

## MEMORANDUM

To: NRP Policy Board Members and Alternates

From: Robert D. Miller, Director

Date: April 19, 2004

**Subject: Standish Ericsson Phase II Participation Agreement**

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On August 18, 2003 the Policy Board approved the Standish Ericsson Neighborhood's Phase II Participation Agreement. As part of the approval I recommended and the Board approved the appropriation of \$39,578 from the Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund to support the Phase II plan development activities of the Standish Ericsson Neighborhood Association (SENA).

The participation agreement clearly identified that the appropriation was to support **Part 1- Gathering and Defining** of the planning process. The central element of Part 1 is the completion of a random sample neighborhood survey and then survey analysis. The SENA NRP Phase II Steering Committee is diligently working to identify the significant concerns, attitudes and opinions from the survey.

The Committee is reviewing the results from the following vantage points or cuts;

- 1- Overall
- 2- Lower income
- 3- Moderate/high income,
- 4- Households with children <18 years old,
- 5- Households without children < 18 years old
- 6- People who feel they will be living "Someplace else" in 5 years
- 7- People who "Don't Know" where they will be living in 5 years
- 8- People who be living "In the neighborhood" in 5 years

Thirty-eight percent (38%) of the respondents are lower income households (incomes < 80% of Metropolitan Median Income) and thirty-five percent (35%) are moderate-to-high income households (income > 100% of MMI). The Committee feels very fortunate to able to look at responses with this information base. An example of the extensive analysis the SENA Phase II Steering Committee is undertaking is attached.

**Part 2- Plan Development** of the planning process will commence at the conclusion of the survey analysis. After the Committee has sorted through the significant findings of the survey and developed appropriate objectives, they will engage in a community discussion on the potential actions/strategies to accomplish the particular objective. This engagement is planned for early summer. Attached is an example of the Steering Committee's work product prior to the community discussions.

The rest of the summer months and early fall will be used to complete research and partner discussions, and to finalize the strategic elements of the draft Phase II Plan. In the fall the draft Plan will be brought to the community for review and approval followed by submission to the NRP Office for MRT and Policy Board action.

SENA is requesting an amendment to the approved Participation Agreement to reflect a revised budget (see attached) to complete the Phase II planning process. The funds would be allocated from the Phase II Plan Development Fund and would be a charge against SENA Phase II allocation.

Based on these considerations, I recommend approval of the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby approves amending the Phase II Participation Agreement for the Standish Ericsson Neighborhood Association and authorizes a \$47,145 expenditure increase for a new total of \$86,723 of Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program funds from the Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund as an early resource commitment to the NRP Phase II Standish Ericsson Neighborhood Action Plan.