

Meeting Minutes

NRP Policy Board
July 18, 2017
Crown Roller Mill, 105 5th Avenue South

Members Present: School Board Commissioner Jenny Arneson, Council Member Kevin Reich, NCEC Commissioner Nasser Musse, Eli Farhat (for Marion Greene), NCEC Commissioner David Boyd, NCEC Commissioner Marcea Mariani

Staff Present: Robert Thompson (NCR)

Also Present: Gary Arntsen, Waite Park Community Council

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM.

1. Public Comment

No one appeared to give public comment. Introduction of Eli Farhat, attending on behalf of Commissioner Marion Greene

2. Agenda

Agenda approved

3. Approve March 23, 2017 Minutes

Arneson moved, Reich seconded, approved

4. Update on NRP Policy Board/NCEC Merger (David Boyd)

NRP Policy Board voted to table indefinitely. NCEC reviewed three options, approved meeting quarterly as NRP Policy Board, recommendation will go to Council soon. Members from NRP Policy Board voted against it. Close vote at NCEC. Concern that recommendation is going to Committee with close vote of NCEC and opposition of NRP Policy Board. RT will check with NCR to see what status is. Concern that NCR isn't representing position of NRP Policy Board. Discussion on NCEC authority to absorb NRP Policy Board. Discussion on dynamics of NRP Policy Board politics. NRP Policy Board is not irrelevant.

Discussion on whether how many members would be on NCEC with merger and other possible revisions. Concern that process isn't transparent and people immediately concerned (e.g. NRP Policy Board) aren't being informed or consulted. Concern that it will be treated as a done deal by time gets to Council. Discussion about politics of One Minneapolis Fund. Will be request for committee of NCEC to review how decisions were made. What is authority of NCEC? Some preference to go back to NRP Policy Board style of Commission.

Recommendation to NCEC from NRP Policy Board to permanently table action on merger and it not go to City Council until more discussion has occurred. Recommends multi-interest task force, members from each, elected officials and residents (not necessarily NRP Policy Board members or NCEC).

Question on how do you bring public when you don't bring Executive Director to table? Concern about excluding political appointees. Discussion on benefits of having elected Commissioners. Allegiance of commissioners is not based on whether appointed or not.

Motion: NRP Policy Board is opposed to merger. Further discussion should not happen by passing recommendations back and forth, but should form a work group of NCEC, NRP Policy Board, elected officials and other residents to discuss options for merger and make recommendations, and to hear all positions. Opposes action going to City Council Committee.

Approved.

5. Report on Meeting NRP Law Housing Requirement

NCR staff provided a report on meeting requirement of NRP law that 52.5% of NRP funds be dedicated to housing or housing related purposes. Robert Thompson reported to the Policy Board that currently, 54.4% of NRP funds are committed to housing or housing related purposes. This is a significant jump from last years mostly as a result of a change in how we have calculated the percentage. With the City Council's action earlier this year to repay the \$9,141,951.05 of Phase II funds, staff can now return to a more direct calculation based on how funds are actually allocated in approved neighborhood action plans.

Staff cautioned, however, that there is a very slim margin in meeting the requirement, and would not recommend any changes to the current requirement for neighborhood organizations to meet the 70% housing requirement for Phase II plans.

6. Report on Neighborhood Priority Plans and Plan Modifications

NCR staff provided a report on the level of activity of NRP funds in 2016. Robert Thompson reported that, overall, \$6,104,229 was added to new or existing NRP and CPP contracts in 2016, including significant investments in neighborhood programming and housing programs.

In addition, NCR staff approved 38 new Neighborhood Priorities for 15 neighborhoods, and also processed a total of 30 requested plan modifications for 27 neighborhoods, reallocating a total of \$1,459,804. A complete list of all approved plan modifications and Neighborhood Priority Plans was provided to the Policy Board.

7. Update on Neighborhoods 2020 Project

NCR staff provided a report on the Neighborhoods 2020 project. Robert Thompson reported that NCR and the NCEC partnered with several neighborhood organizations to host five

meetings across the City attended by more than 500 residents to discuss the future role of neighborhood organizations in Minneapolis. NCR also organized two meetings, one for the Lao and Hmong residents at Harrison Community Center, and another for Latino and American Indian residents at Waite House. NCR also solicited input through an online survey. NCR staff is working with the NCEC to review the findings and provide a report to the community on what was recorded at the meetings. The meetings used World Cafe style facilitation, in which participants respond to questions in a small group format. NCR will work with NCEC to develop recommendations for City Council in 2018

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Robert Thompson