

MEMORANDUM

To: NRP Policy Board Members and Alternates

From: Robert D. Miller

Date: January 17, 2007

Subject: North Loop Phase I NRP Neighborhood Action Plan /Modification #1

The Warehouse District North Loop Neighborhood's (WDNLA) is requesting a modification to the Neighborhood Action Plan that would reallocate \$41,000 from Planning and Implementation 6.1.1.1, North Loop Comprehensive Plan to Planning and Implementation 6.1.3.2, Implementation Assistance. WDNLA is also requesting that \$35,000 be reallocated from Planning and Implementation 6.1.1.1, North Loop Comprehensive Plan to Natural Environment Strategy 3.1.1.1, Expand the amenities of Riverfront Parks. In addition, WDNLA is asking that Natural Environment Strategy 3.1.1.1, Expand the amenities of Riverfront Parks, be revised to include the following:

“NRP Funds may also be used to fund a dog park”.

Since this is the first request that we have received from any neighborhood to allocate NRP funds for establishing a dog park, we forwarded the request to Mike Norton, outside counsel to NRP, for a legal review. He has completed his review and determined that this activity would qualify as a legal expenditure of NRP funds.

Action by the Policy Board is needed because a part of the request allocates more than 35% of the total NRP plan allocation between existing strategies. The three proposed changes would: 1) allow the neighborhood to establish a dog park in the North Loop neighborhood; 2) provide funds for establishing a dog park; and 3) assist the Warehouse District North Loop Association continue implementation activities. Although two of these actions could be approved administratively, I am forwarding all three to the Board for action at the same time to minimize the time required to move forward with the modifications that have been approved by the neighborhood.

Based on my review, I find that:

1. The language change requested is minor and does not change the intent of the modified Strategy in the North Loop Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan.

2. The request reallocates funds (\$76,000) from an existing strategy in the neighborhood's approved action plan to other existing strategies in the approved Neighborhood Action Plan.
3. The request reallocates more than 35% of the total NRP plan allocation between existing strategies.
4. WDNLA followed the process required by the "Policy on Changing Approved Neighborhood Action Plans and Early Access Requests."
5. The request is the result of lessons learned during implementation of the Neighborhood Action Plan and responds to the continuing and reaffirmed priorities and needs of the neighborhood.
6. The Warehouse District North Loop Association (WDNLA) Board of Directors and the full neighborhood approved the plan modification request on 8/30/06.
7. The modification is needed to continue implementation activities in North Loop.
8. The proposed modification does not change the amount of NRP dollars committed to the neighborhood for its Neighborhood Action Plan.

This modification request exceeds the threshold that would allow approval by the NRP Director. Therefore, I am requesting that the Policy Board review and approve the modification request. I recommend Policy Board approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with its "Changing Approved Neighborhood Action Plans and Early Access Requests (amended Sept. 5, 1995)" policy, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby approves changing the language of Natural Environment Strategy 3.1.1.1. in the Warehouse District North Loop Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan to include "NRP funds may also be used to fund a dog park";

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Board approves the reallocation of \$ 41,000 from Planning and Implementation 6.1.1.1, North Loop Comprehensive Plan to Planning and Implementation 6.1.3.2, Implementation Assistance;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Board approves the reallocation of \$ 35,000 from Planning and Implementation 6.1.1.1, North Loop Comprehensive Plan to Natural Environment Strategy 3.1.1.1.



Plan Modification



FOR NRP OFFICE USE ONLY

NS review by: _____ date: _____

Team Leader Review by: _____ date: _____

NRP/CP review by: _____ date: _____

(revised spreadsheet attached)

Phase 1 Modification #: _____ 1 _____

Phase 2 Modification #: _____

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

Neighborhood:

Warehouse District North Loop

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)
XXX	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	MRT, PB
	Reallocates more than 35% of the total NRP plan allocation between existing strategies	Broad notice	Yes	Yes	No	MRT, PB & CC
	Reallocates more than 25% of the total NRP plan allocation (within 12 months) between existing strategies	Broad notice	Yes	Yes	No	MRT, PB
	Creates a new strategy within the total existing NRP plan allocation (regardless of the \$ amount)	Broad notice	Yes	Yes	Yes	MRT, PB & CC
	Requests an increase in funding to the total existing NRP plan allocation	Broad notice	Yes	Yes	No	MRT, PB & CC

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

SEE ATTACHED

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

SEE ATTACHED

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				+	-	
I	P & I	6.1.1.1, North Loop Comp Plan	2003	\$50,000		\$50,000	\$0
I	P & I	6.1.1.1, North Loop Comp Plan	2004	\$26,000		\$26,000	\$0
I	P & I	6.1.3.2, Implementation Assistance	2003	\$5,000	\$41,000		\$46,000
I	Natural Envir	3.1.1.1, Expand the amenities of parks	2003	0	\$9,000		\$9,000
I	Natural Envir	3.1.1.1, Expand the amenities of parks	2004	0	\$26,000		\$26,000
* Total NRP Funds affected by request					\$76,000	\$76,000	

