

Meeting Minutes

NRP Policy Board

February 20, 2018

1st Floor Conference Room at Crown Roller Mill

Members Present: Council Member Kevin Reich, NCEC Commissioner Jeff Strand, NCEC Commissioner David Boyd, NCEC Commissioner Marcea Mariani, NCEC Commissioner Peter Eichten.

Staff Present: Michelle Chavez (NCR), David Rubedor (NCR), Aria Fine (NCR)

Guest: Senator Patricia Torres Ray

The meeting was called to order at 5:18 PM with a quorum present.

1. Public Comment

No one appeared to give public comment.

2. Agenda and Minutes from November

Motion by Reich to approve agenda and combine November 28th minutes with February minutes and approve at the next Policy Board meeting. 2nd by Eichten, approved.

3. Setting 2018 Meeting Dates

February 20th, May 15th, August 21st, November 20th – Motion by Mariani to approve future meeting dates, second by Eichten, Approved.

4. Process to notify current and prospective replacement legislators to the board

- Senator Torres Ray is eager to start serving on the NRP Policy Board and will assist the City in finding a second person to fill in. She has a long history with NRP and Neighborhoods. She is meeting with the local delegation and will find a House Rep. who can serve with her.
- NCR will draft a thank you letter for board chair to send to senators Champion and Hayden
- Motion by Mariani to have the NRP Policy Board Chair send a letter to Senator Torres Ray to request a decision on who will serve by the May 15th Policy Board. 2nd by Strand, approved. (NCR will help draft letter)
- Rep. Fu Lee was mentioned as a candidate and David will reach out to Abdi Salah in Mayor Frey's office.

5. Update on West Bank Community Coalition (WBCC) and Cedar Riverside NRP

- There were two organizations and WBCC was the only one who applied for CPP
- Cedar Riverside was spending NRP w/ fiscal agent
- A year ago the City started the conversation to have the two organizations merge
- There was a consultant hired to lead a community based process for the dialogue
- WBCC activity fell off in 2017 – Not aware of any meetings held. No payments requested for the last six months of the year
- Members of Cedar Riverside ran for and were elected to the WBCC board
- Essentially the two orgs. self-merged
- There is some concern about outreach not being done outside the Somali community and not reaching other residents including the Oromo community.
- NCR will work on benchmarks for the funds to address concerns.

Staff Recommendation: Authorize NCR to move ahead with transition plan for merger which includes: No future funding for WBCC, close out all contracts for WBCC, hire an outside consultant to mend fences, conditionally approve Cedar Riverside NRP to receive CPP within a year (for 2018 and 2019).

Reich made a motion to approve staff recommendation and requested NRP Policy Board get regular updates on the merger plan. 2nd by Strand, approved.

6. Update on NRP Plan Modifications in 2017

- NCR processed seventy-two NRP Plan Modifications in 2017
- Thirty-six Different Neighborhoods modified their plans
- Total funds moved between strategies is approximately \$3.1 million

Commissioner Boyd requested from NCR Staff –

- Report on which neighborhoods still have Phase I dollars left
- Report on which neighborhoods have no NRP left
- Update on Policy of Unspent NRP Funds and explain the process in layman's terms. Some neighborhoods still think they can lose funds if they do not meet the thresholds of the policy. Explain if and why this policy should sunset.
- A manual for the NRP Policy Board

7. Other

Commissioner Strand and others requested from NCR Staff

- Report that compiles the feedback from the Community Connections Conference workshop on NRP Policy Board and NCEC – What theme emerged
- Background on old NRP Community Representative seats on the NRP Policy Board. It strengthens the board and adds community interest. It used to be competitive to get on the board.

Motion to Adjourn by Boyd. Second by Mariani, Approved