

## M E M O R A N D U M

To: NRP Policy Board Members and Alternates

From: Robert D. Miller, Director

Date: October 19, 2011

**Subject: Midtown Phillips Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan**

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On behalf of the Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc. (MPNAI) I am submitting the Phase II Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Action Plan (NAP) for Policy Board review and action. Pursuant to the April 19, 2004 Policy Board resolution the proposed NAP includes a Housing Allocation over seventy percent (70%).

The Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan allocates 100 % of its Phase II allocation of \$243,645 to housing related activities.

Extensive and varied outreach efforts were used to develop the NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan for the Midtown Phillips Neighborhood. The neighborhood used information gained at focus groups held in 2007 and in February 2010 to help develop a neighborhood wide survey. The survey was conducted in English, Spanish and Somali. The neighborhood enlisted the assistance of the NRP Neighborhood Specialist, the City of Minneapolis Hispanic Outreach Specialist and current and past Somali MPNAI Board members to help with Hispanic and Somali outreach. Volunteers went door to door and also had the survey available on-line. During the Midtown Summer Festival the survey was made available on a laptop for people to complete at the festival in all 3 languages. The organization also utilized "Spring Reunion" block club and "National Night Out" block club events across the neighborhood to distribute and collect surveys. The area business association, individual businesses and the largest employer in Midtown Phillip posted a link to the survey for all of their employees. A large section of Midtown was surveyed door to door with a bilingual youth team taking surveys from residents. Over 400 people responded to the survey. The results in all 3 languages are included in the appendix of this plan.

MPNAI used a variety of methods, including newspaper advertising, newspaper stories, e-mails, general mailings, the Midtown Phillips web site, Twitter, Facebook, Midtown Neighborhood News web site, Midtown Festival web site, door to door flyers and mailings to select blocks showing in the 2010 census as having high concentrations of ethnic population identities, to keep residents informed of progress. Extensive efforts were made to provide an opportunity for participation to as many stakeholders as possible in meetings and in the survey.

The neighborhood used the experience of members with a history going back 20 years and the creativity and interest of new participants in forming the vision, goals and objectives of the plan. The Steering Committee and the Board used an all neighborhood meeting to make the final plan decisions from options that were proposed and considered.

All issues that were identified in the focus groups and survey were developed into strategies in the Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan even though they did not receive NRP funds. The neighborhood was presented with 3 funding options for its final vote on October 11, 2011. The 3 options were to allocate 70% to housing, 90% to housing or 100% to housing. The final decision was to allocate 100% of the Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan to housing with the understanding that program income generated from revolving loans could be reallocated to other strategies identified as priorities in the future.

NRP's external counsel has reviewed this plan and indicated that each plan strategy is consistent with the NRP statute. Based on my review of the Plan, the results of the legal review and the process used by Midtown Phillips to develop this plan I recommend that the Policy Board adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS:** On April 19, 2004, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) established the Phase II allocation available for the Midtown Phillips neighborhood at \$243,645 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP,

**WHEREAS:** The Midtown Phillips neighborhood has conducted an inclusive Phase II plan development process,

**WHEREAS:** The submitted Midtown Phillips NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests an allocation of \$243,645 and dedicates (100%) percent of that allocation to housing programs, projects, services and activities,

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the Midtown Phillips Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan,

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor [a] approve the Mditown Phillips 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 \$243,645; [b] amend the 2010 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) by \$243,645 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 activities above.

Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Neighborhood Revitalization Program

Phase II Action Plan



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Dear Bob,

I am pleased to let you know that the Midtown Phillips Community reached another milestone last night. We voted to send forward our NRP Phase II plan for approval. Thank you to you and your staff for working with members of our community in this process.

As you recall, several months ago, a few Midtown residents presented our NRP Phase I review to you and your NRP colleagues. NRP support has been a significant factor in a wonderful transformation that is underway in Midtown Phillips. Housing has improved, our neighborhood is safer, youth are more engaged in healthy activity, green space is being created to promote community engagement, and much more. Thanks, Bob, for your leadership and for your help over the years. We have more work to do, but it is good to pause and celebrate how far we have come.

The Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association is made of volunteers who care about our neighbors and our community. We give many hours freely to help make a difference. We are not perfect people, and often we lack the margin in our lives to do all that needs to be done. We have good hearts, but sometimes we need encouragement and support to keep moving ahead. Thank you for sharing your expertise and that of the NRP to overcome obstacles and challenges in community work. Thank you for not giving up on us and for recognizing the good that we can accomplish together.

Please pass on our thanks to your staff and others working with you in the NRP. If there is other information needed or anything else I can do to help in this process, please feel free to contact me.

Serving in the city with you,



Todd Rasmuson

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## Neighborhood Description

The Midtown Phillips Neighborhood was recognized as an independent neighborhood by the City of Minneapolis on December 23, 2005. Prior to that, the neighborhood was part of what is now known as the Phillips Community along with Phillips West, East Phillips and Ventura Village.

The Midtown Phillips Neighborhood is bound by East 24th Street on the north, Chicago Avenue on the west, Bloomington Avenue on the east and Lake Street on the south.

The neighborhood has a rich and varied range of housing stock, providing homes for a diversity of people, major institutions include Abbott Northwestern Hospital/Clinic, Children's Hospital, the main commercial core is along Lake Street with concentration at the Midtown Exchange, with the Global Market, the Midtown Safety Center is at the south west corner and numerous locations of worship are located across the area. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Grade Separation National Historic District traverses east to west, this site is used as a bike way called the Midtown Green Way. A public school and park are located at the center of the area.

## Neighborhood Plan Development Process

This plan was developed throughout the 2011 calendar year by the Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Organization's Neighborhood Revitalization Program Phase II Steering Committee with input of the general membership of Midtown Phillips and the Midtown Board of Directors. The organization worked closely with the Neighborhood Revitalization office on every step of the process.

The neighborhood Phase I accomplishments are extensively outlined in the review completed in early 2011, this document highlights investments in housing improvements, single and multiple family, major projects exemplified by the Midtown Exchange, business and institution support in the Plaza Verde, In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theater and a child care incubator.

Other improvements such as community gardens and tree repopulation were supported. The neighborhood provided numerous opportunities for members to give input during the review process.

The first step taken by Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Organization in the Phase II Plan Development process was to draft a Phase II Participation Agreement that was approved by the NRP office in March of 2011. The Participation Agreement summarized our neighborhood demographics, outlined our organization structure, and described the procedure Midtown Phillips would undertake to conduct outreach and develop a Phase II Plan.

