

Meeting Minutes

NRP Policy Board

November 28, 2017

RKCM Room at the Minneapolis Central Library

Members Present: Council Member Kevin Reich, NCEC Commissioner Jeff Strand, MPRB Commissioner Liz Wielinski, NCEC Commissioner David Boyd

Staff Present: Robert Thompson (NCR)

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 PM without a quorum present.

1. Public Comment

No one appeared to give public comment.

2. Agenda

No quorum to approve

3. Approve July 18, 2017 Minutes

No quorum to approve

4. Setting 2018 Meeting Dates

Discussion: preference for quarterly meetings in February, May, August, November.

Request to staff: at February meeting, give out dates of meetings. Suggestion to hold NRP Policy Board meetings right before NCEC meeting.

4:00 start is a challenge. 7:00 time? Four people already meeting for NCEC. For current members, 7:00 works (if no meeting in community or City business). Concern that NCEC doesn't always get out on time. This may encourage a little discipline at NCEC.

Request for staff to send out Doodle poll, member list for everyone. Double check that Park Board has it on list to appoint commissioner. Email to John Goodrich to request they appoint someone. Check with Hennepin County board., Mayor's office.

Not getting attendance by legislative members. Need to get letter to state legislative leaders now. Send letter to entire Minneapolis delegation, maybe someone else will respond. Mayor's office. Remind them what NRP Policy Board does. Hennepin County? Park Board?

Request: Need to send letter to House for Rep on NRP Policy Board. Send something to whole Minneapolis delegation, stressing that NRP Policy Board is still relevant and important. David Boyd will draft a letter.

5. 2016 Neighborhood Programs Annual Report

Staff provided highlights of 2016 Neighborhood Programs annual report.

- Added new section on volunteer hours. Neighborhood organizations reported over 73,000 hours of volunteer time, total value approx \$2 million
- 200 home loans and grants of more than \$1.6 million. This does not include loans and grants to multi-family and low-income projects, e.g. loans through Nonprofit Assistance Fund, or commitments made by neighborhood organizations to YouthLink or Bridge for Homeless Youth.
- Staff reported that neighborhood organizations reached more than 41,000 households through door-to-door work. Most work done by volunteers.
- Staff reported on revenues and expenditures:
 - \$6,037,313 in revenues in 2016, including more than \$1.8 million in program income. The level of program income indicates the NRP fund balance continues to be a very active fund.
 - \$7,415,241 in actual expenditures in 2016, in NRP Phase I, Phase II and CPP programs.
- Staff noted that there were significant bumps in the road that will affect housing programs in the future:
 - Return of nearly \$10 million of "frozen funds."
 - Loss of GMHC as a housing vendor for neighborhood programs.
 - Result is approx \$7 million in additional capital for housing, but housing environment is more difficult now.
- Staff also noted that NCR provided a range of services to neighborhood organizations as well, including legal guidance and audit services. NCR also provided numerous board trainings and learning labs in 2016.

Discussion: Would like to see more ability to pool funds, vehicle for smaller groups to pool funds. Can NCR play more of a role in helping neighborhoods pool? Role of neighborhood organization in development along commercial corridors. Development infrastructure funding from City? Propel funds?

6. Update on NRP Funds

Staff provided an update regarding the 2015 "Policy for Expenditure of NRP Funds."

The policy requires NCR staff to develop a status report on neighborhood Phase I and Phase II NRP Plans after the seven year anniversary of approval of their Phase II plan. NCR staff had planned to prepare 43 reports in 2016 and an additional 6 in 2017. At this time, NCR staff had prepared approximately 39. Delays were due to significant issues, including return of "frozen" Phase II NRP funds and work load of GMHC neighborhood leaving home loan market.

At end of meeting, NRP Policy Board Chair Boyd requested staff to send handouts via email and updated NRP Policy Board member roster with contact information.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Robert Thompson