

## **Request for City Council Committee Action**

Date: May 15, 2007

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

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Approved by: Robert D. Miller, Director \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject: Lowry Hill NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan**

**Summary of the Request:** The Lowry Hill Neighborhood 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 \$448,754.

### **Recommendation:**

- 1) Approve the Lowry Hill 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 \$448,754;
- 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 \$157,064;
- 3) Refer \$291,690 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within CNRO for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 70% of the amount approved for the Plan (\$314,128) 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  
315 City Hall  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

The Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair  
Ways and Means Committee  
Minneapolis City Council  
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**Re: Lowry Hill NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan**

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Ostrow:

At its meeting on April 23, 2007 the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approved and authorized funding for the Lowry Hill NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan for a total NRP appropriation of \$448,754.

The Lowry Hill NRP Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan was approved in August of 1995. Lowry Hill used its Phase I funds to coordinate planning and improvements along Hennepin Avenue in conjunction with nearby neighborhoods, catalyze the installation of new pedestrian-scale lighting through the neighborhood, test and install traffic calming improvements in targeted locations, provide funding to the Bridge for Youth, carry out a study of the historic character of homes in the neighborhood, and improve facilities, equipment and plantings at its local parks.

The Lowry Hill NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan devotes 72% of its allocation to housing. In addition to funding for home improvements and other housing projects, the neighborhood hopes to enhance livability through additional park improvements, neighborhood safety initiatives and, if funds become available, a range of other livability enhancements. This plan was approved by Lowry Hill residents at the neighborhood's annual meeting and formally submitted to NRP by the Lowry Hill Residents, Inc. Board on April 3, 2007.

On April 23, 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 Northeast Park neighborhood of \$448,754, based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP;

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**WHEREAS:** The neighborhood conducted a Phase II neighborhood planning process that began in 2005 and has submitted a Lowry Hill NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan that requests a Phase II allocation of \$448,754;

**WHEREAS:** The Lowry Hill 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 Lowry Hill 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 Lowry Hill 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 \$448,754; [b] amend the 2007 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) by \$157,064 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] and authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$291,690 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund CNR0 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 70% (\$314,128) of the amount approved for the Plan 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