The steering committee was formed open to all stakeholders, the organization's general membership meeting and the board meeting each month dedicated time for plan input. The steering committee referenced the results of a number of focus groups held in 2007 and focus

groups held at the organization's annual meeting in February of 2011 to inform in the development of an all neighborhood survey.

Midtown held a widely publicized all neighborhood festival in July of this year, attendees were encouraged at the festival to take funding surveys on paper or at the neighborhood web site on three computers each set to a different language. During the course of the survey English, Somali, & Spanish formats were always included. The neighborhood worked throughout the planning process with the Minneapolis Hispanic outreach specialist. The neighborhood utilized current and past native born Somali Board members to help with outreach.

Throughout the process a variety of notices went out including newspaper advertising, newspaper stories, e-mails, general mailings, the Midtown Phillips web site, tweeter, face book, Midtown Neighborhood News web site, Midtown Festival web site, door to door flyers and mailings to select blocks showing in the 2010 census as having high concentrations of ethnic population identities. Extensive effort was made to provide an opportunity for participation to as many stakeholders as possible in meetings and in the survey.

The organization also utilized a "Spring Reunion" block club and "National Night Out" block club events across the neighborhood in taking surveys. The neighborhood worked with the area business association, individual business and the largest employer in Midtown Phillip posted to all their employees the link to the survey. A large section of Midtown was surveyed door to door with a bilingual youth team taking surveys.

The neighborhood relied on the experience of members with a history going back 20 years and new participants in forming the vision, goals and objectives of the plan. Each goal was discussed in relation to what type of funding seed would help the best and all the goals are not being recommended for the NRP funding source. The Steering Committee and the Board relied on the neighborhood as a whole at an all neighbored meeting to make the final plan decision from options that came forward.

## Executive Summary and Midtown Neighborhood Vision

Midtown Phillips has spent the past year working on building connections within the neighborhood and in consideration of best practice for the function of the Board on behalf of the neighborhood. We want to be the best resource we can for our neighbors and we want our neighbors to look forward to supporting and working with each other. We have done that by investing our new CPP funding in neighborhood block club support and in our first ever Midtown Phillips Festival. We are putting our financial house in order with newly hired accounting staff and are considering adding Board support staff.

We have used these new relationships to help us move through a survey series and planning process picking up from where our Phase I plan ended, in hopes that we may soon complete our NRP Phase II contract. This process has helped us to clarify a vision for citizen participation in Midtown.

Midtown Phillips is committed to helping enhance the quality of life and pursuit of peace in our neighborhood. We are working to connect residents to each other in the context of recreation, reconciliation and redevelopment. We want our neighbors to enjoy each other's company, live peacefully with each other, and get the most benefit from Minneapolis public services.

As we move in to this contract with the NRP, we will outline the 2 areas we hope to have an impact on in Phillips – Housing and Community Building – in an effort to achieve this vision for Midtown. We have made good use of our CPP funds in the area of Community Building and hope to be able to creatively continue to focus those funds in that area in the near future, as is outlined in the plan. Going into this contract, we are considering focusing 80-100% percent of our contract funding on Housing. We are looking at this as seed money for an on-going revolving loan program that will continue to give back to the neighborhood for years to come. We have proposed several different categories that should be beneficial to Midtown. The final percentage of funds allocated to housing over 70% will be determined by the type of program that will give us the biggest bang for our NRP buck.

We are looking forward to moving into Phase II of the NRP and are confident in our ability to continue to coordinate NRP and CPP resources to broaden the benefit of this funding in Midtown Phillips.

## Neighborhood Goals, Objectives and Implementation Strategies

### Phase II, Goal I: Improvement of Housing

Ensure consistent upkeep and maintenance of homes within the Midtown Phillips Neighborhood.

Relates to the following City Goals:

- Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital, and safe City.
- Create an environment that maximizes economic development opportunities within Minneapolis by focusing on the City's physical and human assets.
- Foster the development and preservation of a mix of quality housing types that is available, affordable, meets current needs, and promotes future growth.
- Promote public, community, and private partnerships to address disparities and to support strong, healthy families and communities.

Objective A: Implement revolving loan programs for both interior and exterior improvements.

Strategy 1: Administer a housing program to meet Midtown Phillips resident needs.

- Home Improvement Revolving Loan Program for 1-3 unit owner occupied structures.

The Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Organization will work with NRP staff to implement the above programs by establishing the program guidelines directly with a third party program administrator.



The neighborhood is hoping to increase the percentage and quality of owner-occupied structures by targeting its Phase II programs to potential owner occupants. The needs of renters in the neighborhood are being met by offering rental property owner occupants with up to 3 units loans to help improve existing rental property and with the use of a number of non NRP funding sources currently available.

To the extent possible, the program will seek other sources of home improvement funds to maximize the use of NRP funds.

**Partners:**

- Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Organization (MPNAI)
- Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP)
- Department of Community Planning & Economic Development (CPED)
- Property Owners & Potential Property Owners
- Other Home Improvement Resources

**Resources:**

NRP: \$220,000

Other: TBT

**Contract Manager:** Development Finance Division (DFD)

**Strategy 2:** Provide contracted support to ensure the successful implementation of the housing program outlined in the Phase II plan.

Midtown Phillips will through the contractor:

- Coordinate, educate and market the various housing programs to neighborhood residents.
- Create resource information to help residents understand their options for housing.
- Work with non-profits and other governmental agencies to leverage additional investments in housing dollars and to provide services to the diverse resident population that lives in or would like to live in Midtown Phillips.
- Work with MPHA in an effort to educate the residents regarding their options for possible home ownership.

**Resources:**

NRP: \$23,645

Other: TBT

**Partners:**

- Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Organization (MPNAI)
- Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP)
- TBD

Contract Manager: Development Finance Division (DFD)

Objective B: Provide housing units to assist a mixed income group of people, comprised of both affordable and market rate homeownership and rental.

Strategy 1: Midtown Exchange Apartments - Support the redevelopment of the Midtown Exchange and the 223 units of affordable and market rate workforce rental housing to be located in the historic Sears building.

Resources:

NRP: \$725,000

Partners:

- City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development
- City of Minneapolis Development Finance Division
- Sherman Associates
- Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Organization (MPNAI)
- Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP)

Contract Manager: Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development

Strategy 2: Village in Phillips - Phase 2 Support the development of Village in Phillips the Phase II construction of 36 condominiums. The original allocations of these funds were earmarked for the Village in Phillips 2 project. When it appeared that this project was not going to move forward the American Indian Community Development Corporation (AICDC) obtained a transfer of site control. The funds were then transferred to the AICDC project of Bii Di Gain Dash, a housing project to serve seniors. The Midtown portion of these funds was \$76,250. The East Phillips portion of these funds was \$228,750 for a total investment of \$305,000.

