

Request for City Council Committee Action

Date: April 3, 2007

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

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Approved by: Robert D. Miller, Director _____

Subject: Bancroft NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Summary of the Request: The Bancroft Neighborhood has completed their NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan. It has been reviewed by NRP's legal counsel and city staff, staff of participating jurisdictions and adopted by the NRP Policy Board. The plan requests a total NRP appropriation of \$265,505. Of that amount, \$19,825 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 (\$245,680).

Recommendation:

- 1) Approve the Bancroft 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 \$265,505;
- 2) Amend the City of Minneapolis 2007 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning & Economic Development Department (CPED) agency Fund CRN-NRP Program Fund (CNRO-890-3350) appropriation by \$89,359;
- 3) Refer \$156,321 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within CNR0 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 70% of the amount approved for the Plan (\$185,852) shall be obligated in the first three (3) 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
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The Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair
Ways and Means Committee
Minneapolis City Council
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Re: Bancroft NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Ostrow:

At its meeting on February 26, 2007 the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approved and authorized funding for the Bancroft NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan.

The neighborhood began work on its Phase II Plan in early 2004. The planning process was interrupted due to the temporary absence of the neighborhood staff. The Steering Committee began meeting again in January 2006, to complete the plan development. Using data gathered and lessons learned from the successful implementation of their NRP Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan, the Steering Committee conducted surveys and workshop meetings to obtain information for developing the plan.

The strategies developed by the Steering Committee respond to the identified needs and concerns of the neighborhood. On December 19, 2006, the draft plan was distributed by email to departmental and jurisdictional partners. The comments received are attached to the Phase II Action Plan. The required legal review found that all strategies within the plan are qualifying expenditures under the NRP law. The neighborhood voted its approval of the Bancroft Phase II NRP Neighborhood Action Plan at a broadly advertised neighborhood meeting on January 31, 2007.

The Bancroft NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests a total NRP appropriation of \$265,505 and allocates 76.46% of that amount to housing and housing related activities.

On February 26, 2007 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 Bancroft neighborhood of \$265,505 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP; and

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WHEREAS: The Bancroft neighborhood conducted an extensive and inclusive Phase II neighborhood action plan development process; and

WHEREAS: The Bancroft NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests a Phase II allocation at their guideline of \$265,505 and dedicates more than 70% of that allocation to housing programs, projects, services and activities.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board ("Board") hereby accepts and adopts the Bancroft NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated January 31, 2007; and

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor [a] approve the Bancroft 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 \$265,505; [b] amend the 2007 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) by \$89,359 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] and authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$156,321 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund CNR0 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 70% of the amount approved for the Plan (\$185,852) 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 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