

## **Request for City Council Committee Action**

Date: February 16, 2010

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

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Approved by: Robert D. Miller, Director \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject: Webber-Camden NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan**

### **Summary of the Request:**

Webber-Camden has completed their NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan. It has been reviewed by NRP's legal counsel and city staff and adopted by the NRP Policy Board.

### **Recommendation:**

1. Approve the Webber – Camden 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 \$652,678.
2. Amend the City of Minneapolis 2010 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED) agency Fund 01 CNR 8900-800 (the NRP fund) by \$500,453 from existing fund balance.
3. Refer \$130,536 for Plan Implementation in a reserve account within Fund 01 CNR 8900-800 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than \$522,142 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 Betsy Hodges, Chair  
Ways and Means Committee  
Minneapolis City Council  
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**Re: Webber-Camden NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan**

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Hodges:

At its meeting on January 25, 2010 the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approved the Webber-Camden NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan. The Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan allocates \$652,678 in the following manner. Of this amount, \$21,689 was advanced to WCNO for Plan Development.

Housing and Land Use	350,000
Public Safety & Community Building	195,803
Commercial Development	106,875

The housing allocation will capitalize 3 home improvement programs: revolving loan, emergency deferred loan, and housing stabilization initiatives including homebuyer assistance. The public safety and community building allocations will support community outreach, resident advocacy, community events, communications, and WCNO administrative activities. The commercial development allocation will be used to improve business facades, low-interest loans and development activities including public infrastructure improvements.

The Plan contains priorities that are the result of planning process that needed to address the devastation of “residential exploitation”, the rise and fall of property values, home mortgage defaults and subsequent foreclosures, the loss of anchor businesses, and empty houses and empty businesses.

As stated in the document;

*“In the eleven years since the start of NRP Phase I, there have been significant changes in every demographic of the neighborhood except the geographic boundaries which remain Penn Avenue to Washington Avenue and Dowling Avenue to 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. 2000 census statistics became obsolete descriptors of the neighborhood in 2006 when Webber Camden was impacted by devastating economic and housing-related events. In this changed environment, Webber-Camden has reached the end of Phase I funding and must address the new issues and concerns that are present today and will be present for many years to come.”*

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On January 25, 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 Webber Camden neighborhood at \$652,678 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP,

**WHEREAS:** The Webber-Camden neighborhood has conducted a Phase II plan development process,

**WHEREAS:** The submitted Webber-Camden NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests an allocation of \$652,678 and dedicates 76% 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 Webber Camden 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 Webber Camden 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 \$652,678; [b] amend the 2010 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) by \$500,453 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] and authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$130,536 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund CNR0 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 80% (\$522,142) amount approved for the Plan 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 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