Resources:

NRP: \$305,000 - \$76,250 Midtown Phillips and \$228,750 East Phillips

Partners:

- City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development
- City of Minneapolis Development Finance Division
- Sherman Associates
- American Indian Community Development Corporation
- Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Organization (MPNAI)
- Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP)
- East Phillips Improvement Coalition (EPIC)
- City of Lakes Community Land Trust

Contract Manager: Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development

## Phase II, Goal 2: Enhance Community Safety and Outreach

Continue to build a safe healthy community for all stakeholders and encourage neighborhood interaction.

Relates to the following City Goal:

- Improve the effectiveness of law enforcement through community outreach efforts and focusing resources in areas of need.
- Augment community-based policing with neighborhood-driven crime prevention efforts, including educating the public about laws and available resources and services.
- Maintain and enhance a public safety infrastructure that improves response time to police and fire calls, implements new technologies, provides operation and training opportunities and facilities, and improves communication among public safety agencies.
- Promote nutrition using strategies to ensure access to healthy foods for all residents.
- Support the creation and improvement of community gardens and food markets which sell locally and regionally grown foods.
- Where appropriate, support the planting of edible fruit and vegetable plants.
- Ensure open spaces provide peaceful, meditative, and relaxing areas as well as social, recreational, and exercise opportunities.
- Invest in the greening of streets, particularly those that connect into and supplement the parks and open spaces network.
- Maintain and improve the quality and condition of public streets, sidewalks, bridges, water systems, and other public infrastructure.

**Objective A:** Increase efforts to strengthen the neighborhoods' relationship with the police department and other organizations and groups to sustain the relationships that were developed during Phase I of NRP.

**Strategy 1:** Support existing Block Clubs and assist in development of new Block Clubs.

**Strategy 2:** Support Community Crime Prevention efforts including support for the Midtown Safety center.

**Strategy 3:** Support current Community Gardens and support new development of gardens.

**Strategy 4:** Encourage and support the expansion of the green canopy through Tree Plantings.

**Strategy 5:** Support and sponsor Clean Sweeps of rubbish for the neighborhood.

**Strategy 6:** Support inventive programs, projects and initiatives in partnership with organization including area churches to abate and prevent graffiti.

**Strategy 7:** Community Oriented Public Safety Initiative Reserve Fund (COPSIRF) – Utilize directed patrolling services as outlined in the COPSIRF proposal and contract with the Minneapolis Police Department (3<sup>rd</sup> precinct)

**Resources:**

NRP: Midtown is not requesting Phase II funds for this goal other than Strategy 7

NRP: Strategy 7 - \$29,250 COPSIRF Funds

CPP: Community Participation Program funds, amount TBD

OTHER: TBD

**Partners:**

- Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Organization (MPNAI)
- Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR)
- Minneapolis Police Department
- Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
- Minneapolis Public Works Department
- TBD

**Contract Manager:**

Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Organization (MPNAI)

Minneapolis Police Department for Strategy 7 - \$29,250 COPSIRF Funds

## **Phase II, Goal 3: Strengthen identity through Community Building, Neighborhood Participation and Outreach**

**Relates to the following City Goal:**

- Strengthen City government management and enhance community engagement.
- Effectively engage the public when making decisions that create, remove, or change a city service, project, or policy.

**Objective A:** Increase the awareness and participation of the Midtown Organization and its ability to better communicate with the community.

**Strategy 1:** Hold Community Celebrations and Events at different times throughout the year.

**Resources:**

NRP: Midtown is not requesting Phase II funds for this goal

CPP: Community Participation Program funds, amount TBD

OTHER: TBD

**Partners:**

- Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Organization (MPNAI)
- Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
- In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre
- Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR)
- TBD

**Contract Manager:** Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Organization (MPNAI) in partnership with Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR)

## Phase II, Goal 4: Strengthen Cultural, Recreation and Education Activities

Enhance community and neighborhood identity through Cultural, Recreation and Education Activities.

Relates to the following City Goal:

- Work with institutions to ensure that school facilities are safe, accessible, and functionally appropriate for a diverse array of educational programs.
- Connect residents to educational opportunities throughout the city, including magnet schools, community education, early childhood family education, post-secondary education, and vocational and higher education.
- Support the health of individuals through direct services, initiatives, research, and advocacy.
- Make Minneapolis a more livable place for artists through support for arts initiatives that contribute to the city's community development priorities.
- Encourage and celebrate private support of arts and culture and recognize exemplary initiatives.

**Objective A:** Engage community members including Youth, Teens, Young Adults and Elder residents to broaden community identity Midtown organization input.

**Strategy 1:** Support community Sports Associations and encourage participates to engage in all neighborhood activities including the Midtown organization.

**Strategy 2:** Promote Art and Music Instruction and Productions and encourage an interaction with the Midtown organization.

**Strategy 3:** Work with all age groups in the community on Educational, mentoring and tutoring opportunities encouraging interchange with the Midtown organization of community members.

**Resources:**

NRP: Midtown is not requesting Phase II funds for this goal

CPP: Community Participation Program funds, amount TBD

OTHER: TBD

**Partners:**

- Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Organization (MPNAI)
- Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
- Minneapolis Public School Board
- Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR)
- TBD

**Contract Manager:** Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Organization (MPNAI) in partnership with Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR)

## Phase II, Goal 5: Improve recreational opportunities that serve neighborhood residents and improve the natural environment

Relates to the following City Goal:

- Provide safe pedestrian and bike routes to open spaces and parks.
- Ensure that adjacent land uses contribute to the safety and ambiance of parks and open spaces.
- Encourage the development of open spaces that provide amenities for year round use.
- Encourage the development of a broad array of recreation facilities and opportunities in response to a diverse range of resident interests.

**Objective A:** Build neighborhood resource use by ensuring that all community members have access to safe and enjoyable facilities.

**Strategy 1:** Maintain strong communications with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB). Work with planning, programming, security and maintenance staff on current concerns and future needs.

**Strategy 2:** Support public/private partnerships that work to improve the quality and vitality of the Midtown Greenway.

**Resources:**

NRP: Midtown is not requesting Phase II funds for this goal

CPP: Community Participation Program funds, amount TBD

OTHER: TBD

**Partners:**

- Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Organization (MPNAI)
- Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR)
- Midtown Greenway Coalition
- TBD

**Contract Manager:** Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Organization (MPNAI) in partnership with Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR)

## Phase II, Goal 6: Supply Plan Oversight/Midtown Administration

Provide neighborhood-level administrative support to implement the Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Organization NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan.

