

Resolution on NRP and Future Funding

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Adopted by the NRP Policy Board on July 21, 2003**

Whereas, the residents of Minneapolis and the volunteers from Neighborhood Organizations have contributed more than a million hours of volunteer service through the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) to make this city a better place to live, work, learn and play;

Whereas, volunteers have become more connected to city government through their involvement with their Neighborhood Organization;

Whereas, the Teamworks evaluation of NRP praised the program and found statistically significant evidence that NRP has improved the housing stock of the city, increased homeownership rates and fostered inter-governmental collaboration;

Whereas, citizens of this city believe that NRP has greatly contributed to the quality of life in the city and allowed residents to directly participate in decisions that affect them;

Whereas, the revisions to Chapter 419 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances proposed by Council Member Barret Lane update the legal framework for continuing the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP);

Whereas, the "Analysis of Proposed NRP Ordinance" presented by Patrick Born on June 4, 2003 defines the Common Project revenues available for funding NRP through 2009;

Whereas, the residents of the city have had the opportunity to express their opinions regarding the continuation of NRP and its funding, governance and structure and have strongly supported:

- continuation of the NRP program
- using Community Development Block Grant revenues to supplement the Common Project revenues allocated to NRP
- funding for organizing and citizen participation activities
- funding for implementation of projects and programs identified in Neighborhood Action Plans
- having an independent NRP Policy Board
- having NRP staffed by employees of the Policy Board
- strengthening the formal public processes through which neighborhood organizations can meaningfully participate in city decisions

Whereas, the NRP Policy Board wants to maximize the potential for continued success of NRP, encourage even greater resident participation, and recognize and work within the changed financial environment in which the program will need to operate;

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED by the NRP Policy Board as follows:

1. The Policy Board supports the Lane Amendments as a way to resolve the competing claims to Common Project revenues;
2. NRP shall receive, beginning with fiscal year 2003, the annual revenues projected in the Common Project Revenue review of June 4, 2003 under Case 1 (i.e. with the non-Common Project revenues from the Target Center's finance plan included in the analysis);
3. CDBG or other funding sources shall be used, for qualifying activities, programs and projects, to fill the gap between \$11 million and the amount in line 2;
4. The NRP shall continue to be governed by the Joint Powers Board established in 1991;
5. The NRP Policy Board shall continue to be responsible for the central office staffing of the NRP program;
6. NRP shall waive claim to the proceeds from the sale of Brookfield assets that are a part of the Common Project and are or have been foreclosed on as a result of prior loan defaults (i.e. Saks) and to any proceeds from the Brookfield repayment due in 2009 that exceeds \$20,000,000; and
7. The NRP shall receive all interest earnings on any unexpended Phase I and Phase II appropriated funds in addition to the Common Project revenues in 1. above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NRP Policy Board Chair is authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City that reflects the above statements.