

Request for City Council Committee Action

Date: September 14, 2010

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

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Approved by: Robert D. Miller, Director _____

Subject: North Loop NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Summary of the Request:

The Warehouse District North Loop Association has completed the North Loop 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 \$293,007.

Recommendation:

1. Approve the North Loop 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 \$293,007.
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 \$293,007 from existing fund balance.
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 Betsy Hodges, Chair
Ways and Means Committee
Minneapolis City Council
315 City Hall
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

Re: North Loop NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Hodges:

At its meeting on August 23, 2010 the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approved the North Loop NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan and authorized up to \$293,007 in NRP program funds to implement the Plan.

The Warehouse District North Loop Association Board of Directors and the North Loop community residents approved this plan on July 28, 2010. The plan requests a total NRP appropriation of \$293,007. Of these funds, \$10,000.00 has already been approved from the Phase II Plan Development Reserve Fund. A draft of this plan was circulated electronically to public staff and WDNLA has involved public staff in the plan development process. NRP's legal counsel has reviewed the plan for consistency with the NRP statute.

The North Loop NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan devotes 70% of its allocation to housing. The plan supports newly developed home improvement programs for condominium associations and condominium owners as well as initiatives that encourage ecological improvements and development. The non-housing portions of the North Loop Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan invest funds in Parks and Green Space (*family park on the river, bike paths, future park space and a tree plan*), Commercial Development and Business (*developing a neighborhood grocery store and establishing a business association*), Traffic (*reduce traffic hazards, establish a full service bicycle station, encourage the use of pedi-cabs and transit station development*) Neighborhood Identity (*create an annual event, promote criminal activity reporting, install crime prevention hardware and develop a lighting plan*), and Planning and Implementation (*hire a consultant to develop and implement the Phase II plan and continue support for the neighborhood web-site*).

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On August 23, 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 North Loop neighborhood of \$293,007 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP;

WHEREAS: The neighborhood conducted a Phase II neighborhood planning process that began in November 2009 and has submitted a North Loop NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan that requests a Phase II allocation of \$293,007;

WHEREAS: The North Loop neighborhood has allocated at least 70% of their Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan to housing programs, projects, services and activities;

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the North Loop NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor: [a] approve the North Loop 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 \$293,007; [b] amend the 2010 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) appropriation by \$293,007 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; and [c] 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