

Neighborhood Funding Work Group

Report to the Committee of the Whole

March 9, 2011

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- Jan. 14, 2011 Staff Direction:
 - Establish Neighborhood Funding work group to facilitate decision making related to Staff Direction on 2011 budget action.
 - Council President, Vice President, Chairs of Ways & Means and IGR, Mayoral representative, City Coordinator, and directors of Neighborhood & Community Relations, Finance, Communications and IGR.
 - Charge: frame options and proposed actions for consideration by the Committee of the Whole and Ways & Means Committee relative to the 2011 Operating Budget resolution footnote (p).

Core Values

- Core Principles of Community Engagement are cornerstone of Work Group's effort.
- Neighborhood organizations & the City work in close partnership to create truly livable neighborhoods.
- Organizing on a neighborhood level is a core city service
- Place-based engagement and inclusion of all residents are essential in creating such neighborhoods.
- Neighborhood projects and programs address local priorities, lead to greater inclusion and engagement of residents, and help inform and affect City budget priorities and allocations.

NRP Phase I and II

- NRP funds not affected by the Council's December 13, 2010 staff directive will continue under NRP Phase I and II policies and guidelines (on-going)
- Neighborhood NRP earned program income is not impacted and remains under the control of neighborhood organizations (on-going)

Recommendations

- Release \$2.68 million of the NRP fund balance suspended as a result of the December 13, 2010 staff directive (March 2011)
- Revise NRP Ordinance (Title 16, Chapter 419). (July 2011)
- Establish process for neighborhood priorities to inform City's annual budget (July 2011)
- Establish policy direction for City department connections with neighborhoods (July 2011)
- Revise Community Participation Program to reflect a two year (2012/2013) Transition Phase (August 2011)