



NRP Policy Board

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 17, 2014
Crown Roller Mill

Call to Order

Chair Jeffrey Strand called to order the regular meeting of the NRP Policy Board at 5:04 pm on June 17, 2014 at the Crown Roller Mill, Conference Room 3.

1. Introductions

The following Board Members were present: School Board Member Josh Reimnitz, Park Commissioner Annie Young, , Kirk Roggensack, Jeffrey Strand and Chuck Lutz.

The following Board Members were absent: Council Member Kevin Reich, Senator Jeff Hayden, Denis Houle and Andres Hortillosa.

The following staff members were present: David Rubedor, Howard Blin, Robert Thompson and Cheyenne Brodeen.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Lutz seconded by Reimnitz, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Seating of New Members

Chair Strand welcomed Chuck Lutz as the Mayoral appointee to the Board and Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene as Hennepin County's appointee.

4. Approval of April Minutes

Motion by Reimnitz, seconded by Roggensack, to approve the April minutes. Motion carried.

5. Neighborhood Relief Fund

Robert Thompson, Neighborhood Support Manager shared that on January 21, 2014, the NRP Policy Board reviewed the draft Neighborhood Relief Fund, and recommended that NCR staff deliver the proposed fund guidelines to neighborhood organizations for 45-day review and comment. On February 11, 2014, NCR delivered copies to all neighborhood organizations by email and mail, with a request for review and comment.

NCR staff received comments from eight neighborhood organizations. NCR staff reviewed comments, and adopted revisions to Neighborhood Relief Fund as needed.

Discussion:

- Is this a grant fund or a revolving loan fund?
 - No, it is not a grant fund, but it could be a bridge loan or a loan against a future allocation.
- What is the duration of the program?
 - There are a few replenishes of the program through the year 2020, the duration of the Community Participation Program.

Motion by Lutz, seconded by Reminitz to approve the Neighborhood Relief Fund and transmit the policy for approval by the Minneapolis City Council.. Motion Carried.

6. **Hennepin County Allocation for Heritage Park**

Robert Thompson, Neighborhood Support Manager shared that the original State NRP Law (469.1831, subdivision 4) required 7.5% of the “Program Money” to be provided to the County for social services. This was known as the “2nd 7.5% NRP Funds.”

The County began authorizing expenditures from that fund in 1992. On October 3, 1995, the County Board passed guidelines for the allocation of the remaining amount in that fund. A copy of that action is attached. This allocation methodology was not mandated by State Law. Rather, it was the process adopted by the county Board to govern its allocation of the NRP funds.

On June 10, 2014 the Hennepin County Board approved the allocation of \$44,000 of Hennepin County NRP Funds to Sumner Glenwood neighborhood.

With additional Hennepin County funds, HPNA can fully participate in engagement efforts around Bottineau, Southwest LRT, and other transit, housing and environmental projects. This funding will allow HPNA to add staff and capacity building activities to assure that the residents and neighborhood have an equal voice in transportation, environmental and housing initiatives in North Minneapolis.

Motion by Reminitz, seconded by Lutz to approve the requested allocation of \$44,000 of Hennepin County NRP funds for Sumner Glenwood Neighborhood / Heritage Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA), and transmit the plan for Approval and Appropriation by the Minneapolis City Council.

7. **Amendment to 2004 NRP Allocation**

Robert Thompson, Neighborhood Support Manager shared that following the 1995 Hollman Consent Decree, the Sumner Glenwood neighborhood experienced relocation of most residents. The 2000 Census showed 144 residents in the neighborhood, mostly South of Olson Memorial Highway. Since that time, the neighborhood has grown significantly following redevelopment, and has become one of the most diverse communities in the City. As a result, the NRP Phase II allocation seems inadequate.

The University neighborhood remains without a neighborhood organization, despite some efforts to form a neighborhood association in the 1990s and again in the 2000s. NCR staff do not believe that a neighborhood organization will be formed in the University neighborhood in the foreseeable future.

While reasonable at the time for the population of the neighborhood, the 2004 Phase II allocation for Sumner Glenwood now appears to be inequitable, and staff recommend this adjustment to address those unintended inequities.

After adjusting for funds frozen by the December 2010 City Council budget action, and accounting for Phase II funds expended by Heritage Park Neighborhood Association for Phase II planning, the amount of additional funding that would actually be made available to Sumner Glenwood would be \$49,512.94 for Phase II expenditures.

On March 22, 2004, the NRP Policy Board approved three resolutions: (1) to provide an NRP Phase II allocation for Sumner Glenwood neighborhood of \$25,000, (2) provide a \$100,000 allocation for University neighborhood, and (3) establish a minimum allocation for all other neighborhoods of \$100,000.

Motion by Lutz, seconded by Young to send proposed revisions to NRP Phase II allocation policy to neighborhood organizations for 45 day review

8. **Update on the Blueprint for Equitable Engagement**

Director Rubedor shared that focus groups with organizations to discuss the Blueprint for Equitable engagement are being scheduled. There are about 18 focus groups being planned, 3 of the focus groups will be for neighborhood organizations. The first focus group is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18th with the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities.

Next Meeting

The next NRP Policy Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 15th, 2014 at 5:00p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Roggensack, seconded by Reimnitz to adjourn at 5:31p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Cheyenne Brodeen

ATTEST: School Board Member Josh Reimnitz,
NRP Policy Board Secretary