

Meeting Minutes

NRP Policy Board
December 16, 2016
Crown Roller Mill, 105 5th Avenue South

Members Present: Park Commissioner Liz Wielinski; City Councilmember Kevin Reich; Josh Reimnitz, Minneapolis School Board; NCEC representatives David Boyd and Marcea Mariani.

Also Present: Allen Campbell, Richard Logan, Nicollet Island East Bank Neighborhood Association; Jack Whitehurst and Cheyenne Brodeen, Neighborhood and Community Relations Department.

The meeting was called to order at 5:11 PM.

1. Public Comment

No one appeared to give public comment.

2. Agenda

Reich moved to approve the December NRP Policy Board meeting agenda, Reimnitz seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approved October 2016 Minutes

Mariani moved to approve the October 2016 meeting minutes, Boyd seconded. Motion carried.

4. Approve West Calhoun Phase II Action Plan

Whitehurst review the staff report and shared that staff is recommending this Phase II Action Plan for approval and shared that this is the last NRP Phase II plan to be approved.

The draft NRP plan was posted online and was approved by neighborhood residents and by WCNC at a community meeting on October 11, 2016. 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 \$258,994 in Phase II funds in the following manner:

Public Greenspace Enhancement and Amenities	\$ 181,295.80
Multi-Modal Safety Improvements	\$ 38,849.10
Affordable Housing Loans	\$ 38,849.10

The plan allocates over \$180,000 to Affordable Housing Support. WCNC 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 projects related to the [Lake Harriet/Lake Calhoun Master Plan](#) – especially the green space at W. 32nd and Calhoun Parkway. The Plan also focuses on implementing recommendations from the West Lake Multimodal Transportation Study and other related studies and plans for the area.

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

WHEREAS: On April 19, 2004, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board established the Phase II allocation available for the West Calhoun neighborhood at \$258,994 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP,

WHEREAS: The West Calhoun neighborhood has conducted a Phase II plan development process,

WHEREAS: The submitted West Calhoun NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests an allocation of \$258,994 and dedicates seventy percent (70%) 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 West Calhoun 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 West Calhoun 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 \$258,994; [b] consistent with the staff direction adopted by the Council on December 13, 2010, as later amended, to amend the 2017 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR) Fund 01 CNR 8450-200 (the NRP fund) by \$170,980.72 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. Discuss options for a NRP Policy Board/NCEC Merger

Staff shared three options for what a potential merger of the NRP Policy Board and the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC). The following options shared were:

Option 1: Keep the current structure of the NRP Policy Board.

Option 2: Keep the current structure of the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission and Adjourn on a quarterly basis as the NRP policy Board with additional jurisdictional representatives and necessary jurisdictional powers.

Option 3: Keep the current structure of the Neighborhood and Community Engagement commission, but add the necessary jurisdictional powers on a full time basis to the board.

Staff also shared that this was a result of a staff directive from the Chair of the Health, Environment and Community Engagement Committee of the City Council.

Reich shared that the Council will likely move towards funding neighborhood organizations out of the general fund at about 2-5 million dollars a year. There is a concern with using the general fund dollars to fund neighborhood organizations in that it would be competing dollars with police, fire, etc.

Wielinski expressed concern that with the merger, who could access the existing NRP dollars? The NRP Policy Board has always served as a gate keeper to that money.

Boyd asked if the existing NPR dollars could be recaptured.

Reich said the NRP Policy Board model allows for innovation to happen at the neighborhood level.

Mariani shared that the NRP Policy Board isn't important to NCEC Commissioners who don't have experience with the old NRP.

Reich shared that he likes having elected officials having a say on neighborhood plans and priorities.

Reimnitz likes option two the best.

Wielinski shared concern for any new structure that would require a change in state law.

Reich moves to adjourn, Boyd seconds. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM

Submitted by Cheyenne Brodeen

