

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

Date: July 26, 2005

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

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

**Subject: Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake Neighborhood NRP Phase II  
Neighborhood Action Plan**

**Summary of the Request:** The Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake Neighborhood has completed their NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan. It has been reviewed by NRP's legal counsel, City Staff, the MRT, and adopted by the NRP Policy Board. The plan requests a total NRP appropriation of \$835,143. Of that amount, \$106,190 has been advanced to the plan from the NRP Phase II Plan Development Fund. City Council action is now being requested for final approval of the Neighborhood Action Plan and the appropriation of the balance of these funds (\$728,953).

### **Recommendation:**

- (1) Approve the Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake Neighborhood NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan ("Plan") attached to this report, specifically those parts of the Plan which fall under City jurisdiction, in an amount not to exceed \$835,143;
- (2) Amend the City of Minneapolis 2005 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning & Economic Development Department (CPED) agency Fund CNR—NRP Program Fund (CNR0-890-3550) appropriation by \$728,953;
- (3) 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 Barbara Johnson, Chair  
Ways and Means Committee  
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**Re: Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake Neighborhood NRP Phase II  
Neighborhood Action Plan**

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Johnson:

At its meeting on June 27, 2005 the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approved and authorized funding for the Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake Neighborhood NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan.

The Hale, Page, Diamond Lake Neighborhood Action Plan requests a total NRP appropriation of \$835,143. Of this amount, \$106,190 was advanced to the Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan from the NRP Phase II Plan Development Fund on October 22, 2001 (\$36,570) and on November 18, 2001 (\$69,620).

The strategies included in the action plan cover a wide range of activities that reflect the priorities set by residents through the neighborhood survey and community meetings. However, on behalf of the community association, I will note that the housing allocation policy has limited the neighborhood's ability to use their NRP resources to address higher neighborhood priorities within the areas of education, parks and recreation, transportation, environment, and crime and safety.

The Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan directed 18.9 % of the NRP allocation to housing and housing related activities, including \$331,000 to a successful home improvement revolving loan program. The Phase II Plan will continue to offer home improvement grant and loan resources but the neighborhood has included a provision for utilizing the NRP Housing Fund I (NRP/MHFA Home Improvement Program) for program delivery.

New to the Housing section is Strategy B.1 *Improve senior and affordable housing options in and around HPDL*. The neighborhood will explore utilizing NRP Housing Fund 7 (Affordable Housing Investment Fund) for program delivery.

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More and more neighborhoods in the Nokomis community are talking about senior housing needs and we expect multi-neighborhood collaborations will occur around this issue during the implementation of Phase II plans. Collaborations around traffic enforcement are also likely.

On June 27, 2005 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 Hale, Page, Diamond Lake neighborhoods at \$835,143 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP,

**WHEREAS:** The Hale, Page, Diamond Lake neighborhoods have conducted an extensive and inclusive Phase II plan development process,

**WHEREAS:** The submitted Hale, Page, Diamond Lake NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests an allocation of \$835,143 and dedicates 70% of that allocation to housing programs, projects, services and activities,

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated June 27, 2005,

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to: 1) request the City Council and Mayor [a] amend the 2005 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning and Economic Development Department agency Fund CNR – NRP Program Fund (CNR0-890-3550) appropriation by \$728,953, and [b] authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contract or agreements necessary to implement the activities above, and

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That up to seventy percent (70 %) of the amount approved for this plan (\$584,600) shall be available for obligation in the first three (3) years after approval of the appropriation for this plan.

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

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Sincerely,

Robert D. Miller  
Director