

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

February 22, 2010

Present and Voting: Debbie Evans, DeWayne Townsend, Carol Pass, Jeffrey Strand, Cara Letofsky (Alternate, Mayor's Office), Robert Lilligren (Alternate, City Council), Liz Wielinski, Bill McCarthy and Ken Kelash.

Alternates Attending: Wizard Marks, Nicholas Kakos

Absent: R.T. Rybak, Barbara Johnson, Rep. Joe Mullery, Jill Davis,

Staff: Bob Miller, Carsten Slostad, Barbara Lickness

Others Present: David Rubidor, Gary Arntsen, Bob Margl, Kerri Pierce Ruch, Katie Hatt

I. CALL TO ORDER

David Ellis, secretary of the NRP Policy Board, called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Robert Lilligren and seconded by Jeffrey Strand the agenda was adopted

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Carol Pass and seconded by DeWayne Townsend the minutes of the January 25, 2010 meeting were adopted.

IV. POLICY ITEM

1. Report of the Nominating Committee

[NRP / PR#2010-01]

Serving on the nominating committee were Debbie Evans, Cara Letofsky and David Ellis. David Ellis presented the report with the following names being placed in nomination for officers of the 2010 NRP Policy board; Senator Ken Kelash for chair, David Ellis for vice-chair, and Jeffrey Strand for secretary. He then moved this slate for election and Debbie Evans seconded the motion. David Ellis then called for additional nominations. Liz Wielinski nominated Carol Pass for secretary. Nominations were then closed. DeWayne Townsend moved and Debbie Evans seconded that a unanimous ballot be cast for the chair and vice-chair positions. This motion was then adopted. Senator Ken Kelash then assumed the duties of chair. Jeffrey Strand then withdrew his name for the secretary position and Debbie Evans moved with David Ellis seconding that Carol Pass be elected by unanimous consent. This motion was then adopted.

V. ACTION ITEM

1. Phillips West NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan [NRP / FR#2010-02]

Barbara Lickness, NRP staff support for Phillips West, presented the plan on behalf of the neighborhood. Due to conflicts with scheduling in the neighborhood, which made it difficult for Phillips West leadership to attend the Policy Board meeting, she was happy to present. Since Robert Lilligren lives in Phillips West, he presented the case of adoption of the proposed plan and moved for the adoption of the plan with Jeffrey Strand seconding the motion. After a brief discussion, the following resolution was then adopted.

WHEREAS: On April 19, 2004 the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board (“Board”) approved a Phase II allocation for the Phillips West neighborhood of \$623,869, based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP;

WHEREAS: The Phillips West neighborhood has conducted an extensive and inclusive planning process;

WHEREAS: The submitted Phillips West Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests an allocation of \$623,869 and dedicates more than 90% of that allocation to housing programs, projects, services and activities;

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the Phillips West NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated January 7, 2010;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor: [a] approve the Phillips West 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 \$623,869; [b] amend the 2010 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) appropriation by \$499,095 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$124,774 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund CNR0 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 80% of the amount approved for the Plan (\$499,095) shall be obligated in the first three (3) years after approval of the Plan; and [d] authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the Plan and the activities above.

VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

1. Neighborhood Community Relations Department Update

David Rubidor, director of the Department of Neighborhood and Community Relations was invited to give the Policy Board an update on the progress being made in setting up this new department. He reported that they are now located in Room 220 in the Tri-Tech building. There is a staff of nine persons mainly working on the “Community Access and Outreach” duties of the department. He then described the work being done and the sources of funding for this work. One NRP staff member has been detailed to his department on a part-time basis to assist with the development of the neighborhood engagement aspects of the department. He reviewed some of the work being done by the Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission and the bridge funding program that is being made available to neighborhoods as they transition to City funding when NRP funds are exhausted. Members then had opportunity to ask questions and make comments. It was suggested that better notification be given on the meeting schedules of the various committees working on the neighborhood engagement planning. David Rubidor and Bob Miller will continue to meet to work on transition planning. Prior to a presentation of this plan to the City Council, they will make a presentation to the Policy Board.

2. Directors & Officers Insurance

[NRP / FR#2010-03]

Bob Miller reported that he has been able to secure liability insurance for neighborhoods and that they can join in the master policy as their individual policies expire. In the area of Directors and Officers insurance, up until the date of this meeting, he was confident that he could secure a master policy for the neighborhoods and the Policy Board. Unfortunately the underwriters dramatically changed the bid with the inclusion of the Policy Board in the application. He requested that the Policy Board give him permission to separate out the application and proceed to get coverage for neighborhoods separate from the Policy Board. Jeffrey Strand moved the following resolution with DeWayne Townsend seconding. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Director may proceed with obtaining Directors & Officers insurance for the neighborhoods organizations separate from including the Policy Board and have the Policy Board vote to protect and indemnify its members during the interim until a separate policy can be obtained for the Policy Board.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Carsten Slostad, Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST: Kenneth Kelash, Chair