

## Memorandum

To: Neighborhood Organizations

From: Robert D. Miller, Director, NRP

Date: September 26, 2006

Subject: New Neighborhood Representative Election Dates

On September 15 the NRP deadline for candidates to file their applications for election as a Neighborhood Representative on the NRP Policy Board closed. After reviewing the applications, we found that no candidates had filed for the position of Revitalization Neighborhood Representative. This would have left the 37 Revitalization neighborhoods without a representative from one of their neighborhoods.

Last night, September 25, the NRP Policy Board took action to address this absence of candidates and adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS: No individuals have filed as candidates for the position of Neighborhood Representative for the Revitalization neighborhoods by the filing deadline established by the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board ("Board");

WHEREAS: Concerns have been raised about the potential absence of representation on the Policy Board for the 37 Revitalization Neighborhoods;

WHEREAS: Conducting a fair, open and inclusive election process that involves all of the city's neighborhoods is an essential component of the NRP;

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board reopens the neighborhood representative election process for 2006 and adopts the following schedule for conducting the 2006 elections for Neighborhood Representatives:

- Friday, October 13 Filing Deadline for Candidates
- Friday December 1 Registration Deadline for Electors
- Tuesday December 12 Candidate forums and Election

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That all candidates who submitted their applications previously be included in the candidate pool and have the option to revise the category under which they are filing without filing a new application.

With this resolution we are asking neighborhood organizations to get the word out that we have extended the filing deadline for Neighborhood Representative candidates to **noon on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**. We are especially encouraging our **Revitalization** neighborhoods to encourage candidates to run for election as a neighborhood representative in this category.

A copy of the filing forms is included in this mailing. The forms are also available on our website [www.nrp.org](http://www.nrp.org). **The forms must be completed and submitted to the League of Women Voters by noon on Friday October 13.**

This next year will be a very important one as we continue to review and approve Phase II Neighborhood Action Plans and work to address the future of NRP and the neighborhoods after 2009. We need a full complement of committed and responsible neighborhood representatives on the Policy Board to effectively conduct our business and support neighborhoods. Please assist us by urging knowledgeable and interested neighborhood residents to apply for these important positions.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.