

Report to the NRP Policy Board

FROM: Howard Blin, Community Engagement Manager

DATE: March 17, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 7A – City Council Staff Direction**

Action Requested:

No action is requested, this item is for discussion purposes only.

Background:

As part of the 2015 Budget Approval, the City Council approved the following directions to staff and the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission regarding neighborhood funding:

Particularly in the first directive, which involves NRP fund allocations, it would be helpful to gain input from the Policy Board on how best to proceed.

- 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.*
- 3) *Directing the Neighborhood & Community Relations Department to provide guidelines for expenditures of the consolidated TIF fund for neighborhood revitalization purposes, using existing and previous policies, practices, and precedents, such as special uses like the Affordable Housing/Commercial Corridor Reserve Fund. A key feature that should be included from past guidelines is the requirement for neighborhood review and sponsorship. The guidelines should be specific for intended uses, be they special initiatives or larger scale activities such as Large Tract Development activities. Staff is to present this recommendation to the City Council no later than May 31, 2015.*