

October 26, 2004

The Honorable Lisa Goodman, Chair
Community Development Committee
Minneapolis City Council
315 City Hall
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

The Honorable Barbara Johnson, Chair
Ways and Means Committee
Minneapolis City Council
315 City Hall
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

Re: Lowry Hill Neighborhood Plan Modification #7

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Johnson:

At its meeting on September 27, 2004 the Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board approved a modification of the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Action Plan, which creates a new strategy and reallocates funds to this new strategy.

The plan modification would:

1) Rename the “Crime and Safety” section of the Lowry Hill Phase I NRP plan and incorporate a new strategy under this section as follows:

Section 1: Housing and Safety

Goal 1.D: Support efforts to enhance the housing and safety of at-risk youth

Strategy 1.D1: *Support the rehabilitation and/or redevelopment of the facilities of the Bridge for Runaway Youth to better meet their mission.*

2) Reallocate \$26,000 of Lowry Hill Phase I NRP funds in the following manner:

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1.C.3 - Motion Detector Lights	\$ 5,793.79
4.A.1 - Parking Ramp Study	\$ 3,736.26
7.A.1 - Traffic Study	\$ 4,709.11
2.B.1 - Hennepin Avenue Lighting/Streetscape	\$ 7,074.32
7.B.1 - Traffic Calming	\$ 2,686.52

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Because the modification being requested by the neighborhood includes creation of a new strategy in the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Action Plan, NRP Policy Board policy requires City Council approval.

On September 27, 2004 the Policy Board passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with its policy on “Changing Approved Neighborhood Action Plans and Early Access Requests” (approved by the NRP Policy Board on June 6, 1994, and amended on September 5, 1995) the Minneapolis Revitalization Program Policy Board (Board) hereby approves and authorizes the Lowry Hill Residents, Inc. to modify the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Action Plan as follows:

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RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request City approval of: 1) a new plan strategy in the Lowry Hill Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan and the reallocation of \$26,000 to this strategy; and 2) authorization for 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:

RECOMMENDATION:

- (1) Approve the Lowry Hill NRP Action Plan ("Plan") Modification #7 attached to this report, which creates a new strategy in the Housing and Safety section of the Plan and reallocates \$26,000 from other Plan strategies to support this strategy; and,
- (2) Authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements needed to implement this request.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Miller
Director