

**Holland Neighborhood Improvement Association
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Holland Neighborhood Improvement Association Office
1900 Central Avenue NE. #108
Minneapolis, MN. 55418
Thursday, July 15, 2010**

Board Members Present:

Bobbie Wiggers/Justin Hach/Lily Vaughn/Jasper Rajendren/Jennifer Arave
Ginny Sutton/Isaac Peters/Bengt Svensson/

Board Members Absent:

Todd Copenhaver

Staff Present:

Gayle Bonneville

Guest Speakers:

Robert Thompson--NRP/James Trice--NCR/Doron Clark--NCR

Denise Eloundou---HRC

Guests Present:

Karen/There was one other person but I did not get a name

Called to Order: 7 p.m. by: Ginny Sutton, board president

Topic/Agenda

Robert Thompson with the NRP Phase II Planning Process/James Trice NCR & Doron Clark NCEC/
Denise Eloundou with Housing Resource Center/Northeast/Update on Movies & Music in the Basin/
Letter from 4th Street Block Club/Crimes in Northeast Area
Motion to accept agenda/Motion by Isaac/Second by Jennifer/Motion Passed

Robert Thompson passed out information: The NRP Phase II Planning Process/The NRP Phase II
Participation Agreement/Holland Neighborhood Phase I Action Plan Summary

Robert wanted to give us some background of the program because the majority of us are new board members. Robert explained current Action Plan was started 22 years ago. Residents learning to work with City, County, Parks, Library, and School staff to tap new resources in the neighborhood. NRP planning process to identify and meet their neighborhoods' housing, safety, economic environment and transportation needs. Phase II funds are \$100 million; how do we distribute this money/ how much goes to each neighborhood/what is the basis for receiving any of the monies/need to focus on the changes in our community/residential action goals need to be set/housing programs/loan programs/must be open and transparent to the community.

Robert talked to the board about the NRP plan modification reallocating \$24,000 and how it has to be approved at the city level. Still needs to be contracted. We cannot simply take money out of one program and put into another. If anytime we have questions or are unclear of something we need to connect with him or his office. He understands how things got away from us because most of us are new members.

James Trice and Doron Clark passed out information: Neighborhood and Community Relations
Department (NCR) 2 pages/A sheet with 5 questions

James told the Board we are the last neighborhood they are meeting with. They have talked and took notes at 65 meetings. Everyone's feed back is written down and under careful consideration. They have heard the same kinds of concerns at all the meetings they have attended. July 27th review revised policy outlines/review revised allocation formulas. August 2nd NCEC Special meeting approves policy & allocation formula. Post August 2nd send policy & allocation formula to neighborhood organizations for 45-day review. The program wants to get the funds flowing.

The 5 questions are like a blank sheet of paper. Here are a few of the wants and goals:
Holland office staff full-time person/outreach person/identify projects that are needed/communications with home buyers and renters/block clubs/housing improvements/need to have flexibility/not having funding for major projects/having more communication with the community on a whole/not having to send post-cards/funding for data base.

Denise Eloundou passed out information: pink brochure on Holland NRP Housing Program/Housing Resource Center NRP Housing Program through June 30, 2010 (Revolving & Deferred Loans)
In order to receive a revolving or deferred loan you must be a Holland resident. Deferred loan: is forgiven if you stay in house for 15 years. If you do move or sell before the 15 years you pay the amount due in the number of years left. Revolving loan: is a pay-back loan with an interest rate of 3% of monthly payments. Revolving loan is for interior or exterior home repairs. Maximum loans are \$7,500.
Denise says some residents are having problems because their loan values are higher than the asset value is. There was some confusion about number amounts on the revolving loan sheet, which Denise said she would check into.

Putting all monies in Revolving Loan, so that means no Deferred Loan
Motion to transfer \$17,615.15 from Deferred Loan Pool B, \$608.43 from remaining Deferred Loan Balance and Program Income (shown as \$43,137.48 + \$45,891.54 on tonight's handouts) into Revolving Loan Program/Motion by Isaac/Second by Ginny/Motion Passed
Motion to accept Waiver Request/Motion by Isaac/Second by Jasper/Motion Passed

Update on Movies & Music in the Basin contacting Vincent Murray/project is moving slow/where is the funding coming from--it is costly for bands \$100. For movies \$45 to \$100/maybe a DJ.

General Meeting Agenda for August 12th

Update on Movies & Music in the Basin/HHW Site Project/NRP Steering Committee/Revolving Loans

Letter From 4th Street Block Club from Scott Horn & Karen

The Block Club had a meeting Saturday, July 11th and had 50 people attend. While discussing this issue we thought it best to have a task force committee to look into this HHW Site Project so Jennifer said she would do this but would need some help so Justin also agreed to help Jennifer. They will look into this project/where is the city on this/is there funding approved/project head/all the ins & outs
The Block Club wants Holland to stand behind them to stop this project. The Task Force Committee Jennifer will write the Block Club a letter.

NRP Plan Waiver

Motion was made by Isaac, seconded by Jasper, and carried to ask NRP for a waiver on the \$359,950 in Phase 1 housing funds that may prevent HNIA from moving into Phase II since city is not ready to contract the funds at this time for HNIA's planned idea.

Crimes in Northeast Area

There was one shooting in the Holland Neighborhood; two other crimes noted. We as the Board need to keep up-to-date on all of the local events with the neighborhood and the police department.

At the end of the meeting a few thing came up

Lily and Jennifer will sign checks, and Lily said Ginny needs to be a person who can sign checks. Financial Reports Approval at the next board meeting.
Ginny will not be able to attend the General Meeting on August 12th and asked if someone would take over; Jennifer said she will since the majority of the meeting will involve her.

Motion to Adjourn: 9:45 p.m.

Motion by Jennifer/Second by Isaac/Motion Passed

Submitted by: Bobbi Wiggers, Board Secretary

Approved by:

1. _____ Date: _____
2. _____ Date: _____