

# Meeting Minutes

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NRP Policy Board  
October 18, 2016  
Crown Roller Mill, 105 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

**Members Present:** Park Commissioner Liz Wielinski; City Councilmember Kevin Reich; NCEC representatives David Boyd, Marcea Mariani, Kenya Weathers and Nasser Mussa.

**Also Present:** Lisa Hondros, Victor Grambsch, Nicollet Island East Bank Neighborhood Association; Robert Thompson, Stacy Sorenson and Cheyenne Brodeen, Neighborhood and Community Relations Department.

The meeting was called to order at 5:14 PM.

## 1. Public Comment

No one appeared to give public comment.

## 2. Agenda

Reich moved to approve the October NRP Policy Board meeting agenda, Boyd Seconded. Motion carried.

## 3. Select Vice-Chair

David Boyd was selected as Vice-Chair.

## 4. Approve Nicollet Island East Bank Neighborhood Association Phase II Action Plan

Sorenson review the staff report and shared that staff is recommending this Phase II Action Plan for approval. Hondros and Grambsch, members of the Nicollet Island East Bank Neighborhood Association highlighted the work that the neighborhood did in terms of outreach and engagement. They shared that the neighborhood set up a NRP steering committee and conducted two surveys to get feedback from residents.

The draft NRP plan was posted online and was approved by neighborhood residents and by NIEBNA at the NIEBNA annual meeting on September 8. The Plan has been reviewed by legal counsel, and all strategies have been found to be qualifying activities and expenditures under the NRP Law.

The Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan allocates \$176,119 in Phase II funds in the following manner:

Housing and Economic Development	\$ 126,619
Parks and Environment	\$ 25,000
Safety and Livability	\$ 24,500

The plan allocates over \$120,000 to Affordable Housing Support. NIEBNA plans to work with the Non-Profit Assistance Fund in implementing this strategy, using earlier efforts in Cedar-Isles-Dean and East Isles NRP plans as models. A secondary priority is support for implementation of the [Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park Master Plan](#) – especially strategies aimed at connecting existing trails. The Plan is rounded out with resources and energy dedicated to transportation and infrastructure improvements, additional policing, historic preservation efforts – including oral history, documents and other artifacts – and pet friendliness.

Boyd asked if the neighborhood works with De La Salle High School. Grambsch responded and said that they do. A staff member was on the steering committee and they work with students on school projects.

Weathers noted that there seems to be a few holes in the plan in regards to policing efforts. Grambsch responded that they received advice not to allocate funds to this item and that funds can be added a later date. He also noted that the neighborhood organizes a “Keep the Beat” fundraiser in which proceeds go to fund a beat officer for summer and holiday weekends.

Mariani questioned the neighborhoods revolving loan program. She noted that she thought that excess funds were to be given back to the City after 7 years. Staff responded that neighborhoods must go back and re-engage residents after 7 years with any unspent funds. However, the program income from revolving loan programs is the neighborhoods to keep.

Weathers stated that safety should be a priority and the neighborhood should consider adding bike patrols.

Reich stated that he was impressed with the neighborhoods outreach to renters. He also noted that NIEBNA’s jewel is the island.

Wielinski noted that she is looking at this from a Parks perspective and she is working with the Met Council to rename the St. Anthony Falls Historic district.

Motion by Reich, seconded by Boyd to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS:** On April 19, 2004, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board established the Phase II allocation available for the Nicollet Island – East Bank neighborhood at \$176,119 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP,

**WHEREAS:** The Nicollet Island – East Bank neighborhood has conducted a Phase II plan development process,

**WHEREAS:** The submitted Nicollet Island – East Bank NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests an allocation of \$176,119.00 and dedicates seventy percent (70.05%) of that allocation to housing programs, projects, services and activities,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby accepts and adopts the Nicollet Island – East Bank NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan,

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor [a] approve the Nicollet Island – East Bank NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan, and specifically those parts of the Plan that fall under City jurisdiction, for their Phase II allocation of up to \$176,119.00; [b] consistent with the staff direction set out in footnote “p” of the 2011 General Appropriation Resolution adopted by the Council on December 13, 2010, as later amended, to amend the 2013 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED) agency Fund 01 CNR 8900-800 (the NRP fund) by \$113,768.92 from existing fund balance; and [c] authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the activities above.

The motion passed unanimously.

## 5. Update on Meeting NRP Housing Requirements

Thompson shared, in response to a request from the NRP Policy Board Chair; NCR Staff requested a report from the Finance Department on the status of meeting the Chapter 604 requirement of the NRP Special Law. The State NRP Special Law (Chapter 604) requires that 52.5% of all NRP funds be spent on housing and housing-related activities. The City’s NRP Ordinance (Chapter 419) commissions the Finance Department to audit compliance with this requirement on an annual basis.

Bob Cooper of the Finance Department reported that this is typically done in June of each year, but there is no specific deadline and no specific reporting requirement unless the audit identifies a problem in obtaining the 52.5% housing requirement.

Mr. Cooper has reviewed NRP activity through June 2016 and reported that the NRP remains on target to achieve the 52.5% target, and in fact, current calculations place the program at 53.1%.

	<b>Amount Allocated</b>	<b>Housing Amount (Plans/Contracts)</b>	<b>Pct.</b>
<b>Phase I</b>	184,286,362	95,028,760	51.6%
<b>Phase II</b>	31,808,603	22,422,369	70.5%
<b>Phase III</b>	7,937,811	5,182,042	65.3%
<b>Other</b>	75,643,864	36,423,072	48.2%

**Totals** | **299,676,640** | **159,056,243** | **53.1%**

Wielinski thanked staff for the update.

## 6. Update on Neighborhoods 2020 Work Plan

Thompson shared that the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department and the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) are working together through a committee of the commission titled Neighborhoods 2020 Committee. The purpose of the Neighborhoods 2020 Committee is to develop recommendations to the City Council for the next phase of neighborhood programming beyond the year 2020.

NCR staff developed a detailed work plan and reviewed it with the Neighborhoods 2020 Committee during their September 26, 2016 meeting, and incorporated recommendations into the document. The work plan will guide their work and engagement through spring of 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM

Submitted by Cheyenne Brodeen