



NRP Policy Board

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Minneapolis Central Library

I. Call to order

David Rubedor, Director of the Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department called to order the regular meeting of the NRP Policy Board at 4:35 pm on February 21, 2012 at the Minneapolis Central Library, Room N-270.

II. Introductions

The following Board Members were present: Representative Bobby Joe Champion, Hennepin County Commissioner Gail Dorfman, Jeremy Hanson-Willis, Senator Jeff Hayden, Christopher Hoffer, Carol Pass, Council Member Kevin Reich, Jeffery Strand, Ali Warsame and Park Board Commissioner Liz Wielinski.

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

III. Background, Role of Policy Board

David Rubedor reviewed the Background and Role of the Policy Board.

Questions and Comments from Board Members on the Background and Role of the Policy Board Included:

- A question was asked regarding files and documentation from NRP and what the plans were to save them. Rubedor explained the plans for transfer and archival of NRP files.

IV. Select Chair, Vice Chair

Discussion was held regarding the practice of the previous NRP Policy Board And the process that was used to establish a nomination committee. Discussion was also held regarding establishing a Bylaws committee to review the Bylaws, make any necessary recommendations and bring them back to the March meeting.

Questions and Comments from Board Members on the Selection of a Chair and Vice Chair:

- A question was asked if there was a statutory requirement for the Chair to be an elected official. Staff responded that the NRP statues would be reviewed.
- A question was asked if someone was willing or interested in serving as the chair, if so, it didn't seem necessary to establish a nomination committee.

Action was taken for Jeffrey Strand to serve as the Interim Chair until recommendations are made by a Bylaws committee.

Action was taken to establish a Bylaws Committee. The Committee will come back with recommendations at the March meeting. Members of the Bylaws Committee are as follows:

- Christopher Hoffer
- Commissioner Liz Wielinski
- Carol Pass
- Jeff Strand

V. Approval of Agenda

Council Member Reich moved to accept the agenda, Commissioner Wielinski seconded the motion, all approved.

VI. Action Items

A. Review of Community Participation Program Guidelines:

Questions and Comments from Board Members regarding the Review of Community Participation Program Guidelines:

- A question was asked if it would be easy/simple for neighborhoods to take their Phase I and Phase II plans to craft a Neighborhood Priority Plan (NPP).
- A question was asked how often NPP's needed to be updated.
- It will be important to get city staff behind the NPP's. There is less money and it will be difficult for neighborhoods to produce these plans to see tangible outcomes.
- The Phase II funding that was reallocated for the Community Participation Program (CPP) is a problem for the smaller neighborhood because of the 70% housing requirement established for Phase II.
- It would be helpful if staff could lay out by neighborhood Phase I and Phase II fund balances as well as the CPP allocations for 2011 and 2012.
- It is fair to say that damage has been done from the December 2010 Council Action. It is important that there is an effort to backfill the loss by reaching out to other partners. How does NCR see that happening? Staff responded that as neighborhoods submit their Priority Plans, partners will be identified through the plans.
- A comment was made that it would be interesting to survey neighborhoods and ask if they spent all of their Phase II dollars and why. Some neighborhoods foresaw the end of NRP and saved their money and some of them were the poorest in the City.
- Park Priorities weren't listed in the CPP plans and they weren't shared with other jurisdictions.

B. Adopt Program Policies:

Questions and Comments from Board Members regarding the Adoption of Program Policies:

- A question was asked about the process and if these needed to abide by the 45-day review policy. Staff responded that all the policies had previously been subject to a 45-day review and there aren't any new policies being created.

Senator Hayden moved to adopt the Program Policies and revisit them in 90-day's for further review, Representative Champion seconded the motion, all approved.

C. Establish Regular Meeting Date and Time:

Future Policy Board meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 4:30pm.

VII. Other Business

VIII. Adjourn

Jeffrey Strand adjourned the meeting at 6:06pm

Minutes submitted by: Cheyenne Erickson