

Request for City Council Committee Action

Date: February 15, 2011

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

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Approved by: Robert D. Miller, Director _____

Subject: Cedar Isles Dean NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Summary of the Request:

The Cedar Isles Dean (CIDNA) neighborhood has completed their NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan. It has been reviewed by staff and external counsel and adopted by the NRP Policy Board. Final approval and funding is now being requested.

Recommendation:

1. Approve the Cedar Isles Dean NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan, specifically those parts of the Plan that fall under City jurisdiction, in an amount not to exceed \$261,420;
2. Amend the 2011 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED) agency Fund 01 CNR 8900-800 (the NRP fund) by \$261,420 from existing fund balance;
3. Authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary 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 Betsy Hodges, Chair
Ways and Means Committee
Minneapolis City Council
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Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

Re: Cedar Isles Dean NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Hodges:

At its meeting on January 24, 2011 the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approved the Cedar Isles Dean NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan and authorized \$261,420 in NRP Program Funds to implement this plan.

The Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan allocates \$261,420, the amount allocated on April 19, 2004 for CIDNA, in the following manner:

Housing	\$183,000
Community Building	13,850
Neighborhood Safety	16,000
Environment	22,570
Implementation	26,000

In 2008, CIDNA reestablished their NRP committee, completed a thorough review of their NRP Phase I activities, and modified their phase I plan to reflect their current needs. Their Phase I plan review is attached for your information. During the summer of 2009 the NRP committee developed a strategy to survey neighborhood residents and presented it at the 2009 Fall Festival, which is held annually in September. The committee continued the survey process and used the results to begin their Phase II planning in March 2010. The final plan was submitted to the CIDNA Board for approval on October 5, 2010 with the board approving it for distribution and a final neighborhood vote on December 7, 2010.

Over 80% of the plan goes for housing strategies, the main one being an investment in affordable housing. In addition the plan continues to support the neighborhood's annual fall festival and other community building strategies and provides some funds for addressing environmental concerns and the parkland on the south side of Cedar Lake.

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CIDNA is also anticipating the impact that the southwest corridor light rail project will have on the neighborhood. Although no funds have been set aside for these strategies, they are included because of their importance to the neighborhood.

On January 24, 2011 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 Cedar Isles Dean neighborhood at \$261,420 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP,

WHEREAS: The CIDNA neighborhood has conducted an inclusive Phase II plan development process,

WHEREAS: The submitted CIDNA NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests an allocation of \$261,420 and dedicates at least seventy percent (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 Cedar Isles Dean (CIDNA) NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan,

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 Cedar Isles Dean NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan, and specifically those parts of the Plan that fall under City jurisdiction, for their Phase II allocation of \$261,420; [b] amend the 2011 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) by \$261,420 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; and [c] 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