Relates to the following City Goal:

- Strengthen City government management and enhance community engagement.

**Objective A:** Provide Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Organization with the resources needed to assist with and monitor implementation of the Midtown Phillips NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan.

Strategy 1: Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Organization will provide as needed staff, office space, office supplies, equipment, and storage needed or contracted services to support the implementation of the Midtown Phillips NRP Neighborhood Action Plan. Support activities will include but are not limited to the following:

- Establishing an NRP task force within MPNAI to coordinate the neighborhood's ongoing role in NRP plan implementation.
- Helping neighborhood task force chairs work with appropriate governmental agencies to implement NRP funded projects- including the development of any required scopes of services, budgets, RFP's, etc.
- Engaging contracted staff, when needed, to assist task force chairs in the implementation and monitoring of NRP funded housing projects.
- Communicating with neighborhood residents about all aspects of plan implementation- including notice of NRP subcommittee meetings, plan modification proposals, planned or completed NRP projects, etc.
- Coordinating with adjoining neighborhoods, as needed, to implement NRP funded housing projects.
- Assisting with fundraising and coordination for the various activities sponsored by the Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Organization. Any future funds required for general administrative costs or community building activities will be funded with CPP allotment.

**Resources:**

NRP: Midtown has funds remaining in Phase I under administration and no Phase II funds are requested

CPP: Midtown anticipates adequate funding from the Neighborhood and Community Relation Department to meet this obligation

**Partners:**

- Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Organization (MPNAI)
- Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP)
- Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR)

**Contract Manager:** Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Organization (MPNAI) in partnership with Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR)

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## Appendix/Research

Survey/Focus Groups



NRP Phase II Focus Questionnaire for Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Fase II NRP Cuestionario de Enfoque de la Asociación de Vecinos de Midtown Phillips, Inc.

NRP Qaybta II Su'aalo Afti ka Qaad ah ee Ururka Xaafada Midtown Phillips, Inc.

Survey

NRP Phase II Focus Questionnaire for Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc.

**Introduction** Midtown Phillips (MP) is in Phase II of its Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). During this funding cycle, MP will decide how to spend an estimated \$240,000.00 in our neighborhood. MP is determining how to use new NRP funds in two areas - **Housing and Community Building**. NRP requires that we allocate at least 70% percent of our total funds to Housing. We are asking residents of MP to help us identify community issues of highest importance, so that we can recommend how to best invest in our community.

**Instructions:** We are interested in knowing your involvement in MP. Please check all the descriptions that apply to you from the following:

I am a MP  Resident  Tenant  Homeowner  Resident landlord  Nonresident landlord  
 Resident business owner  Non-resident business owner  Work in the neighborhood  
 Work outside the neighborhood  Retired  Student  Homemaker  Unemployed

Please show how important each issue is to you by circling the number after each item. Use the following scale:  
1 - not important 2 - a little important 3 - no opinion 4 - important 5 - very important

Housing Related Programs

- A Revolving Loan Program for Homeowners with deferred repayment for structural repairs 1 2 3 4 5
- A Grant Program for Homeowners for structural repairs. 1 2 3 4 5
- A Revolving Loan Program for Rental Property for structural repairs. 1 2 3 4 5
- Down payment Assistance for first or second-time home buyers for existing or new homes. 1 2 3 4 5
- Assistance for emergency home repairs. 1 2 3 4 5
- Assistance for energy efficient home improvements. 1 2 3 4 5
- Assistance in foreclosure refinane. 1 2 3 4 5
- Housing fund Program for (Other) \_\_\_\_\_ 1 2 3 4 5

Community Building Programs in Midtown

**Neighboring - Funds** to assist neighbors in planning and developing:

- Block Clubs 1 2 3 4 5
- Community Celebrations and Events 1 2 3 4 5
- Clean Sweeps 1 2 3 4 5
- Elder Services 1 2 3 4 5
- Other \_\_\_\_\_ 1 2 3 4 5

**Youth programs - Funds** to support programs for Pre-school, Youth, Teens and Young Adults in:

- Sports Associations 1 2 3 4 5
- Art and music instruction and productions 1 2 3 4 5
- Afterschool activities and events 1 2 3 4 5
- Educational, mentoring and tutoring opportunities 1 2 3 4 5
- Other \_\_\_\_\_ 1 2 3 4 5

**Community Environmental issues - Funds** to support partnerships with groups working on:

- Greenway improvements 1 2 3 4 5
- Tree planting 1 2 3 4 5
- Community Gardens 1 2 3 4 5
- Public Parks 1 2 3 4 5
- Other \_\_\_\_\_ 1 2 3 4 5

**Community Service Provider assistance - Incentive funding** to assist Service Providers in Midtown with:

- Community Crime Prevention efforts 1 2 3 4 5
- Building Rehab or New Construction grants or revolving loans 1 2 3 4 5
- Economic Development Incubator and/or Improvements with revolving/matching loans 1 2 3 4 5
- Other \_\_\_\_\_ 1 2 3 4 5

**NRP Phase II Focus**  
**Questionnaire for Midtown**  
**Phillips Neighborhood**  
**Association, Inc.**

Spreadsheet format of all information.

Responses to the “Other” choices at the end of each survey block.

“Other “ answers are only listed – there is no ranking.

<b>I am a MP</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Resident	62.9%	166
Tenant	16.3%	43
Homeowner	37.1%	98
Resident Landlord	8.7%	23
Nonresident Landlord	3.0%	8
Resident Business Owner	3.4%	9
Non-resident Business Owner	2.3%	6
Work in the Neighborhood	19.3%	51
Work outside the Neighborhood	28.8%	76
Retired	5.7%	15
Student	11.7%	31
Homemaker	7.6%	20
Unemployed	1.9%	5
<i>answered question</i>		<b>264</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>

**Somali**

<b>Waxaan Xaafada MP ku ahay</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Degane	100.0%	3
Kirayste	0.0%	0
Guri ayaan leyahay	0.0%	0
Degane Hanti leh	0.0%	0
Ma degani laakin hanti ayaan leyahay	0.0%	0
Degane ganacsi leh	0.0%	0
Ma degane ganacsi leh	0.0%	0
Waxaan ka shaqeyaa xaafada meel ka tirsan	0.0%	0
Waxaan ka shaqeyaa meel xaafada ka baxsan	0.0%	0
hawlgal	0.0%	0
Arday	0.0%	0
guri joog	0.0%	0
Hada ma shaqeeyo	0.0%	0
<i>answered question</i>		<b>3</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>

