

Request for City Council Committee Action

Date: June 10, 2008

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

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Approved by: Robert D. Miller, Director _____

Subject: Ventura Village NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Summary of the Request:

The Ventura Village 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 \$688,753.

Recommendation:

- 1) Approve the Ventura Village Neighborhood 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 \$688,753;
- 2) Amend the City of Minneapolis 2008 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning & Economic Development Department (CPED) agency Fund 01CNR 8900-800 by \$220,738;
- 3) Refer \$468,015 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within 01CNR 8900-800 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 70% of the amount approved for the Plan (\$482,127) 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: Ventura Village NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Ostrow:

At its meeting on May 19, 2008 the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approved and authorized funding for the Ventura Village NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan for a total appropriation of \$688,753.

On February 13, 2008 Ventura Village Board of Directors and full community approved the Ventura Village NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan. The plan requests a total NRP appropriation of \$688,753. Of these funds, \$24,971 has already been approved from the Phase II Plan Development Reserve Fund. A draft of this plan was circulated electronically to public staff for their comment and review. Their suggestions have been incorporated into the plan.

The Ventura Village NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan devotes 71% of its allocation to housing. The plan continues to support and emphasize a variety of home improvement and housing development programs.

The non-housing portions of the Ventura Village Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan are investing in Community Participation and Outreach, Crime and Safety, Environment and Transportation, Parks and Open Space, Planning and Economic Development, and implementation of the plan.

On May 19, 2008 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 Ventura Village neighborhood of \$688,753 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP;

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WHEREAS: The neighborhood conducted a Phase II neighborhood planning process that began in June 2006 and has submitted a Ventura Village neighborhood NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan that requests a Phase II allocation of \$688,753;

WHEREAS: The Ventura Village neighborhood has allocated at least 70% of their Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan to housing programs, projects, services and activities;

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the Ventura Village NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor: [a] approve the Ventura Village 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 \$688,753; [b] amend the 2008 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund 01CNR-8900800 (NRP Fund) appropriation by \$220,738 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$468,015 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund 01CNR-8900800 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 70% of the amount approved for the Plan (\$482,127) 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 Plan and 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