

City of Minneapolis

Request for Committee Action

RCA #: RCA-2026-00955

TO COMMITTEE(S):

#	Committee Name	Meeting Date	Submission Deadline
1	Public Health, Safety & Equity	Sep 9, 2026	Aug 20, 2026

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SUBJECT:

Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board elections ordinance

ACTION ITEM(S)

#	File Type	Subcategory	Item Description	Public Hearing
1	Ordinance	Code Amendment	Passage of Ordinance amending Title 16, Chapter 419 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Planning and Development: Neighborhood Revitalization Program, making technical changes to the process for conducting elections to the Neighborhood Revitalization	No

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			Program policy board.	

PREVIOUS ACTIONS

[2023-01037 - Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board ordinance](#)

[2026-00937 - Neighborhood Revitalization Program \(NRP\) Policy Board elections ordinance](#)

WARD / NEIGHBORHOOD /ADDRESS

#	Ward	Neighborhood	Address
1.	All Wards		

BACKGROUND ANALYSIS

The creation of the Neighborhood and Revitalization Program, through legislative action in or around 1991, created a Policy Board to review, approve/disapprove of neighborhood organizations utilization of NRP funds. The legislature adopted a once a quarter mandated meeting schedule. The NRP Policy Board met at least quarterly to satisfy the NRP law as identified by the original legislative action. However, after the sunseting of the TIF district, which the NRP allocation was derived, sunset in 2009 the City of Minneapolis reconstituted the TIF district and authorized the work of the NRP Policy Board to advise the City Council while upholding the legal duties of the NRP program.

The City of Minneapolis, through council action in 2019 and 2020, created the Neighborhoods 2020 program which is the funding program for neighborhood organizations. During this process the NRP Policy Board, City Council and community approved adding eight (8) neighborhood representatives to the NRP Policy Board.

The NRP Policy Board authorized a 45-day public comment period in 2022 for:

Six district boundaries for neighborhood representation. Two at-large seats for neighborhood representation. Neighborhood representation elections to be determined by the NCR department in conjunction with the NRP Policy Board. Previous ordinance had the

election occur during the Community Connection Conference. This update still allows the election to occur if no conference is scheduled.

On May 17, 2023 the NRP Policy Board approved of the NRP Policy Board neighborhood representative district boundaries and election procedures. This action created eight (8) neighborhood representatives, consisting of six (6) districts and two (2) at large members. Additionally, the Policy Board will have representation from the Minneapolis Mayor's Office (designee), Minneapolis City Council Member, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Minneapolis School Board, Hennepin County, and a member of the Minnesota Senate and House of Representatives Minneapolis delegation.

Furthermore, the NRP Policy Board reviewed and voted to proceed with these ordinance changes in its April 2026 meeting.

Racial Equity Impact Analysis (REIA)

SECTION 1: BACKGROUND

DOES THIS IMPACT ONE OF THE CITY'S GOAL AREAS?

Policy Goals

- PUBLIC SERVICES

Operational Goals

- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

DESCRIBE THE IMPACT ON SELECTED GOAL AREAS.

The proposed action will allow for greater representation of the Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board by ensuring election processes for neighborhood representation continues.

WHO PARTICIPATED IN COMPLETING THIS ANALYSIS?

Various members of NCR, NRP Policy Board, the City Clerk and City Attorney's Office.

SECTION 2: DATA

LIST THE SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIES THAT WILL BE IMPACTED AND THE RACIAL DEMOGRAPHICS OF CONSTITUENTS IN THOSE AREAS:

The NRP Policy Board will impact the entire geographic area of Minneapolis as they are in a servicing partnership with neighborhood organizations.

