



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department

Date: January 31, 2012
To: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Chair, Community Development Committee
Referral to: Ways and Means/Budget Committee
Subject: **Bryant NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan**

Recommendation:

1. Approve the Bryant NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan, specifically those parts of the Plan that fall under City jurisdiction, in an amount not to exceed \$295,498;
2. Consistent with the staff direction set out in footnote "p" (as amended) of the 2011 General Appropriation Resolution adopted by the Council on December 13, 2010, to amend the 2012 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED) agency Fund 01 CNR 8900-800 (the NRP Fund) by \$195,079.66 from existing fund balance.
3. Authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement this request.

Previous Directives: None

Department Information

Prepared by: Robert Thompson, Neighborhood and Community Relations Department

Approved by:

David Rubedor, Neighborhood and Community Relations Director _____

Steven Bosacker, City Coordinator _____

Presenters in Committee: David Rubedor

Financial Impact

Action requires an increase to the 2012 General Appropriation Resolution
Department Name: Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED)
Fund Name: 01CNR (the NRP Fund)
Amount: \$195,079.66

Supporting Information

At its meeting on December 19, 2011, the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approved the Bryant NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan and authorized \$295,498 in NRP Program Funds to implement this plan.

The Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan allocates 70% (\$206,848.60) of its Phase II allocation of \$295,498 to housing related activities.

Due to a number of significant transitions with the organization, the Bryant Neighborhood Organization (BNO) was slow to begin the Phase II planning process. BNO submitted their Phase I Review in September and their Participation Agreement was approved on October 11, 2011. Working with an incredibly condensed timeframe, the BNO made great efforts to bring as much of the community as possible into the NRP planning discussions. The neighborhood used their new web-site (www.welovebryant.org) as well as a Facebook group page and a Twitter account. A survey was done on Survey Monkey and was made available in both English and Spanish. Hard copies of the surveys were made available to neighborhood stakeholders that did not have access to a computer. The neighborhood held Saturday morning focus groups where people were asked to share their concerns and identify priorities with the limited funding that is available.

In addition to the Phase II funding allocation Bryant is moving a substantial amount of Phase I funds (\$120,892.20) to Phase II. These funds will be used to help them address important non-housing issues identified in the focus groups and survey.

NRP's external counsel has reviewed this plan and indicated that each plan strategy is consistent with the NRP statute.