

Request for City Council Committee Action

Date: November 6, 2007

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

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Approved by: Robert D. Miller, Director _____

Subject: Waite Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Summary of the Request:

The Waite Park Neighborhood 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 \$447,124. Of that amount, \$10,000 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 (\$437,124).

Recommendation:

- 1) Approve the Waite Park 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 \$447,124;
- 2) Amend the City of Minneapolis 2007 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning & Economic Development Department (CPED) agency Fund CRN-NRP Program Fund (CNRO-890-3350) appropriation by \$156,493;
- 3) Refer \$280,631 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within CNRO for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 70% of the amount approved for the Plan (\$312,986) shall be obligated in the first three (3) 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
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The Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair
Ways and Means Committee
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Re: Waite Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Ostrow:

At its meeting on October 22, 2007 the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approved and authorized funding for the Waite Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan for a total appropriation of \$447,124.

The Waite Park Community Council (WPCC) requested and received \$10,000 from the Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund for their planning and notification activities. These funds were used for printing, postage, and distribution of the draft plan and notification to residents of the various planning and approval meetings.

The WPCC's NRP Steering Committee began developing their Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan (NAP) in 2006. With guidance from NRP staff and in anticipation of approval of their Participation Agreement, they conducted a survey, held out-reach interviews and facilitated a large kick off "Town Meeting" on February 22, 2007 to gather community input. The Plan was developed and drafted at a March 7, 2007 "Town Meeting" and sent out for review. The WPCC and the community at large approved the Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan April 4, 2007. The Plan was then reviewed by City staff and Departments and received legal review on August 20, 2007. Based on the comments received, minor revisions were then made.

The major strategy in the Phase II NAP is WBCC's Housing Program (72.6%) to address immediate and future housing needs. The NAP also includes: support for expanding services to students at Waite Park Community School, NE Middle School, and Edison High School; funds for addressing recreation needs at Waite Park Recreation Center; a strategy supporting continuing education and activity needs through Community Education; safety grants for organized Block Clubs; and mini grants for residential security and safety items.

On October 22, 2007 the Policy Board passed the following resolution:

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WHEREAS: On April 19, 2004, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board ("Board") approved a Phase II allocation for the Waite Park neighborhood of \$447,124 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP; and

WHEREAS: The Waite Park neighborhood conducted an extensive and inclusive Phase II neighborhood action plan development process; and

WHEREAS: The Waite Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests a Phase II allocation at their guideline of \$447,124 and dedicates at least 70% of that allocation to housing programs, projects, services and activities.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board ("Board") hereby accepts and adopts the Waite Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated October 17, 2007; and

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor [a] approve the Waite Park 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 \$447,124; [b] amend the 2007 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) by \$156,493 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] and authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$280,631 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund CNR0 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 70% of the amount approved for the Plan (\$312,986) 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