

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 26, 2007

To: Policy Board Members and Alternates

From: Robert D. Miller, Director

Subject: Waiver to the “Policy on Phase II Plan Development Advance Funds” for the Folwell Neighborhood.

The “Policy on Phase II Plan Development Advance Funds (*adopted October 22, 2001*),” states that an eligible neighborhood may request up to 50% of the funds it received in Phase I from the Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund and that allocations may be approved by the NRP Director if they are \$50,000 or less.

On June 21, 2006 pursuant to the above authority I approved an allocation of \$36,525 in Phase II Plan Development for the Folwell neighborhood. I found that:

1. The NRP Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan outcomes had been submitted to the NRP office.
2. One hundred percent (100%) of the Phase I Folwell Neighborhood Action Plan allocation had been contracted.
3. Folwell Neighborhood Association received \$73,050 to support Phase I planning and therefore, \$36,525 from the Phase II Plan Development Advance Fund is 50% of the amount received in Phase I for plan development.
4. NRP staff had reviewed the proposed Phase II Participation Agreement against the guidelines presented to the Policy Board May 15, 2001 and found that it was consistent with those guidelines.

Attached please find the March 5 request from the Folwell Neighborhood Association (FNA) for an additional \$15,000 of Plan Development Advance Funds for the period January 1, 2007 to July 31, 2007.

FNA had projected neighborhood approval of the Folwell Phase II Action Plan in November 2006. The neighborhood has not been able to meet this projection due to a major shift of focus on the unexpected and critical issue of home foreclosures in the neighborhood.

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Since the neighborhood has contracted 100% of their Phase I dollars, they have no other options available to support continuation of their Phase II Plan Development activities. The \$15,000 recommended for approval will be part of Folwell's Phase II plan allocation.

I find the request reasonable and warranted, and therefore recommend approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board waives the "Policy on Phase II Plan Development Advance Funds (*adopted October 22, 2001*)," limitation that an eligible neighborhood may request up to 50% of the funds it received in Phase I from the Phase II Plan Development, and

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes an additional \$15,000 allocation to the Folwell Neighborhood Association of Phase II Plan Development Advance Funds for a new total amount of \$51,525.