

Request for City Council Committee Action

Date: April 6, 2010

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

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Approved by: Robert D. Miller, Director _____

Subject: East Calhoun Neighborhood NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Summary of the Request:

East Calhoun has completed their NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan. It has been reviewed by NRP's legal counsel and city staff, reviewed by staff of participating jurisdictions and adopted by the NRP Policy Board. The plan requests a total NRP appropriation of \$334,613.

Recommendation:

1. Approve the East Calhoun NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan ("Plan") attached to this report, specifically those parts of the Plan that fall under City jurisdiction, in an amount not to exceed \$334,613.
2. Amend the City of Minneapolis 2010 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED) agency Fund 01 CNR 8900-800 (the NRP fund) by \$267,690 from existing fund balance.
3. Refer \$66,923 for Plan Implementation in a reserve account within Fund 01 CNR 8900-800 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than \$267,690 of the amount approved for the Plan shall be obligated in the first three years after approval of the Plan;
4. 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 Betsy Hodges, Chair
Ways and Means Committee
Minneapolis City Council
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Re: East Calhoun Neighborhood NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Hodges:

At its meeting on March 22, 2010 the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approved the East Calhoun NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan. The East Calhoun Community Organization Board (ECCO) approved the plan on December 3, 2009 and the East Calhoun residents gave final approval on March 4, 2010.

At its meeting on February 22, 2010 the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approved the Phillips West NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan. The Phillips West residents and board approved the plan on January 7, 2010.

ECCO presented a Phase I NRP Neighborhood Action Plan review to the Policy Board on May 17, 2004. The neighborhood's Phase II planning process did not begin until the end of 2006 when the neighborhood qualified to begin Phase II activities. With uncertainty about the funding and future of NRP, the neighborhood decided to take their time to organize interest and to survey the residents while continuing to implement the strategies from the Phase I plan. The plan being presented by the neighborhood for adoption by the Policy Board was developed over the past year and a half.

The Phase II plan more than meets the housing requirements (84% of the plan) by providing a mix of strategies that will help ECCO residents maintain and improve the quality of the housing stock in East Calhoun. The housing strategy addresses the City's *Liveable Communities, Healthy Lives* goal as well as the *Eco-Focused* goal.

The remaining dollars are allocated to Environmental strategies that support the City's *Eco-Focused* goal, to Crime and Safety and Community Building strategies that support the City's *A Safe Place to Call Home* and *Many People, One Minneapolis* goals, and to plan implementation.

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Of particular note is the neighborhood's desire to continue the successful tree grants from Phase I and to have strategies in place in the plan to encourage partnership with the Park Board as a master plan for Lake Calhoun is developed. The Phase II planning process has also revitalized an interest in ECCO activities with a new logo design. Web and e-mail marketing has also been helpful in this revival of interest.

On March 22, 2010 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 East Calhoun neighborhood of \$334,613, based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP;

WHEREAS: The East Calhoun neighborhood has conducted an extensive and inclusive planning process;

WHEREAS: The submitted East Calhoun Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests an allocation of \$334,613 and dedicates more than 70% of that allocation to housing programs, projects, services and activities;

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board hereby accepts and adopts the East Calhoun NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated December 3, 2009;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor: [a] approve the East Calhoun 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 \$334,613; [b] amend the 2010 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) appropriation by \$267,690 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$66,923 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund CNR0 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 80% of the amount approved for the Plan (\$267,690) 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.

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

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Sincerely,

Robert D. Miller
Director