



Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission

Agenda Item: 4A

Advisory Information

Title: Process for Funding Recommendations

Action Discussion Informational

Date: November 25, 2014

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Attachments: _____

Requested Action

No action is requested. Discussion is sought on the process the Commission wishes to follow to respond to the recent direction from the City Council

Background

At the November 17th meeting of the City Council's Health, Environment, and Community Engagement Committee (HECE), two items were on the agenda relating to funding for neighborhood programs. The first, on the consent agenda, was a report on uncontracted neighborhood funds. This was an update and additional detail to the information presented at the NCEC Special Meeting on November 12th.

The second item involved a staff presentation on the history of neighborhood programs in Minneapolis which was followed by public comment. Approximately 20 representatives from neighborhood organizations, including members of the NCEC, spoke during the comment period. In addition, Chair Israel presented the statement from the NCEC to the Committee.

At the meeting the Committee approved the two staff directives listed below. Both call for the involvement of the NCEC:

- 1) Staff directed to engage neighborhood associations and the NCEC in developing policy and procedural recommendations for the Council which would establish guidelines for allowable balances of unspent NRP fund allocations and require any neighborhood association not meeting those guidelines to develop a plan with specific timelines on how they will use those funds, as well as developing reporting and monitoring procedures for the deployment of these resources. Staff are to present a draft policy recommendation to Council no later than May 31, 2015.**
- 2) Neighborhood & Community Relations staff directed to work with the Neighborhood & Community Engagement Commission developing recommendations for future expenditures of the consolidated TIF fund for neighborhood revitalization purposes.**

Discussion

At the November 25th NCEC meeting, staff wishes to discuss with the Commission the process to be followed in addressing the Council directives.