



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Community Planning and Economic Development – Planning Division

Date: January 16, 2008

To: Councilmember Gary Schiff, Zoning and Planning Committee

Referral to: Councilmember Paul Ostrow, Ways and Means Committee

Prepared and Submitted by: Carol Ahlgren, Senior Planner, (612) 673-2847

Approved by: Jack Byers, Planning Supervisor

Presenter in Committee: Carol Ahlgren, Senior Planner

Subject: Apply for federal grant through the MN Historical Society to conduct historic resource survey

Recommendation:

Authorize CPED Planning staff to apply for a matching federal Certified Local Government (CLG) grant, administered by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the Minnesota Historical Society in the amount of \$24,000 to continue an ongoing ten-year historic resource survey of the city by conducting the next phase in the following neighborhoods: Seward, Longfellow, Cooper, Howe, and Hiawatha.

Previous Directives:

Approvals for funding 2007-08 historic resource survey
Approvals for funding 2005-06 historic resource survey
Approvals for funding 2004-05 historic resource survey
Approvals for funding 2003-04 historic resource survey
Approvals for funding 2002-03 historic resource survey
Approvals for funding 2001-02 historic resource survey
Approvals for funding 2000-01 historic resource survey

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ____ Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ____ Date _____

Financial Impact

- No financial impact
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the ___ Capital Budget or ___ Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Action is within the Business Plan
- Action requires a change to the Business Plan
- Other financial impact
- Request provided to the Finance Department when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

The proposed grant application will be used to solicit funds to continue a city-wide historic resource survey, by conducting a survey of historically significant properties in the following neighborhoods: Seward, Longfellow, Cooper, Howe, and Hiawatha.

The survey data provides a foundation for preservation planning, economic development, and identification of resources worthy of further protection or planning efforts. The survey data enables Planning staff to make informed decisions concerning such needs as redevelopment, small area plans, revitalization, and raises awareness of historic resources for the city as a whole.

Supporting Information

Background:

The Certified Local Government (CLG) grant is a federal grant administered through the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the Minnesota Historical Society. Since 1983, as a Certified Local Government, the City of Minneapolis has been eligible to apply for, and has received grants for projects such as historic theme studies, landmark designations, and historic resource surveys.

In 1999, the Preservation Study Group of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) concluded that the existing city-wide historic resources inventory should be updated, and devised a plan for gathering funds. The City Council approved the Commission's plan and called for matching funds to be granted each year that a CLG grant is awarded by SHPO.

Since 2000, the City has applied for these grant funds and provided the matching funds to complete the surveys. The current request is for the authorization to apply for a CLG grant to continue the long range goals of identifying and documenting the city's historic resources.

The revision of the Historic Resources Inventory began with the 2000-2001 CLG grant that developed a database (compatible with the SHPO inventory database) and surveyed parts of the Powderhorn and Phillips communities. The 2001-2002 CLG grant surveyed the majority of North Minneapolis. The 2002-2003 CLG grant surveyed the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood and completed a context study of the area. The 2004 CLG grant surveyed Northeast Minneapolis and the 2005 grant surveyed a large portion of Southwest Minneapolis around Lake Harriet (see Attachment B). The 2007-2008 CLG grant, currently underway, is to survey the Elliott Park, Loring Park, and Lowry Hill East neighborhoods (Attachment A: map). On January 17th, one of three public meetings was held to inform and encourage participation from neighborhoods in this year's survey area.

Rationale for Fiscal Year 2008-09 Survey Area

The survey area proposed by staff and endorsed by the HPC for 2008-09 includes the Seward, Longfellow, Cooper, Howe, and Hiawatha neighborhoods. This area was selected for the following reasons:

- The area has not yet been included in previous CLG surveys and represents a portion of the City's inner-ring neighborhoods (Attachment B: map).
- Current and historic permit research indicates that the area has not experienced severe redevelopment pressures. However, there have been many minor changes through additions and remodeling permits. Nonetheless, there is a high likelihood of intact resources such as early 20th century architectural styles.
- The geographic area to be surveyed includes the Hiawatha light rail corridor; this area is being surveyed by historic consultants working for Hennepin County. Conducting survey of these neighborhoods at this time provides opportunities for collaboration and public input.
- The reconstruction of East Lake Street in the proposed project area will encourage redevelopment in the next 5 to 10 years. Similarly the extension of the Greenway to the Mississippi River could also spur redevelopment. It will be important to have potential historic resources identified as a precursor to the expected change in this part of south Minneapolis.
- The proposed survey project was presented to the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) as an informational item on January 8, 2008; the HPC concurred with the staff's rationale and recommendation for the 2008-2009 survey area (Attachment C).
- The proposed survey project represents a substantial step in fulfilling the goal of completing an historic resource survey of the City in its entirety and will aid staff in making informed decisions regarding heritage preservation.

Attachments:

- A: Map of current 2007-2008 CLG survey area
- B. Map of proposed 2008-2009 CLG survey area
- C. Heritage Preservation Commission meeting actions, January 8, 2008.

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2008 Meeting Schedule

Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission

Regular Meeting

January 8, 2008

4:30 p.m. - Room 319, City Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Commissioners Present: Chair Larsen, Anderson, Crippen, Kelley, Lee, and Lemmon-Selchow

Absent: Commissioners Dunn (unexcused), Messenger and Ollendorf (unexcused)

Committee Clerk: Lisa Baldwin (612) 673-3710

Commission Business:

Call to order

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Anderson to **approve** agenda. **Second** by Commissioner Kelley.
Motion approved with no abstentions.

