

Request for City Council Committee Action

Date: November 7, 2006

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

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Approved by: Robert D. Miller, Director _____

Subject: Longfellow NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Summary of the Request: The Longfellow Community 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 \$2,306,477. Of that amount, \$74,392.50 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 (\$2,232,084.50).

Recommendation:

- (1) Approve the Longfellow 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 \$2,306,477;
- (2) Amend the City of Minneapolis 2006 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning & Economic Development Department (CPED) agency Fund CNR—NRP Program Fund (CNR0-890-3550) appropriation by \$770,071;
- (3) Refer \$385,035 to the 2007 budget and authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$1,076,978.50 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 (\$1,614,534) 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
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Re: Longfellow Community NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Ostrow:

At its meeting on October 23, 2006 the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approved and authorized funding for the Longfellow Community NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan. The plan requests a total NRP appropriation of \$2,306,477.

The Longfellow Community Council (LCC) is the neighborhood organization that represents the Cooper, Howe, Hiawatha and Longfellow neighborhoods. The LCC Board of Directors approved this plan on August 17, 2006 and the Longfellow Community residents gave their approval on September 13, 2006.

The Longfellow NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan devotes 87.8% of its allocation to housing. The plan continues to support a variety of home improvement and housing development programs as well as maintaining the community housing office.

The non-housing portions of the Longfellow Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan are investing in the Environment (Mississippi River Gorge and Midtown Greenway) connecting community members (continuation of the Latino outreach program, art and theater projects and managing crime) and sustaining the community organization.

On October 23, 2006 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 Longfellow neighborhood of \$2,306,477 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP;

WHEREAS: The neighborhood conducted a Phase II neighborhood planning process that began in June 2003 and has submitted a Longfellow Community NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan that requests a Phase II allocation of \$2,306,477;

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WHEREAS: The Longfellow 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 Longfellow 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 Longfellow 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 \$2,306,477; [b] amend the 2006 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) appropriation by \$770,071 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] refer \$385,035 to the 2007 budget and authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$1,076,978.50 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 (\$1,614,534) 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.

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

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Sincerely,

Robert D. Miller
Director