



NRP Policy Board

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Minneapolis Central Library

Call to order

Jeffrey Strand, interim Chair called to order the regular meeting of the NRP Policy Board at 4:39 pm on March 20, 2012 at the Minneapolis Central Library, Room N-270.

I. Introductions

The following Board Members were present: Hennepin County Commissioner Gail Dorfman, Carol Pass, Council Member Kevin Reich, Jeffery Strand, Ali Warsame and Park Board Commissioner Liz Wielinski.

The following Board Members were absent: Representative Bobby Joe Champion, Jeremy Hanson-Willis, Senator Jeff Hayden and Christopher Hoffer.

The following staff members were present: David Rubedor, Howard Blin, Robert Thompson, Jack Whitehurst and Cheyenne Erickson.

The following guests were present: School Board President Richard Mammen, Sean O'Neil, Jasper Rajondren, David Roufs and Matt Perry.

- A. Approval of March Agenda:** Commissioner Wielinski moved to accept the agenda, Jeff Strand seconded the motion, all approved.
- B. Approval of February Minutes:** Commissioner Wielinski moved to approve the February minutes, Council Member Reich seconded the motion, all approved.

II. Report of the Bylaws Committee

Commissioner Wielinski gave an overview of the bylaws and explained that they were reviewed by the city attorney and NCR staff. The section on grievances still needs to be worked out by the department and city attorney.

Commissioner Wielinski moves to adopt the bylaws, noting that staff with work with the board on the grievances section, Commissioner Dorfman seconded the motion, all approved.

III. Selection of Officers

Commissioner Wielinski moved to select Jeffrey Strand as Chair of the NRP Policy Board, Commissioner Dorfman seconded the motion, all approved.

Jeffrey Strand moved to select Commissioner Liz Wielinski as Vice-Chair of the NRP Policy Board, Richard Mammen seconded the motion, all approved.

Commissioner Wielinski moved to select Commissioner Gail Dorfman as Secretary of the NRP Policy Board, Jeffrey Strand seconded the motion, all approved.

IV. Plan Reviews

A. Holland Neighborhood NRP Phase I Plan Review:

Holland Neighborhood Staff reviewed the NRP Phase I Plan review and highlighted a number of projects that have been completed with Phase I dollars including, improvements to Jackson Square Park, a rain garden and leadership programs at Edison High School, funding for the Eastside Food Co-op and the Hot Dish Revolution.

Questions and Comments from Board Members regarding the Holland Neighborhood NRP Phase I Plan Review:

- There was a large amount of leveraging that doesn't get captured in the Plan Review and that is the influence this work had on City decisions, partnerships and work with other jurisdictions, including mutli-neighborhood partnerships.
- The Hot Dish Revolution is a great example of community engagement. It was started in the Holland Neighborhood, but now is thought of by some as a Northeast event.
- Is there a timeline for Phase II planning efforts?
 - The Phase I planning efforts allow for Holland to build on Phase II and we are currently in the initial stages of Phase II planning.
- The Holland neighborhood and Northeast are becoming more diverse, what is your strategy to engage with the diverse community as well and engage the youth?
 - Holland is looking to engage more with the minority business leaders and looking at ways to get additional language support. Holland is also looking at partnering more with Edison to engage the youth, but hasn't landed on any concrete strategy. Board elections are in May, so Holland is reaching out to the various cultural communities and recently met with the Access & Outreach staff to discuss how Holland can do broader outreach.

Council Member Reich moved to receive and file the report, Richard Mammen seconded the motion, all approved.

V. Newsletter Policy

At the February meeting the Policy Board adopted NRP policies which had been approved by the previous board. Direction to staff was also given to review the policies and, where necessary, return with recommendations for revisions to the policies. The Board also indicated that the first policy to be reviewed is that

involving neighborhood newsletters. Staff recommends that prior to the Policy Board taking formal action on the policy, staff hold discussions with operators or private local newspapers and neighborhood organizations to determine if the issues identified in 1994 continue to exist.

A few emails have been received from neighborhoods providing their feedback to the issue. Waite Park took action to support a 45 day review on the policy, Fulton supports the change and an additional resident supports the change.

Questions and Comments from Board Members regarding the Newsletter Policy:

- Newsletters were an eligible under the 2011 CPP guidelines.
- Neighborhood newsletters shouldn't subsidize private business advertising if advertisements don't fill the full cost of the newsletter.
- It is very cumbersome to monitor what neighborhoods are using advertisements in their newsletters and what neighborhoods are not.
- A guest commented that feedback from NCEC district 2 neighborhoods would be to support advertisement in newsletters. Some use only local advertisements, and use the advertisements as a means to keep their neighborhood newsletters going.

Council Member Reich moved to send the Newsletter Policy out for a 45 day review period, Carol Pass seconded the motion, all approved.

VI. NRP and CPP Resources by Neighborhood

At the February meeting, the Policy Board requested that information be presented by neighborhood on NRP fund balances as well as the Community Participation Program (CPP) allocations for 2011 and 2012. On March 7th the City Council Committee of the Whole reviewed the CPP Guidelines and allocation formula. Staff was directed to return to the Committee of the Whole on March 29th with options to have the formula reflect additional funds for neighborhoods that lost dollars in the budget action from December 2010.

Three options have been presented to meet the Council Direction:

	<u>Amount of Additional Funding</u>
Option 1: Revise formula to shift 10% of funding to neighborhoods that lost funding. This option will reduce funding for some neighborhood and increase funding for others.	\$0
Option 2: Increase funding by 10% to neighborhoods that lost funding. The funding source is CPP fund balance. No neighborhoods experience reduced funding.	\$570,000

Option 3: Restore all neighborhoods to a minimum of 70% of NRP Phase II funding. The funding source is CPP fund balance. No neighborhoods experience reduced funding. \$860,000

NCR staff is recommending that Option 3 be used. Staff asked the board members for their feedback on the options.

Board Chair Jeffrey Strand moved to accept the staff recommendation, Commissioner Wielinski seconded the motion, all approved.

VII. Other Business

VIII. Adjourn

Board Chair Jeffrey Strand adjourned the meeting at 6:13pm

Minutes submitted by: Cheyenne Erickson

ATTEST: Commissioner Gail Dorfman,
NRP Policy Board Secretary