

Request for City Council Committee Action

Date: June 19, 2007

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

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Approved by: Robert D. Miller, Director _____

Subject: Kenwood Isles NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Summary of the Request:

The Kenwood Isles 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 \$85,600.

Recommendation:

- 1) Approve the Kenwood Isles 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 \$85,600;
- 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 \$60,000;
- 3) Refer \$25,600 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 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: Kenwood Isles NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Ostrow:

At its meeting on May 21, 2007 the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approved and authorized funding for the Kenwood Isles NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan for a total appropriation of \$85,600.

The Kenwood Isles NRP Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan was adopted in February of 1996. After the initial implementation of some projects, the Plan was not further implemented until new leadership in 2003 began the process of plan review and plan modification. This activity redirected funding to new projects and helped to organize the neighborhood for Phase II activity. A participation agreement was completed and adopted by Kenwood at their May 2006 annual meeting. A complete review of Kenwood's Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan was presented at the April 23rd Policy Board meeting. The final Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan was adopted by the Kenwood Isles Area Association at their May 7, 2007 annual meeting.

The Kenwood Isles Phase II plan is for \$85,600. Of that amount, \$60,000 (70%) supports two housing investments. The remaining funds will not be available to the neighborhood for three years and have been reserved for future neighborhood livability projects.

NRP's legal counsel and appropriate city staff have reviewed the plan. During the final weeks before adoption, a footnote to the Phase II allocations adopted on April 19, 2004, which had been overlooked, was brought to the neighborhood's attention. The Policy Board adopted language prior to adopting the Phase II allocations that gave Kenwood Isles an additional allocation of \$14,400. The neighborhood decided, given the current issues around Phase II funding, to proceed with this plan now. If in the future there are to be cuts to Phase II neighborhood allocations, Kenwood understands that the cuts would be taken from the \$14,400 first. If there are no fund reductions, Kenwood reserves the right to use the Plan Modification process to access the remaining \$14,400.

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On May 21, 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 Kenwood Isles neighborhood of \$85,600 based on the Phase II revenues projected for the NRP; and

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

WHEREAS: The Kenwood Isles NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests a Phase II allocation of \$85,600 and dedicates more than 70% of that allocation to housing related activities with the understanding that \$14,400 of additional allocation may be available for future implementation of approved plan strategies.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board hereby accepts and adopts the Kenwood Isles NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated May 7, 2007; and

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor [a] approve Kenwood Isles 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 \$85,600; [b] amend the 2007 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) by \$60,000 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] and authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$25,600 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 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