

Memorandum

To: Policy Board Members and Alternates

From: Robert D. Miller, Director, NRP

Date: August 16, 2006

Subject: West Calhoun Neighborhood Plan Modification #3

The Policy Board adopted the West Calhoun Neighborhood Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan on May 17, 1999. This plan was unlike other neighborhood plans because it focused all the plan strategies around the redevelopment of the Excelsior Boulevard Corridor, the Midtown Greenway and bike routes. At that time considerable development was in process and the neighborhood became a significant partner by using NRP funds to leverage funds for the many associated projects. The results have been excellent, funds were wisely utilized and funds still remain in several strategies.

With the recent increase in criminal activity in the area, the neighborhood is now requesting to add pro-active crime prevention strategies to their Phase I Plan. Notice was given to the neighborhood about this addition to the plan and the moving of \$15,000 from the Excelsior Boulevard Streetscape strategy to fund this new Community Crime and Safety Initiatives strategy. Open meetings were held on July 11th and August 8th. With the approval of the neighborhood on August 8th, the West Calhoun Neighborhood Council Board approved this plan modification request.

This new strategy combines successful strategies used by other neighborhoods in the Crime and Safety sections of their plans. Because this is a new strategy to the West Calhoun Neighborhood Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan, our policy requires Policy Board and City Council approvals. This is an appropriate request for plan modification and I recommend that the NRP Policy Board adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board hereby approves the modification of the West Calhoun Neighborhood Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan by adding the following new Goal, Objective and strategy:

Goal: To assure the safety of the citizens in the West Calhoun Neighborhood

Objective: To increase initiatives which reduce and prevent criminal activity.

Strategy 11: Community Crime and Safety Initiatives

To fund Community Crime and Safety Initiatives including activities such as:

- Block Club Organizing
- Neighborhood Watch Patrols
- Clean-up Projects
- Graffiti Removal
- Security Lighting
- Pedestrian & Bike Safety / Greenways & Parkways
- Neighborhood Alerts as needed
- Crime Prevention through Environmental Design

FURTHER RESOLVED: That \$15,000 from the Excelsior Boulevard Streetscape strategy be moved to this new Community Crime and Safety Initiatives strategy to fund this new initiative.



Plan Modification

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NS review by: Carsten Slostad date: 8/10/06

Team Leader Review by: _____ date: _____

NRP/CP review by: _____ date: _____

(revised spreadsheet attached)

Phase 1 Modification #: 3

Phase 2 Modification #: _____

fn: NRP Plan Mod Form rev.: 01-06-05

Neighborhood:

WEST CALHOUN

I. Approval Process Checklist

On the checklist below please indicate the type of modification you are requesting (Section IV, on the following page, will help you calculate the total NRP dollars affected by this Plan Modification). This will determine the approval process the neighborhood must follow. See NRP's Policy on "Changing Approved Neighborhood Action Plans and Early Access Requests - Amended 9/5/95" for more information.

Type of Modification (check all that apply)	30 Day Notice	Neigh. Board Vote	Broad-based Support	NRP Legal Review	Final Approval
Makes a minor revision to an existing plan strategy -- no funding reallocation	To those affected	Yes	No	No	NRP Director
Reallocates \$25,000 or less between existing plan strategies	To those affected	Yes	No	No	NRP Director
Reallocates more than \$25,000 (but less than 10% of the total NRP plan allocation) between existing plan strategies	Broad notice	Yes	Yes	No	NRP Director, (he may request PB)
Reallocates more than \$25,000 and more than 10% (but less than 35%) of the total NRP plan allocation between existing strategies	Broad notice	Yes	Yes	No	PB
Reallocates more than 35% of the total NRP plan allocation between existing strategies	Broad notice	Yes	Yes	No	PB & CC
Reallocates more than 25% of the total NRP plan allocation (within 12 months) between existing strategies	Broad notice	Yes	Yes	No	PB
X Creates a new strategy within the total existing NRP plan allocation (regardless of the \$ amount)	Broad notice	Yes	Yes	Yes	PB & CC
Requests an increase in funding to the total existing NRP plan allocation	Broad notice	Yes	Yes	No	PB & CC

II. Proposed Modification *(Briefly describe the modification, indicating any required plan text changes -- if necessary, attach additional documentation):*

Modify the West Calhoun Neighborhood Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan as follows and move \$15,000 from Strategy # 3, “Excelsior Boulevard Streetscape” to fund this action.

