

TO: Members of the NRP Policy Board

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SUBJECT: **September 18, 2012 Policy Board Meeting**

The amount of work to come before the Policy Board has been light in recent months, resulting in the cancelation of the July and August meetings. The workload will increase, however, in the coming months with review of a Phase II plan in October and with neighborhoods expected to begin submitting Community Participation Program Priority Plans in the near future.

The following is a brief description of the agenda items for the September meeting.

**Agenda Item 2 – Introduction of New Members**

In August the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission selected four of its members to serve on the Policy Board for the coming year. The Commission selected Carol Pass and Jeff Strand to return to the Policy Board. In addition, Kenya McKnight and Saciido Shaie who joined the Commission in July were selected to serve on the Policy Board.

**Agenda Item 5 – ADA Compliance Plan for Neighborhoods**

The Neighborhood and Community Relations Department has begun a process to ensure that all neighborhood organizations comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements on accessible meeting spaces and accommodations for persons with disabilities. An update will be provided to the Policy Board on this effort.

**Agenda Item 6 – Role of Neighborhood Representatives**

This item was postponed from previous meetings. It involves a discussion of the appropriate role of the four neighborhood representatives on the Policy Board.

**Agenda Item 7 - Alternates to the Policy Board**

The previous Policy Board included alternates. In a recent review of Minneapolis Boards and Commissions, the City Council directed staff to examine whether alternates may be necessary on some boards and report back to the Council in January. As part of this process it would be helpful to hear the views of Policy Board members on the need for alternates to the Board.

## **Agenda Item 8 – Review of NRP Policies**

This item will continue the review of the existing policies for the NRP with the focus on the Grievance Policy.