Approval of the Actions for 11-27-2007.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson to **approve** the actions. **Second** by Commissioner Kelley.
Motion approved with no abstentions.

Approval of the Actions for 12-11-2007.

Motion by Commissioner Kelley to **approve** the actions. **Second** by Commissioner Crippen.
Motion approved with abstention from Lee.

Election of Officers for 2008

Chair, Chad Larsen

Vice-chair, Linda Messenger

Secretary, Denita Lemmon-Selchow

Motion by Commissioner Anderson to **approve** the election of officer's slate. **Second** by Commissioner Crippen. **Motion approved** with no abstentions.

Public Hearings

- 1. 1309 Hennepin Avenue South (Harmon Place Historic District), Ward 7 (Staff: Aaron Hanauer)**
Certificate of Appropriateness to allow for a building addition to a noncontributing structure.

Action

Motion by Commissioner Kelley to **adopt** staff findings and **approve** the Certificate of Appropriateness with the condition that the applicant attempts to salvage the tree nearest Harmon Place. If salvage is not possible, they will replace the tree in kind. **Second** by Commissioner Lee. **Motion approved** with no abstentions.

Information items:

- 2. Early Warning System for Residential Properties (Staff: Brian Schaffer)**
Information Presentation
Discussion took place with input from the commission.
- 3. Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant: Proposed Historic Resource Survey for Fiscal Year 2008-09 (Staff: Carol Ahlgren)**
Information Presentation
Discussion took place with input from the commission.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Next Regular Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting: 1-22-2008

The Chair reserves the right to limit discussion on Agenda items.

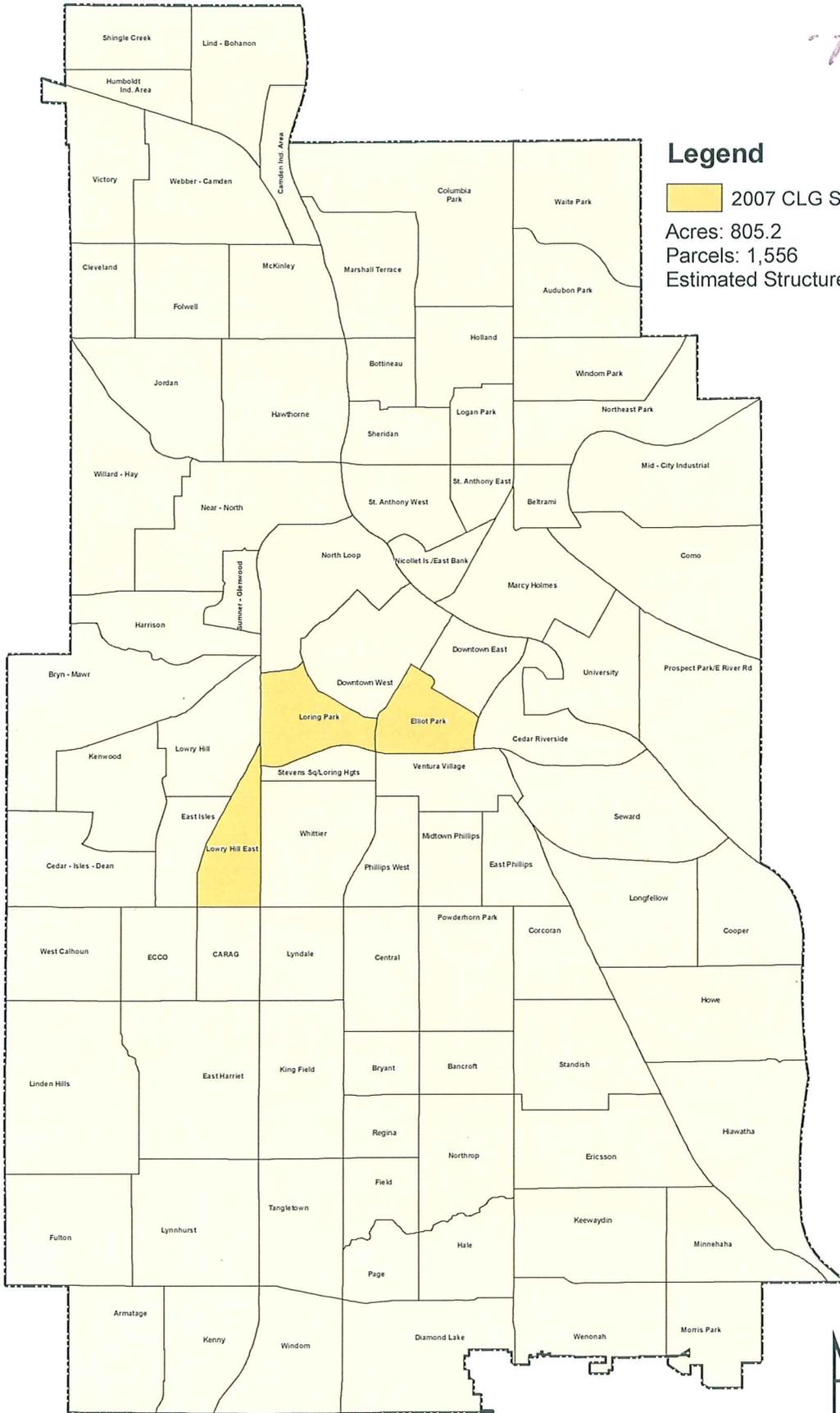
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Minneapolis Neighborhoods

A.



Legend
 2007 CLG Study Area
 Acres: 805.2
 Parcels: 1,556
 Estimated Structures: 1,876



