



NRP Policy Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 16, 2014
Crown Roller Mill

Call to Order

Chair Jeffrey Strand called to order the regular meeting of the NRP Policy Board at 5:07 pm on September 16, 2014 at the Crown Roller Mill, Conference Room 3.

1. Introductions

The following Board Members were present: Jeffrey Strand, Debra Behrens, Doron Clark, Matthew Dobratz and Park Commissioner Annie Young.

The following Board Members were absent: Council Member Kevin Reich, School Board Member Josh Reimnitz, Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene and Senator Jeff Hayden.

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

The following guests were present: Carol Pass and Ray Hoover.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Dobratz seconded by Behrens, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of June Minutes

Motion by Young, seconded by Strand, to approve the June minutes. Motion carried.

4. Hennepin County NRP allocations for Downtown Neighborhoods

The DMNA is working in partnership with the Minneapolis Downtown Council, the Downtown Improvement District and the Hennepin County Office to End Homelessness to address homelessness in the downtown community. DMNA has allocated \$47,000 of its NRP funds, to be supplemented by \$13,000 of County NRP funds, to allow St. Stephen's Human Services to increase the number of its street outreach workers. Street outreach workers have been effective in reducing homelessness among veterans and people experiencing long-term homelessness; they connect closely with staff in the housing programs administered by St. Stephen's and other support service organizations. The Downtown Council and the Office to End Homelessness expect that the DMNA funds will help leverage additional private resources in support of hiring additional street outreach workers.

Staff mentioned that this is probably one of the last requests like this we will see.

Motion by Dobratz, seconded by Clark to approve the requested allocation of \$13,000 of Hennepin County NRP funds for the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhoods / Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association (DMNA), and transmit the plan for Approval and Appropriation by the Minneapolis City Council. Motion Carried.

5. Reallocation of University Neighborhood NRP Funding

Robert Thompson, Neighborhood Support Manager shared that following review by the NRP Policy Board on June 14, NCR sent the draft recommendation to neighborhood organizations for 45-day review and comment period. As of September 10, 2014, NCR has not received any written comments on the recommendation.

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.

Motion by Young, seconded by Behrens to:

1. Amend the March 22, 2004 action by the NRP Policy Board to reduce the University neighborhood allocation by \$75,000, for a new Phase II allocation of \$25,000.
2. Amend the March 22, 2004 action by the NRP Policy Board to increase the Sumner Glenwood allocation by \$75,000, for a new total of \$100,000.
3. Recommend approval of these amendments to the Minneapolis City Council. Motion carried.

6. NCR Report

Director Rubedor shared that the department is at the beginning stages of the City's budget process and getting more information on the details of the NCR budget. The department plans to discuss the Mayor's recommended budget at the next NCEC meeting.

Rubedor also discussed a contractual compliance issue with the East Phillips Improvement Coalition (EPIC). Through the process Director Rubedor shared that he was in agreement with EPIC that there was no 3rd party review on compliance issue. He stated that NCR and the Development Finance Division will begin drafting a process that will be discussed with the NCEC and the Council's Health, Environment and Community Engagement Committee.

Discussion:

- Can you walk through the steps this process to add a 3rd party review will take?
 - Staff will develop the new policy, share it at an NCEC meeting, then send it out for a 60 day review period for Neighborhoods, bring it back to the NRP Policy Board and then get council approval. This process should be completed by February 2015.
- Until the new policy gets established, it's fair to assume that the status quo will remain?
 - Yes. Staff will use the current process until a new one gets established and approved.
- It's great that this fix is happening. The process should include the expected role and procedures for NCR staff working with neighborhoods. What is the status of EPIC's funding?
 - There have been a few Community Participation Program (CPP) funding cycles in which EPIC hadn't applied. NCR allowed them to bundle their CPP application for both cycles. That has been approved and there are no more restrictions holding up their funding. They will need to get an audit done, which every neighborhood organization must get every 3 years.

Carol Pass, Chair of EPIC was in attendance and shared that she believed that the problems she encountered with NCR were deeper than the process. She said that she was unable to get responses from the department on what the problems were. She and her board feel morally damaged and feel this process with the NCR department was very harmful.

Next Meeting

The next NRP Policy Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 5:00p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Young, seconded by Clark to adjourn at 5:55p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Cheyenne Brodeen

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