

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

Date: July 24, 2007

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

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

**Subject: Folwell NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan**

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

The Folwell 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 \$730,376.

### **Recommendation:**

- 1) Approve the Folwell 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 \$730,376;
- 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 \$229,869;
- 3) Refer \$448,982 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within CNR0 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 70% of the amount approved for the Plan 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  
315 City Hall  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

The Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair  
Ways and Means Committee  
Minneapolis City Council  
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**Re: Folwell NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan**

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Ostrow:

At its meeting on June 25, 2007 the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approved and authorized funding for the Folwell NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan for a total appropriation of \$730,376.

The Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan allocates \$730,376 in the following manner:

Housing	70 %
Economic Development	21
Public Safety & Community Building	9

The housing allocation will capitalize 3 home improvement programs that were offered in Phase I. One new program, the "Housing Stabilization Initiative", will be developed to respond to foreclosures in the neighborhood. In a report compiled from Hennepin County records, the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) found that in 2005 and 2006 the neighborhood experienced a total of 161 foreclosures.

The Folwell Neighborhood Association needs to work on the direct impacts of foreclosed properties. They also, however, need to deal with the fear and other negative feelings that occur when neighbors see so many properties boarded and/or in desperate positions. Therefore, the Association will need to direct time and resources to events and civic participation activities to help rebuild and strengthen the sense of community.

The Folwell Neighborhood Action Plan requests a total NRP appropriation of \$730,376. Of this amount, \$51,525 was advanced to the Folwell Neighborhood Association from the NRP Phase II Plan Development Fund.

On June 25, 2007 the Policy Board passed the following resolution:

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**WHEREAS:** On April 19, 2004, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) established the Phase II allocation available for the Folwell neighborhood at \$730,376 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP,

**WHEREAS:** The Folwell neighborhood has conducted an extensive and inclusive Phase II plan development process,

**WHEREAS:** The submitted Folwell NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests an allocation of \$730,376 and dedicates 70% 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 Folwell Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated June 25, 2007,

**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 Folwell 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 \$730,376; [b] amend the 2007 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) by \$229,869 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] and authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$448,982 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund CNR0 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 70% (\$511,263) 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