

Request for City Council Committee Action

Date: April 18, 2006

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

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Approved by: Robert D. Miller, Director _____

Subject: Near North Willard Hay NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Summary of the Request: The Near North Willard Hay Neighborhood has completed their NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan. It has been reviewed by NRP's legal counsel and city staff, staff of participating jurisdictions and adopted by the NRP Policy Board. The plan requests a total NRP appropriation of \$1,845,711. City Council action is now being requested for final approval of the Neighborhood Action Plan.

Recommendation:

1. Approve the Near North Willard Hay Neighborhood NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan ("Plan") attached to this report, and specifically those parts of the Plan that fall under City jurisdiction, with a total cost of the Plan not to exceed \$1,845,711;
2. Amend the 2006 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) appropriation by \$633,874 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan;
3. Authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$1,211,837 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 (\$1,291,998) shall be obligated in the first three years after approval of the Plan; and
4. Authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the Plan and the activities above.

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RESOLUTION

Amending The 2006 General Appropriation Resolution

Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the above-entitled resolution, as amended, be further amended by increasing the appropriation for the Community Planning and Economic Development Department in the NRP Program Fund (CNR0-890-3550) by \$633,874.

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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
315 City Hall
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

Re: Near North Willard Hay NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Ostrow:

At its meeting on March 27, 2006 the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approved and authorized funding for the Near North Willard Hay NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan.

The Near North Willard Hay NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests a total NRP appropriation of \$1,845,711, the amount approved for these neighborhoods by the Policy Board on April 19, 2004. NRRC involved public staff in the plan development process and a draft of this plan was circulated electronically to public staff for their review and comment. External counsel has also reviewed the plan.

The Near North Willard Hay NRP Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan was approved in May of 1995. It targeted neighborhood NRP funds to improving the neighborhood's housing stock through home improvement programs for existing properties and demolition, rehabilitation and new construction efforts for blighted sites. It invested in programs that assisted small businesses and provided employment opportunities; supported beat/bike patrols, community organizing and block club projects; and expanded the range of services available to the most at risk and underserved segments of the neighborhood's population – including health services for immigrant communities, programs for kids, and assistance for adults and families.

Near North Willard Hay reached their eligibility threshold for Phase II in 2003 and has expended 91.1% and contracted 94% of their Phase I allocation of \$8,400,250. The Near North Willard NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan devotes 70% of its allocation to housing -- including a range of home improvement efforts. The plan also allocates some of its Phase II resources for youth and seniors, assistance to small businesses, financial skill development among residents, improving the environment and continuing support for block club efforts. The NRRC Board approved this plan on February 21, 2006, and the community at-large approved it on March 4, 2006.

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On March 27, 2006 the Policy Board passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS: On April 19, 2004 the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board ("Board") approved a Phase II allocation for the Near North and Willard Hay neighborhoods of \$1,845,711, based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP;

WHEREAS: The neighborhood conducted a Phase II neighborhood planning process that began in 2005 and has submitted a Near North Willard Hay NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan ("Plan") that requests a Phase II allocation of \$1,845,711;

WHEREAS: The Near North and Willard Hay neighborhoods have allocated at least 70% of their Plan to housing programs, projects, services and activities;

RESOLVED: That the Board hereby accepts and adopts the Near North Willard Hay NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan and approves the expenditure of up to \$1,845,711 of NRP funds for implementation of the Plan;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor: [a] approve the Near North Willard Hay 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 \$1,845,711; [b] amend the 2006 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) appropriation by \$633,874 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$1,211,837 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 (\$1,291,998) 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 Plan and 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