

Request for City Council Committee Action

Date: February 15, 2005

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

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Approved by: Robert D. Miller, Director _____

Subject: Stevens Square NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Summary of the Request: The Stevens Square Neighborhood has completed their NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan. It has been reviewed by NRP's legal counsel, City Staff, the MRT, and adopted by the NRP Policy Board. The plan requests a total NRP appropriation of \$376,427. Of that amount, \$25,000 has been advanced to the plan from the NRP Phase II Plan Development Fund. City Council action is now being requested for final approval of the Neighborhood Action Plan and the appropriation of the balance of these funds (\$351,427).

Recommendation:

- (1) Approve the Stevens Square NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan ("Plan") attached to this report, specifically those parts of the Plan which fall under City jurisdiction, in an amount not to exceed \$376,427;
- (2) Amend the City of Minneapolis 2005 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning & Economic Development Department (CPED) agency Fund CNR—NRP Program Fund (CNR0-890-3550) appropriation by \$351,427;
- (3) 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 Barbara Johnson, Chair
Ways and Means Committee
Minneapolis City Council
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Re: Stevens Square NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Johnson:

At its meeting on January 24, 2005 the Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board approved and authorized funding for the Stevens Square NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan.

The Stevens Square neighborhood was one of the first neighborhoods to complete a Phase I Action Plan. SSCO submitted its Phase I review and draft Participation Agreement for Phase II in May 2001. Over the summer of 2002, the Stevens Square NRP Steering Committee and staff conducted surveys and focus groups to gather information from the community. The sector and community meetings were well attended. The first draft of the Stevens Square Neighborhood Phase II Action Plan was completed in October 2002. The final plan was approved on June 19, 2003 with amended allocations approved by community vote on November 11, 2004.

The Stevens Square Neighborhood Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests a total NRP appropriation of \$376,427. Of these funds, \$25,000 has already been received from the Phase II Plan Development Reserve Fund. The plan also includes NRP awards from the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund for Lofts on Arts Avenue (\$490,000), and the Community Oriented Public Safety Reserve Funds (\$39,050).

On January 24, 2005 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 Stevens Square neighborhood of \$376,427, based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP;

WHEREAS: The neighborhood conducted an extensive Phase II neighborhood planning process that began in 2001 and has submitted a Stevens Square NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan that requests a Phase II allocation of \$376,427;

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RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the Stevens Square Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated November 11, 2004;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor [a] amend the 2005 General Appropriation resolution by increasing the Community Planning and Economic Development Department agency Fund CNR- NRP Program Fund (CNR0-890-3550) by \$351,427 and [b] authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the activities above;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That up to 70 percent of the amount approved for this plan (\$263,498) shall be available for obligation in the first three (3) years after approval of the appropriation for this plan.

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

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Sincerely,

Robert D. Miller
Director