



NRP Policy Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 14, 2014
Crown Roller Mill
Conference Room 3

Call to Order

Chair Jeffrey Strand called to order the regular meeting of the NRP Policy Board at 5:02 pm.

1. Introductions

The following Board Members were present: Jeffrey Strand, Councilmember Kevin Reich, Doron Clark, Park Commissioner Annie Young, Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene (by telephone).

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Clark, Seconded by Reich to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

3. Approval of June Minutes

Motion by Young, seconded by Clark, to approve the September minutes. Motion carried.

4. 2015 NCR Budget

Chair Strand noted that there is no action requested on this item. The purpose is to give the Policy Board background on neighborhood funding and the proposed 2015 Budget. Thompson gave a report on what is included in the current amount of \$16 million in uncontracted NRP funds. He noted that nearly all of the money has been programmed by neighborhoods.

Discussion:

- It was noted that a recent StarTribune article on the uncontracted \$16 million was not accurate.
- The discussion on the uncontracted funds reflects a misunderstanding of the program. Some projects take long time to develop, particularly when there are multiple jurisdictions involved. Often neighborhoods reserve the funds but do not enter a contract until the project goes forward.
- It was asked if the NRP funds could be used for neighborhood operating expenses. Thompson responded that they could not, but that was the purpose of funding from the Community Participation Program.

- It should be remembered that the original NRP program was called the “20 Year Plan”
- The NRP Reserve Fund was effective. Also, the American Indian NRP was a creative example of how to honor the original intent of neighborhood programs but expanding to meet the needs of cultural communities.
- Similar issues relating to uncontracted funds have been raised about arts funding and the Great Streets program. These are similar cases where there is lead time between when the money is budgeted and spent.
- There was discussion of the apparent expansion in the 2015 budget of the definition of neighborhood revitalization purposes in use of revenues from the Consolidated Tax Increment Financing District

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM

Minutes submitted by: Howard Blin

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