- 1) Add the following **NEW** Goal and Objective to the West Calhoun Neighborhood Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan

Goal: To assure the safety of the citizens in the West Calhoun Neighborhood

Objective: To increase initiatives which reduce and prevent criminal activity.

- 2) Add the following **NEW** Strategy the West Calhoun Neighborhood Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan

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III. Rationale for Modification *(Briefly describe why the neighborhood is requesting the proposed modification):*

When the West Calhoun Neighborhood Phase I NRP Action Plan was developed and then adopted in May of 1999, the neighborhood’s major objective was to use their action plan to leverage funding to be a significant partner in the redevelopment of the Excelsior Boulevard Corridor, the Midtown Greenway and bike routes. These projects are now in final stages of completion and funding remains in these strategies.

With the recent increase in criminal activity, the neighborhood now realizes that it would be beneficial to have a “Community Crime and Safety Initiatives” strategy in their NRP Action Plan.

IV. Proposed Reallocation of NRP Funds *(List below any increases/decreases in NRP funds for plan strategies that will result through a reallocation of funds under this modification. Please consult with your NRP neighborhood specialist to complete this section):*

Plan Location			Goal, Objective, Strategy	Year	Current NRP Allocation	Proposed Change		Proposed New NRP Allocation
Phase	Section	Page				+	-	
1	Excelsior Boulevard	14-15	3. Excelsior Boulevard Streetscape	1999	\$243,200		15,000	228,200
1	NEW	25	11. Community Crime and Safety	1999	0	15,000		15,000
			* Total NRP Funds affected by request			15,000	15,000	

Total NRP Funds under "Proposed Change: (+)" should equal Total NRP Funds under "Proposed Change: (-)"

V. Neighborhood Board Approval *(Indicate when the neighborhood board took action on this proposed modification and attach a copy of the approved resolution, meeting minutes, or neighborhood transmittal letter):*

Neighborhood Board Approval:

Date:

VI. Demonstration of Broad Neighborhood Support *(If required by NRP's policy on "Changing Approved Neighborhood Action Plans and Early Access Requests" indicate by checking at least one of the boxes below how and when broad based neighborhood support was achieved. Attach appropriate documentation such as approved resolutions, sign-in sheets, meeting notices, copy of survey/interview, survey results, etc.):*

☐ **Neighborhood-Wide General Attendance Meeting** *(with thirty day notice)*

Date:

☐ **Three or More Focus Groups** *(representative of neighborhood population)*

Dates:

☐ **Survey/Questionnaire** *(with at least 20% response from all neighborhood households)*

Date:

☐ **Random Interview/Survey** *(of at least 350 neigh. households, with a 75% response rate)*

APPROVALS

NEIGHBORHOOD

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Title: _____

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

Consistent with the Neighborhood Revitalization Program policy on "Changing Approved Neighborhood Action Plan and Early Access Requests" (as amended September 5, 1995), approval is granted for the specific changes included in your request.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

NRP DIRECTOR

Signature by the NRP Director, after all necessary approvals have been given, constitutes formal approval of your plan modification request.

