jordan, McKinley, Near North-Willard Hay and Webber-Camden* neighborhoods to help with the revitalization of their neighborhoods;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the NRP Program Policy Board requests that the Minneapolis City Council, *in coordination with northside recovery efforts*, release 100% of the NRP Phase II funds allocated to the *Hawthorne, lind-Bohanon, Harrison, Folwell, Jordan, McKinley, Near North-Willard Hay and Webber-Camden* neighborhoods to those neighborhoods from the funds frozen by the action of the Council on December 13 so that they may fully implement their approved Phase II Neighborhood Action Plans and address the impacts of the May 22 tornado.

V. **PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

1. **Audit Schedule Update**

Bob Miller reported that if there is a state government shutdown, the Office of the State Auditor has informed him that all work with neighborhood audits will cease. Should the shutdown become lengthy, NRP would have to engage outside assistance for some of the activities provided by the State Auditor.

2. NRP Legislative Update

Ken Kelash reported that the legislative session ended without any action on legislation that would affect NRP.

3. NRP 20 Year Celebration Aquatennial Parade Update

Bob Miller reported that planning and coordination continue for this event. A reminder letter will be sent to encourage neighborhoods to participate even though they many not have signed up earlier.

4. Lawsuit Update

At 5:00 pm the meeting was then adjourned and the public asked to leave. The NRP Policy Board was then called back into session in a closed meeting for the purpose of receiving updated information on litigation involving the NRP.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Senator Kenneth Kelash , Chair