Report to the NRP Policy Board

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SUBJECT: Agenda Item 5A - Summary of the Community Participation Program

Action Requested:

This item is for informational purposes only.

Summary of the Community Participation Program

In 2011, the Neighborhood and community Relations Department provided almost \$3,000,000 in funding to 69 neighborhood organizations through the Community Participation Program (CPP). An additional \$1.5 million in additional funding was provided for the first half of 2012.

The CPP is the follow-on program to the NRP. Developed after significant community engagement in 2010 and 2011, and in coordination with the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC), the CPP Guidelines direct how funds will be allocated to neighborhood organizations to support their work in the three core program areas:

- (1) Identify and act on neighborhood priorities;
- (2) Influence City decisions and priorities
- (3) Increase involvement.

The CPP Guidelines provide the following:

- (1) Identifies eligible neighborhood organizations
- (2) Establishes standards and expectations of qualified neighborhood organizations
- (3) Establishes eligible expenses
- (4) Provides process for submitting funding proposals (community participation plans)
- (5) Provides process for developing Neighborhood Priority Plans
- (6) Describes support for and monitoring of neighborhood organizations
- (7) Provides a grievance process
- (8) Identifies process for reallocation of unused funds
- (9) Provides the allocation formula and funding levels for neighborhood organizations.

At the beginning of each funding cycle, participating neighborhood organizations must submit a community participation plan. The community participation plan describes the process an organization will use to increase involvement of neighborhood stakeholders, and is required to receive funding.

Following approval of the community participation plan, the neighborhood may submit one or more neighborhood priority plans. The neighborhood priority plans identify the major issues or opportunities facing a neighborhood, and the process by which the neighborhood identified that issue. Neighborhood organizations are encouraged to collaborate on development of neighborhood priority plans.

Neighborhood priority plans are reviewed and approved by the NRP Policy Board. Unlike NRP Neighborhood Action Plans, neighborhood priority plans do not necessarily identify specific actions, and funding is not tagged to specific strategies. However, NRP Policy Board approval of neighborhood priority plans is required before a neighborhood can direct CPP funds to particular issues identified in the plan. The NRP Policy Board can also play an important coordinating and facilitating role by providing guidance to the neighborhood, NCR, and other departments and jurisdictions on the implementation of plans.

Funding is allocated to neighborhood organizations through a needs-based allocation formula. Starting in mid-2012, the NCR Department is anticipating providing approximately \$5.7 million to neighborhood organizations through the CPP allocation formula for an 18 month funding cycle. Starting in 2014, funding cycles will be three years long, and we are anticipating approximately \$4 million annually in funding.

Funding of Community Participation Program:

Funding Cycle	Allocation		Notes:
Jan 2011 - Jun 2012	\$4.5 mil		18 month cycle
Jul 2012 - Dec 2013	\$5.7 mil	(anticipated)	18 month cycle
Jan 2013 - Dec		_	_
2015	\$12 mil	(anticipated)	3 year cycle