

Meeting Minutes

NRP Policy Board

January 15, 2019

2nd Floor Conference Room at Crown Roller Mill

Present: Senator Torres-Ray; NCEC Commissioners David Boyd, Chair, Marcea Mariani, Vice Chair, Peter Eichten, and Jeffrey Strand, Secretary; Elie Farhat, alternate for County Board Chair Greene; Jaime Makepeace, alternate for Mayor Frey; Council Member Kevin Reich and Steven Gallagher (NCR staff)

1. NRP Chair Boyd convened the meeting. Introductions were made for all members as the meeting started at 5:08pm. A quorum was present for the meeting.
2. Public Comment: No one appeared for public comment.
3. Adoption of Agenda. Strand (motion), Mariani seconded the motion to pass the agenda with an addition to discuss the elections in February. Strand noted the NRP Bylaws call for the annual election of board officers in February. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Approval of the Minutes from August 18, 2018. Senator Torres-Ray moved and Strand seconded the motion to approve the prior meeting minutes. It was noted due to difficulty in getting assurance of a quorum that the Policy Board was not in compliance with required quarterly meetings. The motion was passed.
5. Membership discussion: School Board member Don Samuels left the school board. NCR should contact the school board to see if they would like to appoint someone else. The status of members from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, and Minneapolis House Delegation was discussed.

Update subsequent to the meeting: *Kerry Jo Felder from the Minneapolis School Board has been appointed to the Policy Board. Her email is kerryjo.felder@mpls.k12.mn.us

There was a discussion to ask the member agencies to appoint another person who may want to show up. A state representative, library board and park board representative are needed. Strand agreed to reach out to Representative Fue Lee (59A) on behalf of the board chair. [library board is defunct]

6. Cedar Riverside NRP: Gallagher spoke about the Cedar Riverside NRP election. The full board and organization should be running by February after a successful election in December 2018. The organization is eligible for CPP funding when the new program year applications come on line (March). Currently the organization has NRP funds that are available to them.
7. Discussion of NRP Fund Balance: Staff distributed a spreadsheet with funding from NRP Phase I, NRP Phase II, and Community Participation Program (Phase III). Senator Torres-Ray commented on the difficulty looking at reports from meetings months ago and suggested a retreat with all NRP members. She mentioned the ability to seek legislation to pursue NRP funding from the State of Minnesota's \$1.7 billion surplus. A discussion about potential funding that maybe available through the budget process at the State of Minnesota. Surplus tax dollars (\$1.7 billion) are available to be allocated to various activities.

Alternate funding to potentially match any funds from the State was discussed, such as the City's surplus TIF in the final year of the Consolidated TIF District (e.g. approx. \$50 million in 2018), or TIF funds paid to Hennepin County to make it whole under the agreements from c. 2008 (approx. \$10 million/year). Senator Torres-Ray spoke to the need for program models that generate economic participation and growth in communities of color, and that help to generate economic self-sufficiency.

Following discussion of the issue, Senator Torres-Ray moved, and Strand and Mariani jointly seconded, a Motion "For the NRP Policy Board to submit a recommendation to the Mayor, City Council, and IGR offices to pursue one-time funding from the State of Minnesota by extending the NRP program and incorporate that into the City legislative priority as soon as possible. This would not extend the TIF but rather look at the State of Minnesota's budget surplus. The idea for these funds is to make it available for neighborhood actionable items based either on the current NRP, CPP or NH2020 formula(s)." The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Retreat. The Policy Board members identified February 9th, 2019 as a date for a retreat to specifically discuss, if approved, how these one-time funding dollars can be utilized. Board member Mariani volunteered to select and secure a location for this meeting. Ms. Mariani will follow up when information becomes available.

8. Neighborhoods 2020 process and NCR Work Groups was discussed briefly. Some members felt the Work Group recommendations lacked specifics; however, it was explained that these recommendations are a framework and meant to not have specific programmatic details. Furthermore, guidelines will be created after the council approves said frameworks. These detailed programmatic guidelines will need to be reviewed by the Policy Board once created. Estimated time: August 2019.
9. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.