

# Meeting Minutes

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NRP Policy Board  
May 17, 2016  
Crown Roller Mill, 105 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

**Members Present:** Park Commissioner Liz Wielinski; NCEC representatives David Boyd and Debra Behrens. No quorum was present.

**Also Present:** Gary Arnteson

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM.

## 1. Public Comment

There was no public comment

The agenda was approved

## 2. Minutes

Approval of the minutes was continued due to the lack of a quorum.

## 3. Community Participation Guidelines

Robert Thompson described the process followed to revise the guidelines and the changes from the current 2014-2016 Guidelines.

Questions and comments from the Policy Board members are summarized below:

- What happens to any unspent funds allocated to neighborhood organizations after the program ends in 2020? Thompson replied that absent any City Council action, those funds would remain with the neighborhoods.
- It was suggested that this be spelled out in ordinance.
- It was noted by a board member that now that art is an engagement tool cited in the guidelines, neighborhoods must be careful not to be arbitrary and capricious in selection artists.
- The board discussed various outreach techniques to reach underrepresented communities.
- Thompson reported that food is still not allowed as an eligible expense under the program.

- The difficulty many neighborhoods are having g obtaining liability insurance was discussed.

#### 4. Report on 2015 NRP Activities

Thompson reported that there has been a great deal of activity in neighborhoods using NRP funding. 2015 saw the second largest amount of program income coming into o the fund in the 20 year history of NRP.

Thompson reported on progress on compliance with the recent City Council adopted policy on neighborhoods spending down NRP funds.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM

Submitted by Howard Blin