

Request for City Council Committee Action

Date: September 14, 2010

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

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Approved by: Robert D. Miller, Director _____

Subject: Lind-Bohanon NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Summary of the Request:

The Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association has completed the Lind-Bohanon 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 \$521,140.

Recommendation:

1. Approve the Lind-Bohanon NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan ("Plan") attached to this report, specifically those parts of the Plan that fall under City jurisdiction, in an amount not to exceed \$521,140.
2. Amend the City of Minneapolis 2010 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED) agency Fund 01 CNR 8900-800 (the NRP fund) by \$521,140 from existing fund balance.
3. 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 Betsy Hodges, Chair
Ways and Means Committee
Minneapolis City Council
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Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

Re: Lind-Bohanon NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Hodges:

At its meeting on August 23, 2010 the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approved the Lind-Bohanon NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan and authorized up to \$521,140 of NRP program funds to implement the Plan.

On October 1, 2009 the Lind-Bohanon membership and board approved a Phase II Participation Agreement. As of October 14, 2009, the neighborhood had contracted 88% and expended 79% of its NRP Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan funds.

As part of the NRP Phase II Planning Process Policy, adopted July 24, 2000, the Policy Board established the threshold for entering Phase II as either 95% contracted or 85% expended of the neighborhood's Phase I appropriation. The only exception to this threshold was if the remaining allocated but un-contracted funds were to be expended on a single project. The LBNA Board requested a waiver to the contracted and expended requirements for entry into Phase II based on the fact that \$141,200 of the remaining Phase I funds for this neighborhood (73.7% of the un-contracted amount) are dedicated to a single project that requires a partnership with the City of Minneapolis.

The basis for the waiver request was that the Lyndale Corridor Streetscape was not yet ready for implementation. The project was, and continues to be, a priority of the neighborhood. It could not, however, be implemented until Lyndale Avenue North is scheduled for repaving. The neighborhood intended to include the strategy in the Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan and to broaden the strategy language to cover other types of improvements on Lyndale Avenue North. A waiver of this amount would bring the Phase I Plan to the required 95% contracted.

On October 26, 2009, the NRP Policy Board adopted my recommendation to waive the entry threshold and approved the Lind-Bohanon NRP Phase II Participation Agreement. The neighborhood immediately began to organize volunteers, conduct a survey, gather data, and hold meetings to develop the NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan.

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On August 3, 2010, the neighborhood gathered for their annual National Night Out Picnic in the Park event. The Plan was approved by those in attendance with only one no vote. The LBNA Board approved the Plan at their August 5, 2010 Board meeting.

The Plan requests a total Phase II allocation of \$521,140. This is the allocation approved by the Policy Board on April 19, 2004, for the neighborhood's Phase II activities. The plan achieves the housing requirement of 70% of plan dollars programmed to meet Lind-Bohanon neighborhood's housing and housing related activities commitment. As requested in the LBNA Phase II Participation Agreement, and the threshold waiver request, the Phase I funds dedicated to the Lyndale Avenue North Streetscape strategy have been reallocated to a new, broadened strategy for the revitalization of Lyndale Avenue North. The balance of the Plan reflects the needs and desires of the neighborhood to continue its work in the revitalization and preservation of Lind-Bohanon.

On August 23, 2010 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 Lind-Bohanon neighborhood of \$521,140, based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP;

WHEREAS: The Lind-Bohanon Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests an allocation of \$521,140 and dedicates 70% of that allocation to housing and housing related programs and activities;

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy board hereby accepts and adopts the Lind-Bohanon NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated August 5, 2010;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the city Council and Mayor: [a] approve the Lind-Bohanon 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 \$521,140; [b] amend the 2010 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNRO (NRP Fund) appropriation by \$521,140 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan and; [c] authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the Plan and the activities above.

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Pursuant to this resolution, I make the following recommendations for consideration by your committees:

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Sincerely,

Robert D. Miller
Director