

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

Date: November 18, 2008

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

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

**Subject: Loring Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan**

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

Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC) 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 \$502,173.

### **Recommendation:**

- 1) Approve the Loring Park 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 \$502,173.
- 2) Amend the City of Minneapolis 2008 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning & Economic Development Department (CPED) agency Fund 01CNR 8900-800 by \$196,582;
- 3) Refer \$305,591 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within 01CNR 8900-800 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than \$372,342 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 Paul Ostrow, Chair  
Ways and Means Committee  
Minneapolis City Council  
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**Re: Loring Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan**

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Ostrow:

At its meeting on October 27, 2008 the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approved and authorized funding for the Loring Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan for a total appropriation of \$502,173.

**Phase I**

On May 1, 1995 the Policy Board adopted the Loring Park Neighborhood Action Plan and the allocation of \$3,497,500 of NRP resources that has been invested in the following manner:

Parks & Recreation	34 %	Crime & Security	4
Housing	25	Community Building	3
Economic Development	14	Environment	1
Plan Implementation	13		
Transportation & Infrastructure	7		

Neighborhood leaders believe the implementation of the Phase I plan represented the most important investment made in the neighborhood in over a century. In 1997 the neighborhood celebrated the Loring Park Restoration Project that helped transform a neglected public space into one of the jewels of the Minneapolis Park system. This investment continues to inspire a long-term commitment by citizens to preserve and enhance this very special park. Other NRP funded projects have included a wide variety of investments into streetlights, public school improvements, historic preservation and community events.

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**Phase II**

As you review the Loring Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan you will quickly find that it is much more than a spending plan for NRP dollars. This Plan is a comprehensive community improvement agenda that touches almost all aspects of neighborhood-life.

The Loring Park Neighborhood Action Plan requests a total NRP appropriation of \$502,173. This is the amount of the Phase II allocation approved for Loring Park. Of this amount, \$31,000 was advanced to CLPC from the NRP Phase II Plan Development Fund. Plan development has involved public jurisdiction staff and the Plan is consistent with the April 19, 2004 Policy Board resolution. The Housing allocation is 75%.

On October 27, 2008 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 Loring Park neighborhood at \$502,173 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP,

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

**WHEREAS:** The submitted Loring Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests an allocation of \$502,173 and dedicates 75% 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 Loring Park Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated October 21, 2008,

**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 Loring 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 \$502,173; [b] amend the 2008 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund 01CNR-8900800 (NRP Fund) by \$196,582 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] and authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$305,591 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund 01CNR-8900800 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than \$372,342 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.

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

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Sincerely,

Robert D. Miller  
Director