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

WAREHOUSE DISTRICT NORTH LOOP NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PLAN

ACTIVITY	2003		2004		2003-2004	CHANGES
	NRP HOUSING	NRP OTHER	NRP HOUSING	NRP OTHER	NRP TOTAL	
ARTS AND CULTURE (page 5)						
1.1.3. "Explore the North Loop"		4,000		4,000	8,000	
COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT (page 7)						
1.1.1. Downtown Grocery Store		4,000		4,000	8,000	
1.2.1. Retail Consultant		3,000		3,000	6,000	
1.3.1. Promote Local Businesses		5,000		5,000	10,000	
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT (page 9)						
1.1.1. Expand Riverfront Parks Amenities		9,000		26,000	35,000	1
NEIGHBORHOOD IDENTITY (page 10)						
1.1.1. Develop Regular Events		5,000		5,000	10,000	
1.2.1. Create Annual Event		12,000		13,000	25,000	
1.2.2. Install Neighborhood Signs		12,000		13,000	25,000	
1.2.3. Develop Promotional Materials		7,500		7,500	15,000	
PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION (page 14)						
1.1.1. North Loop Comprehensive Plan		0		0	0	1
1.3.2. Implementation Assistance		46,000		5,000	51,000	1
TOTAL	0	107,500	0	85,500	193,000	
TOTAL ACTION PLAN REQUEST	107,500		85,500		193,000	
ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS IN PLAN	46,000		5,000		51,000	26.42%
ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS FOR HOUSING					0	
TOTAL HOUSING ALLOCATION					0	0.00%

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:

1. **PENDING:** On January 17, 2007, the NRP Director recommended to the Policy Board approval of a plan modification to reallocate \$76,000 (\$50,000 in 2003 and \$26,000 in 2004) from North Loop Comprehensive Plan (Planning and Implementation 1.1.1.) to the following strategies: (1) \$41,000 in 2003 to Implementation Assistance (Planning and Implementation 1.3.2.); and (2) \$35,000 (\$9,000 in 2003 and \$26,000 in 2004) to Expand Riverfront Parks Amenities (Natural Environment 1.1.1.).

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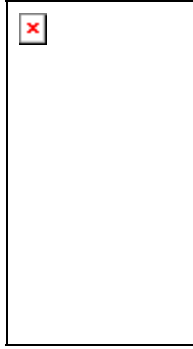
ACTIVITY	Contract Administrator	Comments				
ARTS AND CULTURE (page 5)						
1.1.3. "Explore the North Loop"	NRP					
COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT (page 7)						
1.1.1. Downtown Grocery Store	NRP/CPED					
1.2.1. Retail Consultant	NRP/CPED					
1.3.1. Promote Local Businesses	NRP					
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT (page 9)						
1.1.1. Expand Riverfront Parks Amenities	MPRB					
NEIGHBORHOOD IDENTITY (page 10)						
1.1.1. Develop Regular Events	NRP					
1.2.1. Create Annual Event	NRP	Plan amount is inconsistent (\$5,000 vs. \$25,000)				
1.2.2. Install Neighborhood Signs	NRP/Public Works					
1.2.3. Develop Promotional Materials	NRP					
PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION (page 14)						
1.1.1. North Loop Comprehensive Plan	CPED					
1.3.2. Implementation Assistance	NRP					

Warehouse District North Loop Neighborhood Action Plan (2North Loop AP.xls)

Prepared: September 17, 2003

Latest Revision: January 18, 2007

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September 5, 2006

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RE: North Loop NRP Plan Modifications

Dear Barb:

On August 30, 2006, the North Loop Neighborhood Association approved the following motions to modify the NRP Neighborhood Action Plan:

- A minor language modification to Natural Environment Strategy 1.1.1 - NRP funds may also be used to fund a dog park.
- Redirect \$76,000 from Planning and Implementation Strategy 1.1.1, North Loop Comprehensive Plan to Natural Environment 1.1.1 (\$35,000) and to Planning and Implementation Strategy 1.3.2, Implementation Assistance (\$41,000).

The land where the dog park would be located is currently owned by Schafer Richardson. SR will lease the land for the dog ground to an entity to be determined, most likely the North Loop Neighborhood Association. Once the dog park is established, the land will be maintained by this same entity, again most likely the neighborhood association. And lastly, the funds being redirected to the dog park will be used for the construction and startup of the facility.

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Barb, please let me know if I can answer any questions.

Sincerely,

David R. Frank
North Loop Neighborhood Association Chair

cc: Donna Harmon
Jim O'Connor