

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

Date: April 17, 2007

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

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

**Subject: Columbia Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan**

**Summary of the Request:** The Columbia Park 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 \$175,525. Of that amount, \$12,000 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 (\$163,525).

### **Recommendation:**

- 1) Approve the Columbia Park 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 \$175,525;
- 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 \$55,434;
- 3) Refer \$108,091 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 (\$122,868) 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: Columbia Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan**

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Ostrow:

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

The neighborhood submitted its review of their Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan (NAP) to the Policy Board on May 5, 2003. The neighborhood Phase II Task Force researched and submitted the review while developing the Participation Agreement and the draft of their Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan. The Policy Board approved the Participation Agreement April 19, 2004. The Columbia Park Neighborhood Association (CPNA) requested \$12,000 of the available \$24,000 approved for planning. These funds were used for staff, printing and postage expenses associated with developing their Phase II NAP.

CPNA's NRP Phase II Task Force developed the Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan (NAP) over a two-year period (2003-2005). They used surveys, large group meetings and door knocking solicitations to gather community input and approval for their plan. The Columbia Park residents approved the Phase II Action Plan strategies on May 16, 2005 at their annual meeting. The Phase II NAP was sent out for review by City staff and departments in February 2006 and received its legal review on April 4, 2006. Minor revisions were then made. The Board adopted the revised NAP March 19, 2007.

The major strategy in the Phase II Plan is the Housing, Home Improvement Program and the Emergency Loan fund to address immediate and future housing needs. The Pedestrian, Traffic, and Public Safety strategy will address problem traffic spots within the neighborhood. The Parks and Open Space is a lesser but still important concern with a small allocation for open-space improvements.

On March 26, 2007 the Policy Board passed the following resolution:

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**WHEREAS:** On April 19, 2004, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board ("Board") approved a Phase II allocation for the Columbia Park neighborhood of \$175,525 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP; and

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

**WHEREAS:** The Columbia Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests a Phase II allocation at their guideline of \$175,525 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 Columbia Park NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated March 20, 2007; and

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor [a] approve the Columbia Park 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 \$175,525; [b] amend the 2007 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) by \$55,434 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] and authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$108,091 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund CNR0 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 70% (\$122,868) 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