**Spanish**

<b>Yo soy de MP:</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Residente	27.3%	9
Arrendatario	27.3%	9
Dueño de casa	27.3%	9
Propietario Arrendador	9.1%	3
Propietario arrendador-No residente	0.0%	0
Residente dueño de negocio	3.0%	1
Dueño de Negocio No-Residente	3.0%	1
Trabaja en el vecindario	6.1%	2
Trabaja fuera del vecindario	12.1%	4
Retirado	15.2%	5
Estudiante	0.0%	0
Ama de casa	15.2%	5
Desempleado	18.2%	6
<i>answered question</i>		<b>33</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>

## Housing Related Programs:

Please show how important each issue is to you by circling the number after each item. Use the following scale: 1 - not important 2 - a little important 3 - no opinion 4 - important 5 - very important

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count
A Revolving Loan Program for Homeowners with deferred repayment for structural repairs	21	21	41	80	75	3.70	238
A Grant Program for Homeowners for structural repairs.	15	14	34	70	105	3.99	238
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<i>answered question</i>							<b>241</b>
<i>skipped question</i>							<b>23</b>

### Housing fund Program for (Other)

Answer Options	Response Count
	21
<i>answered question</i>	<b>21</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>243</b>

Number	Response Text
1	low income people
2	I love it here, but am overwhelmed by repairs
3	Native Americans and other Minorities and Immigrants, Refugees, people of color
4	funding for a tenants union
5	Homeowner education for maintenance and utility, property tax etc. expense budgeting
6	blank
7	N/A
8	preservation
9	landscaping/fencing
10	eco friendly solar panels not sure what this covers but I would like to see improvement in the whole neighborhood ,like the sidewalks. I walk alot and some of the sidewalks are really bad. I can see why homeowner have a hard time finding money to spend on sidewalks but for everyone who walks,rides,plays,or otherwise use sidewalks,put aside some mony for a grant to repair them.Make it a provide a receipt of repair & it will be paid for by this fund. If this housing fund provides for thinks like this I for it!!!!
11	
12	Security improvements like motion detectors, security cameras for condo buildings etc.
13	lead hazard control and remediation!!!! There are a number of properties (both rental and owner-occupied) that need general repair. Perhaps there could be a housing fund that would pay for people to make those basic repairs such as painting, fixing broken windows, repairing stairs, etc.
14	
15	encouraging home ownership, rather than rental property.
16	possibility of matching grants to maximize funding.
17	There should be a fund that residents can borrow from in emergencies that is repaid kind of like a bank, just for small loans, say up to \$1000. Similar to some of the personal loan services n
18	I don't know what this means
19	We have no idea what this might be
20	Outside improvement of property
21	Solar Power

### Housing Related Programs:Somali

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Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count
Barnaamijka Deynta Wareega ah ee samaynta dhiska guriyaha iyo dib u-dhigida bixinta deynta	1	0	0	0	2	3.67	3
Barnaamijka lacagta deeqmada ah ee hagaajinta dhismaha guryaha	1	1	1	0	0	2.00	3
Deynta loogu talo galay hagaajinta guryaha la kireysto	1	1	1	0	0	2.00	3
Caawinta lacagta hor-mariska ah (debaaji) ee dadka gadanaayo guri markii kowaad ama labaad gurigaasu ama ha	1	1	1	0	0	2.00	3
cusboonaado ama mid hore u dhisnaa ha noqdee	1	0	0	0	0	1.00	1
Caawimaada guri hagaajinta ee deg deg ah.	1	0	0	0	0	1.00	1
Cawimaada guriga ee badbaadinta isticmaalka tamarta (energy efficiency)	1	0	1	0	0	2.00	2
Cawimaada dib u-maal gelinta guryaha lala wareegey (foreclosure)	1	0	0	0	0	1.00	1
Barnaamijka maal gelinta ( arrimo kale )	1	0	0	0	0	1.00	1
<i>answered question</i>							<b>3</b>
<i>skipped question</i>							<b>0</b>

No Somali “Other”

### Housing Related Programs:Spanish

Por favor muestre la importancia de cada tema con un círculo el numero de cada elemento. Utilice la siguiente escala: 1- no es importante 2 - un poco importante 3 - no opina 4 - importante 5 - muy importante

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count
Un programa rotatorio de prestamos con pago diferido para las reparaciones estructurales	0	7	4	11	10	3.75	32
Un programa de becas para propietarios de viviendas para las reparaciones estructurales	3	2	5	8	13	3.84	31
Un programa rotatorio de prestamos de propiedad de alquiler para reparaciones estructurales	3	4	7	4	11	3.55	29
Asistencia para el pago de enganche de los compradores de su vivienda sea su primera o segunda vez para las viviendas existentes o viviendas nuevas	5	0	4	6	17	3.94	32
Asistencia para reparaciones de emergencia.	3	0	2	7	17	4.21	29
Asistencia para reparaciones de energía del hogar	4	1	3	5	16	3.97	29
Asistencia en refinanciación de Ejecución Hipotecaria (Foreclosure).	2	2	6	7	9	3.73	26
Programa de viviendas para financiar (Otro)	2	0	1	4	7	4.00	14
<i>answered question</i>							<b>33</b>
<i>skipped question</i>							<b>0</b>

No Spanish “Other”

## Community Building Programs in Midtown: Neighboring

Neighboring - Funds to assist neighbors in planning and developing: Please show how important each issue is to you by circling the number after each item. Use the following scale: 1 - not important 2 - a little important 3 - no opinion 4 - important 5 - very important

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count
Block Clubs	18	24	45	76	69	3.66	232
Community Celebrations and Events	15	15	42	103	59	3.75	234
Clean Sweeps	13	21	24	83	90	3.94	231
Elder Services	6	28	40	79	81	3.86	234
Other	14	2	23	7	18	3.20	64
						<i>answered question</i>	<b>237</b>
						<i>skipped question</i>	<b>27</b>

### Neighboring - Funds to assist neighbors in planning and developing (Other):

Answer Options	Response Count
	22
<i>answered question</i>	<b>22</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>242</b>

