

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

Date: September 16, 2003

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

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

**Subject: Waite Park Neighborhood Action Plan Modification #9**

**Summary of the Request:** Waite Park has added a new strategy to the Community & Education section of their Neighborhood Action Plan, which supports new and expanding businesses by creating a revolving low interest loan program. City Council approval is needed because this is a new strategy in their plan.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- (1) Approve the Waite Park NRP Action Plan ("Plan") modification creating a new strategy in the Community and Education section of the Plan;
- (2) Authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements needed to implement this request;
- (3) Refer this report to the MCDA Board of Commissioners for authorization of the appropriate MCDA 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 Barbara Johnson, Chair  
Ways and Means Committee  
Minneapolis City Council  
315 City Hall  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

**Re: Waite Park Neighborhood Plan Modification #9**

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Johnson:

At its meeting on August 18, 2003 the Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board approved a modification to the Waite Park Neighborhood Action Plan which creates a new strategy in the Plan and reallocates \$20,000 to fund the new strategy.

Because of the changing economic development climate along Johnson Street and Central Avenue in the Waite Park neighborhood, the neighborhood saw that it was in its own interest to add their support to the redevelopment of these two critical commercial areas. On March 12, 2003, the neighborhood approved a new strategy addressing economic development in the Community & Education section of their Plan and reallocated \$20,000 of their revolving loan program income to this new strategy.

The *new strategy* is as follows:

Goal 1: Promote Waite Park as a Caring & Sharing Community

Objective 2: Enhance the neighborhood community relationships

Strategy H: Promote and support new and expanding businesses by creating a revolving low interest loan program.

Funds: \$20,000

Partners: Local businesses, WPCC

Contract Manager: NRP, Third party administrator

Because the modification being requested by the neighborhood includes the creation of a new strategy in the Waite Park Neighborhood Action Plan, City Council approval is needed.

On August 18, 2003 the Policy Board passed the following resolution:

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**RESOLVED:** That, in accordance with its policy on Changing Approved Neighborhood Action Plans and Early Access Requests, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby approves and authorizes the Waite Park Community Council to modify the Waite Park Neighborhood Action Plan (NAP) by adding the following new strategy to the Community & Education section of the approved NAP:

Community & Education Section  
Goal 1, Objective 2, Strategy H: Promote and support new and expanding businesses by creating a revolving low interest loan program.  
Partners: Local businesses, WPCC  
Contract Manager: NRP, Third party administrator

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Board approves using \$20,000 of Waite Park's program income to fund this new strategy.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (4) Approve the Waite Park NRP Action Plan ("Plan") modification creating a new strategy in the Community and Education section of the Plan;
- (5) Authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements needed to implement this request;
- (6) Refer this report to the MCDA Board of Commissioners for authorization of the appropriate MCDA officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement this request.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Miller  
Director