

Request for City Council Committee Action

Date: January 18, 2011

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

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Approved by: Robert D. Miller, Director _____

Subject: McKinley NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Summary of the Request:

The McKinley neighborhood has completed their NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan. It has been review by staff and external counsel and adopted by the NRP Policy Board. Final approval and funding is now being requested.

Recommendation:

1. Approve the McKinley NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan, specifically those parts of the Plan that fall under City jurisdiction, in an amount not to exceed \$580,500;
2. Amend the 2011 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED) agency Fund 01 CNR 8900-800 (the NRP fund) by \$580,500 from existing fund balance;
3. Authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary 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 Betsy Hodges, Chair
Ways and Means Committee
Minneapolis City Council
315 City Hall
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

Re: McKinley NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Hodges:

At its meeting on December 20, 2010 the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approved the McKinley NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan and authorized \$580,500 in NRP Program Funds to implement this plan.

The McKinley Community Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan allocates \$580,500 in the following manner.

Housing and Economic Development	\$	451,555
Public Relations and Administration	\$	50,945
Crime and Safety	\$	30,000
Physical Environment	\$	30,000
Youth and Family	\$	18,000

The McKinley NRP Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan was approved by the NRP Policy Board in 2003 and was one of the last Phase I plans approved. The Phase I plan devoted 60% of its allocation to housing, with the balance addressing crime and safety issues, physical environment issues such as the popular community garden, and programs for youth. The neighborhood has also worked extensively with surrounding neighborhoods on improving Lowry Avenue.

The McKinley Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan devotes 70% of its Phase II allocation to housing and continues in much the same manner as Phase I. McKinley has been hit especially hard by the recent housing crisis, and as such has allocated funds to an emergency housing assistance program as well as a homebuyer assistance program. McKinley continues its emphasis on crime and safety and livability, and the community garden has grown into a fledgling CSA – filling a gap and providing healthy food for Northside residents.

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The McKinley Community Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan was developed over the past two years. University of Minnesota students assisted with initial data collection. A variety of methods were used to solicit input – doors were knocked, surveys were collected, and several community meetings were held. The McKinley Community approved the final Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan on November 15, 2010 and the neighborhood unanimously approved the plan on December 6.

On December 20, 2010 the Policy Board passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS: On April 19, 2004, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) established the Phase II allocation available for the McKinley neighborhood at \$580,500 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP,

WHEREAS: The McKinley neighborhood has conducted an inclusive Phase II plan development process,

WHEREAS: The submitted McKinley NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests an allocation of \$580,500 and dedicates seventy percent of that allocation to housing programs, projects, services and activities,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the McKinley Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor [a] approve the McKinley NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan, and specifically those parts of the Plan that fall under City jurisdiction, for their Phase II allocation of \$580,500; [b] amend the 2011 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) by \$580,500 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; and [c] authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement 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