Population and demographics

Minneapolis is home to a rich and diverse variety of communities. The estimated total population is 425,336 people as of July 2021. According to the 2020 American Community Survey (5-year estimates), the racial demographics of Minneapolis are as follows:

- White: 62.9%
- Black or African American: 18.9%
- American Indian and Alaskan Native: 1.4%
- Asian: 5.9%
- Two or more races: 6.0%
- Hispanic or Latino: 9.6%

Source: <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/minneapoliscityminnesota>

Neighborhood breakdown

There are a variety of resources to learn about the diverse makeup of Minneapolis neighborhoods, including:

- City of Minneapolis neighborhood organization profiles, neighborhood reports, activities and bylaws on NCR's website: <http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/>
- Minnesota Compass, a project by Wilder Research, that measures progress in our state and its communities using social indicators. Minnesota Compass provides nonpartisan, credible information and tracks trends in areas like education, the economy, the workforce, health, housing and more. Minnesota Compass uses comprehensive data from the census, the American Community Survey, Minnesota Demographic Center and others to create neighborhood profiles. Minnesota Compass website: <http://www.mncompass.org/profiles/neighborhoods/minneapolis-saint-paul>.

WHAT DOES AVAILABLE DATA TELL YOU ABOUT HOW CONSTITUENTS FROM BIPOC COMMUNITIES CURRENTLY RELATE TO THE DESIRED OUTCOME COMPARED TO WHITE CONSTITUENTS?

Neighborhoods have a responsibility to ensure their membership and participation is open to all residents. Through their Equitable Engagement Planning each organization describes outreach activities to under-represented groups. However, the NRP program does not have this requirement; rather, the combination of Neighborhoods 2020 and NRP funding complement each other to ensure this practice occurs.

WHAT DATA IS UNAVAILABLE OR MISSING? HOW CAN YOU OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DATA?

Most all data, as related to the NRP Policy Board, is available for review. However, the unavailable data is around the expected number of candidates.

SECTION 3: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

USING THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (IAP2) [PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SPECTRUM](#), WHICH PARTICIPATION STRATEGY(S) WAS USED WHEN ENGAGING THOSE WHO WOULD BE MOST IMPACTED?

- INFORM
- CONSULT
- INVOLVE

DESCRIBE THE ENGAGEMENT AND WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED?

Information about this change were noticed by public meetings; shared with neighborhood organizations through a newsletter and a citywide meeting. There were no issues with this

administrative change.

NCR planned for the reset of neighborhood programming, funding and governance for nearly five years. From 2017 to 2020, NCR staff worked with community and partner organizations, holding many workshops and input opportunities with hundreds of people, and from this engagement the need for a program such as the Partnership Engagement Fund was identified. This next iteration of programmatic goals, community engagement and funding guidelines reaches into the core of neighborhood organizations' work and their relationship with the City and expands funding to deepen relationships with community-based organizations.

NCR utilized various engagement strategies for input around the Neighborhoods 2020 program. Specifically, a governance work group was convened to discuss how the NRP Policy Board should be involved in the next iteration of neighborhood programming. These discussion, and subsequent vote(s), informed NCR the desire for eight (8) neighborhood representatives to be seated on the NRP Policy Board.

SECTION 4: ANALYSIS

HOW DOES THE OUTCOME FOR THIS ORDINANCE, AMENDMENT, OR POLICY HELP THE CITY ACHIEVE RACIAL EQUITY?

This change ensures representation, for the NRP Policy Board, is selected by the neighborhood organizations.

SECTION 5: EVALUATION

HOW WILL IMPACTS BE MEASURED? WHAT ARE THE SUCCESS INDICATORS AND PROCESS BENCHMARKS?

The NRP Policy Board has the unique relationship between elected officials, residents, and neighborhood organizations whereas their success is based on the actionable items of the stakeholders they serve. Quantifiable results such as 1. time of review and approval of plan modifications; 2. meeting at least four times annually; and, 3. attendance by neighborhood representatives.

HOW WILL THOSE WHO ARE IMPACTED BE INFORMED OF PROGRESS OVER TIME?

NCR has a robust engagement system which uses both structured and unstructured engagement practices to ensure stakeholders and impacted residents are informed. This engagement style allows the department to constantly receive feedback from the community

on the success of this project. Stakeholders will be informed of the results of the election through the NCR website, newsletter and emails. Neighborhood organizations will also provide additional communications to their stakeholders thus reaching a greater audience.