

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

August 22, 2011

Present and Voting: Debbie Evans, DeWayne Townsend, Carol Pass, Nicholas Kakos, Peter McLaughlin, Gail Dorfman, Rep. Joe Mullery, Lydia Lee, David Ellis

Alternates Attending: Jeffrey Strand, Tom Bissen

Absent: Mark Stenglien, R.T.Rybak, Barbara Johnson (excused), Annie Young, Ken Kelash (excused), Bill McCarthy

Staff: Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad

Others Present: Mary Gonsior, Chiffon Williams, Shirley Heyer, Linda Leonard, Brad Pass, Gary Arntsen, Mohamad Kahli

I. CALL TO ORDER

Debbie Evans, vice- chair of the NRP Policy Board, called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. A quorum not being present, it was agreed to move to the East Phillips Phase I Plan Review. A quorum was reached at 5:00 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by DeWayne Townsend and seconded by Nicholas Kakos the agenda was adopted with the addition of Nicholas Kakos's suggestion that Peter McLaughlin report on Hennepin County's grant program for athletic field improvements and increased library hours at the end of the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by David Ellis and seconded by DeWayne Townsend the minutes of the July 25, 2011 meeting were adopted.

IV. POLICY ITEM

1. Minneapolis St. Paul Home Tour 2012

[NRP / PR#2011-04]

DeWayne Townsend introduced this item, tabled at the July 25th meeting for further review by the home tour committee. He and David Ellis served as the committee and their recommendation, given the time constraints to make the 2012 tour possible, was to approve the resolution presented at the July 25th meeting.

DeWayne moved the resolution with David seconding it. Then Dewayne moved to amend by adding one more resolving clause, which was then seconded by Nicholas Kakos. Following discussion the amendment was adopted and then the resolution as amended was adopted. The adopted resolution is as follows:

RESOLVED, That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board (Board) agrees that NRP should be a sponsor of the 2012 Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board authorizes the Director to: 1) Contract with Pro Media Inc. for conducting the 2012 Home Tour; 2) Enter into any contracts or agreements needed to conduct the 2012 Home Tour; 3) Expend funds from the approved 2011 and 2012 Administrative Budgets as needed for this purpose; 4) Ensure that any NRP expenditures are completely paid for by revenues received from Pro Media, Inc.; 5) Document the revenues received and the expenses incurred for the Home Tour; and 6) Use the NRP name, logo and website to promote and advertise the Tour; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director shall provide a full report on the revenues and expenditures, attendance and any other relevant matters to the Board by July 30, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the distribution of revenue be maintained as it was in 2011 and that the contract include a distribution of the revenue between the parties at a minimum of 25%.

V. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

1. Action Plan Status Report and Update on Requested Meetings

Bob Miller reviewed a status report showing the NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plans that have been approved and the funds that remain to be contracted. Also listed were the neighborhoods yet to have approved Phase II plans. He also reported that a meeting on the Joint Powers agreement was held with the County and School Board representatives and a meeting with the City will be scheduled in September and has been delayed at the request of the City.

2. East Phillips NRP Phase I Plan Review

Carol Pass presented the review by highlighting the examples of the diversity of the participants in the East Phillips neighborhood activities. Of particular note was the youth soccer / after school program and photos from this program were displayed for the Board. She then commented on the "Village in Phillips" project and other housing strategies. Other members of the community (Mary Gonzier, Chiffon Williams, and Mohamed Kali)also made informational comments about the progress that has been made in East Phillips.

Upon a motion by Peter McLaughlin and seconded by David Ellis the review was received and filed.

3. Hennepin County Extra Sales Tax Grants

At the request of Nicholas Kakos, Peter McLaughlin gave the Policy Board a brief report on the use of the revenue generated over what is needed for the County bonds for the Minnesota Twin's Target Field. Half of the revenue is used for increasing Hennepin County Library hours that have previously been cut and the remainder is being used to upgrade sport playing field facilities throughout the County.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: , Debbie Evans, Vice Chair