Number	Response Text
1	Music Programs
2	It's imperative that funds go to the community and not the police. Community-building events and programs can help serve and protect all residents, not just those who the police are more likely to protect than to discriminate against. organizing projects!
3	food production projects
4	Community groups/activities that do not directly involve police and can therefore be inclusive of community members who do not trust the police.
5	youth programming
6	What is "Clean Sweeps"?
7	door to door surveying
8	Family planning...
9	community media
10	We need event tents!
11	block clubs - not crises clubs
12	National Night Out
13	need a dog park
14	not an appropriate use of money
15	Community gardening
16	community outreach efforts -
17	No ideas here. I think Book Clubs are a huge waste of funds, just an FYI.
18	Cleaner sidewalks and more green plants
19	Disabled
20	help our new immigrants invest their money in the community - investment classes in Spanish, Somali etc.
21	Community Education: What is it that makes community successful? Landlord Education Classes on Property Management and specialized Tenant Training and Certification to improve tenant responsibilities. Both Programs address livability issues and will improve the quality of life for our community.
22	

### Community Building Programs in Midtown: Neighboring - Somali

Jaarka(Neighboring) -Lacagta lagu caawin qorshaynta iyo horumarka jaarka: Fadlan goobayn ku samee (circle) tirooyinkan hoos ku qoran kuwa muhiika kue leh. Isticmaal Qiyaas cabbireedkan hoos ku qoran: 1- Muhiim ma aha 2 - Muhiimad yar leh 3 - Ra'yi ka ma bixin karo 4 - Wa muhiim 5 - Aad muhiim u ah

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count
Jaar Xaafadeedka (Block Clubs)	1	2	0	0	0	1.67	3
Dabaldega Bulshada iyo Dhacdooyinka	0	1	0	0	0	2.00	1
Nadaafada iyo Xaaqitaanka	1	1	1	0	0	2.00	3
Caawimaada dadka d'ada ah	1	1	0	0	0	1.50	2
Waxyaala kale	1	0	0	0	0	1.00	1
<i>answered question</i>							<b>3</b>
<i>skipped question</i>							<b>0</b>

No Somali “Other”

### Neighboring -Spanish

Vecinos - Fondos para ayudar a los vecinos en la planificación y desarrollo: Por favor muestre la importancia de cada tema con un círculo el numero de cada elemento. Utilice la siguiente escala: 1- no es importante 2 - un poco importante 3 - no opina 4 - importante 5 - muy importante

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count
Clubs de la cuadra	4	3	3	10	12	3.72	32
Fiestas y eventos de la comunidad	2	2	3	9	16	4.09	32
Limpieza y barrido	3	1	2	6	17	4.14	29
Servicios para las personas de edad mayor	3	1	2	6	16	4.11	28
Otro	0	1	0	0	0	2.00	1
<i>answered question</i>							<b>33</b>
<i>skipped question</i>							<b>0</b>

No Spanish “Other”

### Community Building Programs in Midtown: Youth Programs

Youth programs - Funds to support programs for Pre-school, Youth, Teens and Young Adults in: Please show how important each issue is to you by circling the number after each item. Use the following scale: 1 - not important 2 - a little important 3 - no opinion 4 - important 5 - very important

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count
Sports Associations	17	15	40	84	79	3.82	235
Art and music instruction and productions	13	9	38	75	101	4.03	236
Afterschool activities and events	8	12	28	60	124	4.21	232
Educational, mentoring and tutoring opportunities	10	14	19	57	135	4.25	235
Other	13	1	21	5	14	3.11	54
<i>answered question</i>							<b>237</b>
<i>skipped question</i>							<b>27</b>

Youth programs - Funds to support programs for Pre-school, Youth, Teens and Young Adults in (Other):

Answer Options	Response Count
	20
<i>answered question</i>	<b>20</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>244</b>

Number	Response Text
1	Any youth activities prevent crime!

- 2 Gardening, Getting involved with your Community -type programs, Cultural Awareness Programs, Celebrating our Heritage programs
- 3 Connecting youth into organizing projects
- 4 We should not duplicate the park and public school programs.
- 5 training fund for youth to attend to their choice
- 6 Real food that is nutritional and not made by a company that makes food for prisons.
- 7 Self defense programming and self esteem enrichment for teen girls
- 8 Any outreach services by the neighborhood hospitals, banks, or private businesses? They could definitely involve themselves in the neighborhood too.
- 9 Banyan Community
- 10 youth programs
- 11 Adult educational programming
- 12 Science and Technology
- 13 Gardening or other food related issues (cooking, nutrition classes, etc)
- 14 Swimming pool support
- 15 I would like to see youth programming in the community - can they do things with seniors, or other youth, can they become more engaged -
- 16 No ideas.
- 17 these are very important programs to the community but should not be funded by NRP
- 18 more sliding fee programs for working people
- 19 Financial Peace University: Why managing your resources is vital and how.
- 20 Special Ed Programs for Autistic Kids

### Community Building Programs in Midtown: Youth Programs: Somali - No Somali “Other”

**Barnaamijka Dhalinyarada - Lacagta loo qoondayay caawinta caruurita yar yar ee aanan bilaabin waxbarashada, dhalinyarada iyo dadka waweyne: Fadlan goobayn ku samee (circle) tirooyinkan hoos ku qoran kuwa muhiika kue leh. Isticmaal Qiyaas cabbireedkan hoos ku qoran: 1- Muhiim ma aha 2 - Muhiimad yar leh 3 - Ra’yi ka ma bixin karo 4 - Wa muhiim 5 - Aad muhiim u ah**

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count
Ururada Cayaaraha	1	1	0	0	0	1.50	2
Farshaxan (Art) Tilmaamaha Heesaha iyo soo saarka	1	0	1	0	0	2.00	2
Dhacdooyinka ka dib marka laga baxo skuulka	1	0	0	0	0	1.00	1
Waxbarashada, la talinta, macallin waxbarashada dadka ka caawiya	1	1	0	0	0	1.50	2
Waxyaale kale	1	0	1	0	0	2.00	2
<i>answered question</i>							<b>3</b>
<i>skipped question</i>							<b>0</b>

### Community Building Programs in Midtown: Youth Programs: Spanish – No Spanish “Other”

**Programas Para los Jóvenes - Los Fondos para apoyar los programas de pre-escolar, los jóvenes, adolescentes y adultos jóvenes en: Por favor muestre la importancia de cada tema con un círculo el número de cada elemento. Utilice la siguiente escala: 1- no es importante 2 - un poco importante 3 - no opina 4 - importante 5 - muy importante**

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count
Asociaciones deportivas	4	1	0	6	20	4.19	31
El arte y la instrucción musical y producciones	4	2	1	11	13	3.87	31
Actividades y eventos para después de la escuela	4	0	0	8	19	4.23	31
Para la educación, las oportunidades de mentoría y tutoría	2	3	2	6	19	4.16	32
Otro	0	1	0	0	0	2.00	1
<i>answered question</i>							<b>32</b>
<i>skipped question</i>							<b>1</b>

