

ORDINANCE
By Warren

Amending Title 16, Chapter 419 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Planning and Development: Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Section 419.60 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

419.60. Policy Board (a) Pursuant to subdivision 6 of Minnesota Statute § 469.1831, there shall be a Neighborhood Revitalization Program (“NRP”) Policy Board for the City of Minneapolis. The NRP Policy Board shall consist of the following members:

- (1) At least one (1) Council Member from the city council;
- (2) At least one (1) Commissioner from the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners;
- (3) At least one (1) Member from the Board of Special School District No. 1;
- (4) At least one (1) Commissioner from the Park and Recreation Board of Commissioners;
- (5) The mayor or the mayor's designee;
- (6) A representative from the Minnesota House of Representatives delegation from Minneapolis;
- (7) A representative from the Minnesota Senate delegation from Minneapolis; and
- (8) Eight (8) representatives of City-recognized neighborhood organizations.

(b) The Policy Board may appoint additional representatives of citywide community organizations, neighborhood organizations, business owners, labor, and neighborhood residents.

(c) *Election.*

(1) ~~Election of~~ The Neighborhood and Community Relations Department will hold an election for the eight (8) neighborhood organization representatives on the NRP Policy Board will occur at a biennial meeting held for this purpose every even year at the city's Community Connections Conference by November 30 (hereinafter the “biennial election meeting”). Six (6) of the neighborhood organization representatives shall each represent one of the NRP Districts (“NRP District Position”) and two (2) shall be at-large representatives (“NRP At-Large Position”).

(2) Each neighborhood, as defined by the City’s Planning Commission, shall have two (2) votes:

a. One (1) for the NRP District Position to represent the NRP District in which the neighborhood is located; and

b. One (1) for an NRP At-Large Position.

(3) Each neighborhood organization of the City of Minneapolis, as recognized by the City's Neighborhood and Community Relations Department, shall send a delegate to the ~~Community Connections Conference~~ biennial election meeting each election year to submit the votes of the neighborhoods represented by that neighborhood organization.

(4) Neighborhood organization delegate(s) who are unable to attend the ~~Community Connections Conference~~ biennial election meeting may cast an absentee ballot forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the ~~Community Connections Conference~~ biennial election meeting.

(5) All NRP District Positions shall be awarded to the candidate who receives a plurality of the votes by the neighborhoods within each respective NRP District. Neighborhood organization delegates can only vote for the NRP District Position for the NRP District in which the neighborhoods they represent are geographically located.

(6) The two (2) NRP At-Large Positions shall be awarded to the candidates who receive the top two (2) highest number of votes from the total NRP At-Large Position votes submitted by the neighborhood organization delegates.

(7) In the event of a tie, the position sought shall be decided by lot.

(8) Results of the election shall be forwarded to the NRP Policy Board. Pursuant to Minn. Stat § 469.1831, subd. 6(c) and (e), the newly-elected individuals shall join the board upon invitation by the sitting governmental members of the board and appointment by the sitting elected officials of the board.

(d) Candidates.

(1) There shall be one NRP District Position on the NRP Policy Board for each NRP District, as well as two NRP At-Large Positions.

(2) All candidates for both NRP District Positions and NRP At-Large Positions on the NRP Policy Board must be at least eighteen (18) years old at the time of election to the board and must be a resident of the City of Minneapolis. Candidates running for an NRP District Position must be a resident of the NRP District they seek to represent. Candidates must declare whether they are seeking election to an NRP District Position or to an NRP At-Large position, but may not do both.

(3) The Neighborhood and Community Relations Department will develop and distribute a candidate questionnaire for City-wide distribution, which will be available both electronically and by physical copy. Any individual who completes and submits the questionnaire either electronically or by physical copy has declared their candidacy and, conditioned upon age and residency requirements, is eligible for election to the NRP Policy Board.

(4) Individuals may declare their candidacy at any time prior to ~~electors formally casting their ballot~~ the start of voting at the ~~Community Connections Conference~~ biennial election meeting.

(5) All NRP Policy Board ballots will have a write-in candidate option.

(6) The Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR) will compile the declarations of candidacy for disclosure to the public. NCR will disseminate the list of candidates to the electorate within ten (10) days of the election by email and by posting the list on the City's website.

(7) NRP Districts' geographical boundaries will be determined by the NRP Policy Board.

(8) Candidates will be elected for two-year terms, and no candidate shall hold a neighborhood organization representative position of any kind for more than six (6) consecutive years.

(9) If a neighborhood organization representative steps down from, is removed from, or is no longer eligible to hold their position, the representative filling the vacancy shall hold their new position until the next election ~~at the Community Connections Conference~~ biennial election meeting. Vacancies shall be filled by offering the vacant position to the candidate from the most recent election who received the second-most votes in the race for the position which has the vacancy. Should the candidate with the second-most votes be unable or unwilling to take the position, the vacant position should be offered to the candidate from the most recent election who received the third-most votes, and so on and so forth.