



NRP Policy Board

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Crown Roller Mill

Call to Order

Chair Jeffrey Strand called to order the regular meeting of the NRP Policy Board at 5:02 pm on April 1, 2014 at the Crown Roller Mill, Conference Room 3.

1. Introductions

The following Board Members were present: Council Member Kevin Reich, School Board Member Josh Reimnitz, Park Commissioner Annie Young, Andres Hortillosa, Kirk Roggensack and Jeffrey Strand.

The following Board Members were absent: Senator Jeff Hayden, Denis Houle and Chuck Lutz.

The following staff members were present: David Rubedor, Cheyenne Brodeen and Carrie Day Aspinwall.

The following guests were present: Shirley Yeoman, Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood and Peter Rickmyer.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Hortillosa seconded by Reimnitz, to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Election of Officers

Roggensack moved to select Jeffrey Strand as Chair of the NRP Policy Board, Young seconded the motion, all approved.

Strand moved to select Commissioner Annie Young as Vice-Chair of the NRP Policy Board, Reich seconded the motion, all approved.

Strand moved to select School Board Member Josh Reimnitz as Secretary of the NRP Policy Board, Hortillosa seconded the motion, all approved.

4. Approval of January Minutes

Motion by Reimnitz, seconded by Reich, to approve the January minutes. 4 yeas, 2 abstentions. Motion carried.

5. Southside United Neighborhoods – Neighborhood Priority Plan

Carrie Aspinwall, NCR Neighborhood Support Specialist and Shirley Yeoman of Standish-Ericsson neighborhood were present and presented the plan. This Neighborhood Priority Plan has been developed and approved by the Bancroft

Neighborhood Association, Bryant Neighborhood Organization, Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization, Corcoran Neighborhood Organization, Longfellow Community Council, Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association and Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association Boards.

Over the past few months, the SUN partnership boards and staff created a list of policy objectives impacting the South Minneapolis area. In October, the SUN partnership selected three agenda items for 2013-2014 based on organization capacity, neighborhood need and feasibility.

SUN Priorities:

- **Multi-Family Housing**
Assess and improve multifamily housing and equip and activate its tenants. Access governmental and nonprofit resources to improve the quality of housing in our neighborhoods;
- **Programmatic Equity from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MRPB)**
Address a decline in MPRB responsiveness to our community's demographic changes and desires for programming as well as cutbacks to park hours, program offerings and maintenance; and
- **Property Inspections**
Improve responsiveness of the City's Property Inspections work and communication.

In the SUN Neighborhood Priority Plan, the neighborhood organizations identified and agreed upon the following goals:

1. The staff and boards of the SUN partnership member organizations will gain greater understanding of the City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) in terms of decision making processes, key stakeholders, communication avenues and effective advocacy on behalf of the residents and businesses in our eleven neighborhoods.
2. By establishing solid relationships with elected officials, the SUN Project will share its knowledge of existing and emerging issues in our communities, communicate with elected officials, and together, affect positive change.
3. Schedule regular meetings with the city council members to discuss issues in multi-family housing and property inspections. SUN Project members will understand the City resources and opportunities to better utilize on behalf of our communities.

4. Schedule regular meetings with the MPRB commissioners to discuss MPRB communication with communities served, program equity and implementation of the MPRB Community Outreach Department Framework. Establish a collaborative process to affect positive change for residents and businesses.
5. Evaluate these goals and results to determine progress and effectiveness. Remain flexible and open to opportunities.

In addition to identifying their goals for implementation, this Plan identifies some of the barriers neighborhood organizations have faced towards accomplishing these goals.

Discussion:

- Is there representation from each neighborhood in this group?
 - Shirley Yeoman said that there was, each neighborhood sends their staff and then staff will report back to the neighborhood board.
- This plan encompasses 3 NCEC districts, 8, 7 and 3.
- Commissioner Young commented that there are a lot of parks in these neighborhoods and there has been some re-structuring going on but will bring this plan back to the park board and share it with MPRB staff.
- There was a comment made by a guest to ensure that input from the disability community is considered during the planning process.

Reimnitz moves adopt the following resolution, Roggensack seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

WHEREAS: The NCR Director, in accordance with the CPP guidelines, approved the Community Participation Plans for all seven neighborhoods;

WHEREAS: The seven neighborhood organizations have conducted a community engagement process as identified in the approved 2012 Community Participation Plan, leading to neighborhood approval of support for the Plan as a neighborhood priority;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby accepts and adopts the Plan,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board hereby recommends that the City Council [a] approve the Plan and [b] direct appropriate City staff work with neighborhood organizations and other jurisdictions to implement the Plan as necessary.

6. NCR Report and Blueprint for Equity Update

NCR Director David Rubedor shared that in February the NCR department staff presented a re-focus to the Blueprint for Equity work to the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission. The new approach narrows the focus and aligns the Blueprint for Equity work with other existing engagement strategies.

The initial approach to the Blueprint for Equity has taken too much capacity for both the NCEC and the NCR staff and was too broad to be effective. In addition to the Blueprint work, there are multiple engagement efforts going on right now that have tapped the capacity of our staff, the NCEC and neighborhood groups.

Comments:

- The NCEC has also been involved in planning and developing the Joint Listening Sessions for the Health, Energy, Environment and Community Engagement Committee and the NCEC.
- It is important to make sure that the Senior and Disability community are included in the outreach.
- This is a good opportunity to determine who is least engaged and discover ways you can get them more engaged.

Next Meeting

The next NRP Policy Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 20th, 2014 at 5:00p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Reich, seconded by Reimnitz to adjourn at 6:00p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Cheyenne Brodeen

ATTEST: School Board Member Josh Reimnitz,
NRP Policy Board Secretary