## Community Building Programs in Midtown: Environmental Issues

Community Environmental issues - Funds to support partnerships with groups working on: Please show how important each issue is to you by circling the number after each item. Use the following scale: 1 - not important 2 - a little important 3 - no opinion 4 - important 5 - very important

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count
Greenway improvements	14	25	43	74	78	3.76	234
Tree planting	12	25	43	79	76	3.77	235
Community Gardens	12	20	45	71	88	3.86	236
Public Parks	10	11	25	67	119	4.18	232
Other	13	1	19	5	15	3.15	53
<i>answered question</i>							<b>237</b>
<i>skipped question</i>							<b>27</b>

Community Environmental issues - Funds to support partnerships with groups working on (Other):

Answer Options	Response Count
	14
<i>answered question</i>	<b>14</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>250</b>

Number	Response Text
1	Waite House and swimming pool
2	Replant trees in areas where box elder bugs and diseases destroyed the trees. especially in areas where there's less of a tax value on the homes
3	The city needs to pressure the EPA to expand its superfund clean up project. Our soil is toxic and the response to this situation has been inadequate.
4	Environmental racism ~ elimination of hazardous materials (lead, arsenic, etc.) from homes with children. Other environmental issues facing children directly, i.e. air quality and that XCel project to build high-density power lines.
5	Please continue to preserve historical sites i.e. bridges, buildings, and parks, but continue to upgrade infrastructure projects - power grid, transportation lines, water and sewer.
6	I would love to see a beautiful fountain installed on the Cepro site of the Greenway. Loring park has a perfect exam of the type of fountain I am speaking of.
7	Use Partnerships with existing public/private ventures like the Parks and Twin Cities Tree Trust
8	Urban farms
9	light rail transit on the greenway!!
10	lead hazard control, remediation and lead poisoning prevention education.
11	Local business development
12	trash management/removal
13	greenway improvements and community gardens very important but public parks are funded by city and should not involve the NRP money.
14	Implement neighborhood farmers market.



### Community Building Programs in Midtown: Environmental Issues: Somali

Arriimaha Deegaanka - Lacagta lagu caawiyo ururada iskaashiga ah ee ka shaqeeya: Fadlan goobayn ku samee (circle) tirooyinkan hoos ku qoran kuwa muhiika kuu leh. Isticmaal Qiyaas cabbireedkan hoos ku qoran: 1 - Muhiim ma aha 2 - Muhiimad yar leh 3 - Ra'yi ka ma bixin karo 4 - Wa muhiim 5 - Aad muhiim u ah

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count
Horumarinta Greenway	1	0	1	0	0	2.00	2
Geed Abuurid	1	0	0	0	0	1.00	1
Beeraha Bulshada	1	0	1	0	0	2.00	2
Dhulka Dadweynaha ee Nasashada (Public Parks)	1	1	0	0	0	1.50	2
Waxyaale kale	1	0	0	0	0	1.00	1
<i>answered question</i>							<b>3</b>
<i>skipped question</i>							<b>0</b>

No Somali "Other"

### Community Building Programs in Midtown: Environmental Issues:Spanish

Emisiones de la Comunidad del medio ambiente - Fondos para apoyar a las asociaciones con grupos de trabajo sobre: Por favor muestre la importancia de cada tema con un círculo el número de cada elemento. Utilice la siguiente escala: 1- no es importante 2 - un poco importante 3 - no opina 4 - importante 5 - muy importante

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count
Mejoras en vías verdes	2	2	2	11	13	4.03	30
Plantación de árboles	3	1	4	8	15	4.00	31
Jardines Comunitarios	2	2	3	6	17	4.13	30
Parques Públicos	3	1	5	9	14	3.94	32
Otro	0	2	0	0	2	3.50	4
<i>answered question</i>							<b>33</b>
<i>skipped question</i>							<b>0</b>

No Spanish "Other"

## Community Building Programs in Midtown: Community Service Provider Assistance

Community Service Provider assistance - Incentive funding to assist Service Providers in Midtown with: Please show how important each issue is to you by circling the number after each item. Use the following scale: 1 - not important 2 - a little important 3 - no opinion 4 - important 5 - very important

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count
Community Crime Prevention efforts	14	11	20	55	134	4.21	234
Building Rehab or New Construction grants or revolving loans	18	23	49	71	72	3.67	233
Economic Development Incubator and/or Improvements with revolving/matching loans	22	20	59	72	55	3.52	228
Other	11	2	24	6	17	3.27	60
<i>answered question</i>							<b>235</b>
<i>skipped question</i>							<b>29</b>

Community Service Provider assistance - Incentive funding to assist Service Providers in Midtown with (Other):

Answer Options	Response Count
	18
<i>answered question</i>	<b>18</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>246</b>

Number	Response Text
1	Avoid gentrification with resident/worker-owned cooperative businesses
2	I feel unsafe too often here.
3	job seeking/goal setting
4	Focus funds on Proactivity for positive community involvement as opposed to Reactive actions to violence. Ie: cultural and neighborhood enrichment programs. And reach out to all (diverse) populations! Youth Farm, Teatre, etc..
5	Community crime prevention efforts often means giving more money to the police, but doing this does not make communities safer. It only helps protect those with power at the expense of the people. We also need to make sure we do not promote gentrification within the neighborhood, which is often what "economic development" means. Rather, we need to make sure we're creating systems that help our community be self-sustainable and autonomous.
6	community safety without the police
7	use consortium of non-profit developers and resources
8	Demolition of old boarded properties - They are known crime/drug/prostitution issue and majority end up being "torched" Get rid of Them!!
9	cameras in alleys where significant theft takes place
10	social services help
11	not an appropriate use of funds
12	private money is funding all rehab and new construction! Don't duplicate! I want the economy to grow, but it needs to be sustainable. And that means doing things to promote growth without creating dependency upon an assistance program like NRP. NRP may not exist at some point in the future, but the changes that it made while in existence should be able to go on and thrive. I want to promote growth through strategic means - reducing barriers to market entry, maximizing freedom and autonomy, creating creating policies that guide, removing and not creating policies that undermine good judgment, promoting discipline and an ethic of entrepreneurship.
13	ESL, cross-cultural programs to integrate different socioeconomic groups, child care and parenting classes
14	I feel the NRP money should be reserved for the residents of MP, inthe form of grants and loans and possibly for the rental owners in the form of loans. not the businesses located in MP.
15	Financial Peace University: Why managing your resources is vital and how.
16	Demolition of Boarded Properties.
17	Crime/drugs/prostitution/arson issue!!!
18	Safety on the Greenway