APPROVED BY: NRP POLICY BOARD Date: _____

MPLS. CITY COUNCIL Date: _____

WEST CALHOUN NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PLAN

	1998-Early Access		1999		2000				
	NRP	NRP	NRP	NRP	NRP	NRP	NRP	OTHER	
ACTIVITY	HOUSING	OTHER	HOUSING	OTHER	HOUSING	OTHER	TOTAL	FUNDS	CHANGES
1. Corridor Planning		25,000					25,000		
2. Excelsior Boulevard Gateway Project						10,000	10,000	19,700	
3. Excelsior Boulevard Streetscape				228,200			228,200	364,608	1, 2, 3
4. "Village Center" Improvements				138,800			138,800	421,750	
6. Midtown Greenway Access				70,000			70,000	8,200	1
7. Access to Lake Calhoun						7,500	7,500	7,500	
8. Lake Calhoun Environment Improvement				40,000			40,000		2
9. Traffic Calming						10,000	10,000		
10. Implementation				60,500			60,500	60,500	
11. Community Crime and Safety Initiatives				15,000			15,000		3
TOTAL	0	25,000	0	552,500	0	27,500	605,000	882,258	
APPROVED EARLY ACCESS	25,000						25,000		
TOTAL ACTION PLAN REQUEST	25,000		552,500		27,500		605,000		
ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS IN PLAN	0		60,500		0		60,500		
ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS FOR HOUSING							0		
TOTAL HOUSING ALLOCATION							0	0.00%	
NRP APPROPRIATION NEEDED	0		552,500		27,500		580,000		

NOTE: Allocations to activities within each year are subject to change depending upon timing and other project-related issues, but totals for each activity and for each year will not exceed approved levels.

CHANGES:

- On February 27, 2001, the NRP Director approved a plan modification to reallocate \$60,000 in 1999 from Excelsior Boulevard Streetscape (Strategy 3) to Midtown Greenway Access (Strategy 6).
- On July 3, 2002, the NRP Director approved a plan modification to reallocate \$40,000 in 1999 from Excelsior Boulevard Streetscape (Strategy 3) to Lake Calhoun Environment Improvement (Strategy 8).
- PENDING:** On August 16, 2006, the NRP Director recommended to the Policy Board and City Council approval of a plan modification to reallocate \$15,000 in 1999 from Excelsior Boulevard Streetscape (Strategy 3) to a new strategy, Community Crime and Safety Initiatives (Strategy 11).

WEST CALHOUN NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PLAN

ACTIVITY	Comments				Contract Administrator				
1. Corridor Planning					Minneapolis Planning Department				
2. Excelsior Boulevard Gateway Project	Other funds from City, Arts Commission				Public Works				
3. Excelsior Boulevard Streetscape	Other funds from property owners, Metro Transit				Public Works				
4. "Village Center" Improvements	Other funds = owners, City, NSP, Muir Co., MTCO				Public Works				
6. Midtown Greenway Access	Other funds from County, State, Fed'l Gov't.				Public Works				
7. Access to Lake Calhoun	Source of other funds unspecified				Public Works				
8. Lake Calhoun Environment Improvement					Parks				
9. Traffic Calming					Public Works				
10. Implementation	Source of other funds unspecified				NRP				
11. Community Crime and Safety Initiatives					DFD				

West Calhoun Neighborhood Action Plan (2West Calhoun AP.XLS)

Created: April 19, 1999

Last Revised: August 17, 2006

Prepared By: Robert Cooper, Finance Department 673-5239



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August 15, 2006

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Dear Mr. Miller,

The West Calhoun Neighborhood Council is requesting a third modification to their Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan. When our plan was developed and approved in 1999 all of our efforts were directed to projects with the redevelopment of the Excelsior Boulevard Corridor, the Midtown Greenway and bike routes. There were no strategies to address crime and safety issues in our plan. With the recent increase in criminal activity, the neighborhood felt that they should be pro-active and fund activities that would help to prevent crime and increase the safety of the neighborhood. Using models from other neighborhoods, the "Community Crime and Safety Initiatives" strategy was developed.

After developing this modification notice was given in our newsletters that this was to be discussed at our July and August board meetings. At the August 8th meeting the modification was adopted as follows:

Modify the West Calhoun Neighborhood Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan as follows and move \$15,000 from Strategy #3, "Neighborhood Corridors" to fund this action.

- 1) Add the following Goal and Objective to page 9 of the West Calhoun Neighborhood Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan

Goal: To assure the safety of the citizens in the West Calhoun Neighborhood

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- 2) Add the following Strategy the West Calhoun Neighborhood Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan

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Funds NRP \$15,000

It is our understanding that this request, since it is a new strategy to our plan, must be processed through the NRP Policy Board and the City Council for approval. Our neighborhood specialist, Carsten Slostad, has requested that it be included on August 28th meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

Mari Taffe, chair
West Calhoun Neighborhood Council

Cc; Carsten Slostad