

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: Armatage NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Summary of the Request: The Armatage Neighborhood Association 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 \$375,682. Of that amount, \$23,111 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 (\$352,571).

Recommendation:

- (1) Approve the Armatage 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 \$375,682;
- (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 \$352,571;
- (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: Armatage 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 Armatage NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan.

The neighborhood began its Phase II plan development effort in September 2002 presenting a draft plan for neighborhood review and comment at the ANA Winter Festival on February 23, 2003. A summary of the plan was mailed to all ANA households along with a mail-in ballot card. The residents overwhelmingly approved the plan and the ANA Board subsequently approved the Armatage NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan at its April 21, 2003 Board meeting. The Policy Board approved their NRP Phase II Plan on May 19, 2003 with the understanding that revisions would be needed when final Phase II neighborhood allocations were established.

Once the Phase II allocations were established, the members of the ANA board met during the fall of 2004 to reduce the plan from their original expectation of \$631,000 to the approved allocation of \$375,682 and the Armatage Neighborhood Association membership and Board approved the revised plan on December 14, 2004.

The Armatage Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests a total NRP appropriation of \$375,682. Of this amount, \$23,111 was advanced to the Armatage_Neighborhood NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan from the NRP Phase II Plan Development Fund on March 25, 2002. The appropriation request is consistent with the Phase II allocations approved by the Policy Board on April 19, 2004, allocates 70% of the plan to housing and housing related strategies, and includes a COPSI Reserve Fund allocation of \$9,762.50.

On January 24, 2005 the Policy Board passed the following resolution:

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WHEREAS: On April 19, 2004, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board (“Board”) approved a Phase II allocation for the Armatage neighborhood of \$375,682, based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP;

WHEREAS: The neighborhood conducted an extensive Phase II neighborhood planning process that began in 2002 and has submitted an Armatage NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan that requests a Phase II allocation of \$375,682;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the Armatage NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated December 14, 2004;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request 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 \$352,571 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 (\$262,977) 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