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: Southeast Como NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Summary of the Request: The Southeast Como 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 $556,043. City Council action is now being requested for final approval of the Neighborhood Action Plan and the appropriation of these funds.

Recommendation:

(1) Approve the Southeast Como 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 $556,043;

(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 $194,615;

(3) Refer $97,308 to the 2007 budget and authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining $264,120 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 ($389,230) 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
315 City Hall
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Re: Southeast Como 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 Southeast Como NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan. The plan requests a total NRP appropriation of $556,043.

The Southeast Como NRP Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan was approved in January of 2000 and allocated 57% of its Phase I funds to housing. In addition to investing over $1,000,000 in its housing revolving loan program and funding a matching grant program for commercial improvements, the neighborhood provided support for facility improvements to Van Cleve Park and Tuttle School and audio-visual materials for the Southeast Library. The neighborhood also coordinated with other southeast neighborhoods in supporting programming through Southeast Seniors and the Southeast Minneapolis Council on Learning and guiding the redevelopment of the Southeast Industrial Area. Finally, SECIA has used NRP funds to develop community gardens and address other environmental issues. Approximately $86,000 in NRP funds used for environmental priorities leveraged more than $125,000 from the Headwaters Foundation, the Bush Foundation and the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance. One of the results has been over $1 billion worth of power plant equipment upgrades that eliminated millions of tons of pollutants each year.

The Southeast Como NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan devotes 78% of its allocation to housing. In addition to continuing to support a home improvement revolving loan program, the neighborhood plans to encourage improvements that increase home safety and environmental efficiency.

The non-housing portions of the Southeast Como Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan are well balanced between the remaining seven “core themes” of the neighborhood. In particular, SECIA hopes to continue its environmental stewardship through pollution prevention and community greening projects, program, services and activities. Similarly, community building continues to be a neighborhood priority as SECIA works to inform and involve more students and homeowners.

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 Southeast Como neighborhood of $556,043, based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP;

WHEREAS: The neighborhood conducted a Phase II neighborhood planning process that began in 2005 and has submitted a Southeast Como NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan that requests a Phase II allocation of $556,043;

WHEREAS: The Southeast Como 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 Southeast Como 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 Southeast Como 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 $556,043; [b] amend the 2006 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) appropriation by $194,615 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] refer $97,308 to the 2007 budget and authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining $264,120 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 ($389,230) 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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Sincerely,

Robert D. Miller
Director