

Request for City Council Committee Action

Date: November 17, 2009

To: Community Development Committee
Referral to: Ways & Means / Budget Committee

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Approved by: Robert D. Miller, Director _____

Subject: St. Anthony West NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Summary of the Request:

St. Anthony West has completed their NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan. It has been reviewed by NRP's legal counsel and city staff, reviewed by staff of participating jurisdictions and adopted by the NRP Policy Board. The plan requests a total NRP appropriation of \$224,642.

Recommendation:

- 1) Approve the St. Anthony West NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan ("Plan") attached to this report, specifically those parts of the Plan that fall under City jurisdiction, in an amount not to exceed \$224,642.
- 2) Amend the City of Minneapolis 2009 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning & Economic Development Department (CPED) agency Fund 01CNR 8900-800 by \$77,092;
- 3) Refer \$147,550 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within 01CNR 8900-800 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than \$179,714 of the amount approved for the Plan shall be obligated in the first three years after approval of the Plan;
- 4) Authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements needed to implement this request.

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The Honorable Lisa Goodman, Chair
Community Development Committee
Minneapolis City Council
315 City Hall
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

The Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair
Ways and Means Committee
Minneapolis City Council
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Re: St. Anthony West NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Ostrow:

At its meeting on October 26, 2009 the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approved the St. Anthony West NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan. St. Anthony West residents and the STAWNO Board unanimously approved this plan on October 8, 2009.

The St. Anthony West NRP Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan was approved in 1995 and allocated 86% of its Phase I funds to housing. In addition to a successful revolving loan program that continues to support home improvements nearly 15 years later, STAWNO supported the creation of the Northeast Homeownership Resource Center and worked with GMHC to rehabilitate several properties which were later sold to owner-occupants. STAWNO pioneered the Northeast "Cops on Bikes" program and convinced St. Anthony East and Nicollet Island / East Bank to fund subsequent phases of this effort. Similarly, St. Anthony West and Sheridan residents lobbied the Library Board and provided seed funding leading to the creation of the new Pierre Bottineau Library. Over the course of its NRP implementation process, STAWNO has increased its capacity to both raise funds and provide for the community. The neighborhood now hosts both "An Autumn Eve in Historic Northeast" – held this year at Elsie's Event Center – and a "Historic Riverfront 5K Run/Walk".

The St. Anthony West NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests a total NRP appropriation of \$224,642, of which \$12,765 was advanced to STAWNO from the Phase II Plan Development Fund. The plan has been given a clean opinion by NRP's legal counsel and is consistent with the April 19, 2004 Policy Board resolution.

The St. Anthony West NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan devotes 80% of its allocation to housing. In addition to continuing to support a home improvement revolving loan program, the neighborhood plans to create an emergency home loan program, a needs-based deferred loan program, and a program that encourages environmentally friendly home improvements.

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The non-housing portions of the St. Anthony West Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan focus on livability issues, including traffic calming, neighborhood signage and environmental projects. STAWNO also plans to continue working with the Minneapolis Police Department to support both supplemental summer police patrols and volunteer foot and bike patrols. Finally, the neighborhood hopes to build on its community outreach efforts.

On October 26, 2009 the Policy Board passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS: On April 19, 2004 the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board ("Board") approved a Phase II allocation for the St. Anthony West neighborhood of \$224,642, based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP;

WHEREAS: The St. Anthony West neighborhood has conducted an extensive and inclusive planning process;

WHEREAS: The submitted St. Anthony West Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests an allocation of \$224,642 and dedicates 80% of that allocation to housing programs, projects, services and activities;

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the St. Anthony West NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated October 8, 2009;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor: [a] approve the St. Anthony West NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan, and specifically those parts of the Plan that fall under City jurisdiction, for their Phase II allocation of up to \$224,642; [b] amend the 2009 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund 01CNR-8900800 (NRP Fund) appropriation by \$77,092 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$147,550 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund 01CNR-8900800 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 80% of the amount approved for the Plan (\$179,714) shall be obligated in the first three (3) years after approval of the Plan; and [d] authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the Plan and the activities above.

Pursuant to this resolution, I make the following recommendations for consideration by your committees:

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Sincerely,

Robert D. Miller
Director