### Community Building Programs in Midtown: Community Service Provider Assistance: Somali

Caawimaada Bixinta Macluamadka Bulshada - Lacagta dhiiri gelin ahaan (Incentive) loo siiya ururada macluumaadka bixiya ee Xaafada Midtown: Fadlan goobayn ku samee (circle) tirooyinkan hoos ku qoran kuwa muhiika kuu leh. Isticmaal Qiyaas cabbireedkan hoos ku qoran: 1 - Muhiim ma aha 2 - Muhiimad yar leh 3 - Ra'yi ka ma bixin karo 4 - Wa muhiim 5 - Aad muhiim u ah

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count
Ka Hortaga Dambiyada	0	1	0	0	0	2.00	1
Dhisid meel Baxnaano loogu talo galay ama deeqmo deynta wareega ah ee loo qoondeeyo dhismo cusub	0	1	0	0	0	2.00	1
Kobcin Horumar Dhaqaale Economic Development iyo/ama Hurumarin iyadoo la isticmaali lacagta wareega ah/deynta lagu dari lacag la'eg deynta (matching loans)	0	1	0	0	0	2.00	1
Waxyaale kale	0	1	0	0	0	2.00	1
<i>answered question</i>							<b>3</b>
<i>skipped question</i>							<b>0</b>

No Somali "Other"

### Community Building Programs in Midtown: Community Service Provider Assistance: Spanish

Fase II NRP Cuestionario de Enfoque de la Asociación de Vecinos de Midtown Phillips, Inc.

Servicios para Proveer Asistencia a la Comunidad -Los fondos de incentivos para ayudar a los proveedores de Servicios en Midtown: Por favor muestre la importancia de cada tema con un círculo el numero de cada elemento. Utilice la siguiente escala: 1- no es importante 2 - un poco importante 3 - no opina 4 - importante 5 - muy importante

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count
Esfuerzos para la Prevención del Crimen	4	1	1	2	22	4.23	30
Rehabilitación de Edificios y Edificios Nuevos subvenciones o préstamos renovables	4	3	9	7	7	3.33	30
Incubadora de Desarrollo Económico y/o mejoras giratorias / apareamiento de prestamos	2	4	4	11	6	3.56	27
Otro	2	1	0	1	3	3.29	7
<i>answered question</i>							<b>33</b>
<i>skipped question</i>							<b>0</b>

Servicios para Proveer Asistencia a la Comunidad -Los fondos de incentivos para ayudar a los proveedores de Servicios en Midtown (Otro):

Answer Options	Response Count
	1
<i>answered question</i>	<b>1</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>32</b>

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Aug 18, 2011 8:21 PM	no permitir bener la droga

## **NRP Phase II Focus Questionnaire for Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc.**

English language version.

Spreadsheet format of all information with the responses to the “Other” choices at the end of each survey block.  
“Other “ answers are only listed – there is no ranking.

### **NRP Phase II Focus Questionnaire for Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc.**

<b>I am a MP</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
esident	62.9%	166
Tenant	16.3%	43
Homeowner	37.1%	98
Resident Landlord	8.7%	23
Nonresident Landlord	3.0%	8
Resident Business Owner	3.4%	9
Non-resident Business Owner	2.3%	6
Work in the Neighborhood	19.3%	51
Work outside the Neighborhood	28.8%	76
Retired	5.7%	15
Student	11.7%	31
Homemaker	7.6%	20
Unemployed	1.9%	5
	<b><i>answered question</i></b>	<b>264</b>
	<b><i>skipped question</i></b>	<b>0</b>

### **Housing Related Programs:**

#### **NRP Phase II Focus Questionnaire for Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc.**

**Please show how important each issue is to you by circling the number after each item. Use the following scale: 1 - not important 2 - a little important 3 - no opinion 4 - important 5 - very important**

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Rating Average</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
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Housing fund Program for (Other)	21	3	44	10	20	3.05	98
						<b><i>answered question</i></b>	<b>241</b>
						<b><i>skipped question</i></b>	<b>23</b>

## NRP Phase II Focus Questionnaire for Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Housing fund Program for (Other)	
Answer Options	Response Count
	21
<i>answered question</i>	<b>21</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>243</b>

Number	Response Text
1	low income people
2	I love it here, but am overwhelmed by repairs
3	Native Americans and other Minorities and Immigrants, Refugies, people of color
4	funding for a tenants union
5	Homeowner education for maintenance and utility, property tax etc. expense budgeting
6	blank
7	N/A
8	preservation
9	landscaping/fencing
10	eco friendly solar panels not sure what this covers but I would like to see improvement in the whole neighborhood ,like the sidewalks. I walk alot and some of the sidewalks are really bad. I can see why homeowner have a hard time finding money to spend on sidewalks but for everyone who walks,rides,plays,or otherwise use sidewalks,put aside some mony for a grant to repair them.Make it a provide a receipt of repair & it will be paid for by this fund. If this housing fund provides for thinks like this I for it!!!!
11	
12	Security improvements like motion detectors, security cameras for condo buildings etc.
13	lead hazard control and remediation!!!! There are a number of properties (both rental and owner-occupied) that need general repair. Perhaps there could be a housing fund that would pay for people to make those basic repairs such as painting, fixing broken windows, repairing stairs, etc.
14	
15	encouraging home ownership, rather than rental property.
16	possibility of matching grants to maximize funding. There should be a fund that residents can borrow from in emergencies that is repaid kind of like a bank, just for small loans, say up to \$1000. Similar to some of the personal loan services n
17	
18	I don't know what this means
19	We have no idea what this might be
20	Outside improvement of property
21	Solar Power

### Commuity Building Programs in Midtown:

## NRP Phase II Focus Questionnaire for Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Neighboring - Funds to assist neighbors in planning and developing: Please show how important each issue is to you by circling the number after each item. Use the following scale: 1 - not important 2 - a little important 3 - no opinion 4 - important 5 - very important

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count
Block Clubs	18	24	45	76	69	3.66	232
Community Celebrations and Events	15	15	42	103	59	3.75	234
Clean Sweeps	13	21	24	83	90	3.94	231
Elder Services	6	28	40	79	81	3.86	234
Other	14	2	23	7	18	3.20	64
	<i>answered question</i>						<b>237</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>						<b>27</b>

## NRP Phase II Focus Questionnaire for Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc.

### Neighboring - Funds to assist neighbors in planning and developing (Other):

Answer Options	Response Count
	22
<i>answered question</i>	22
<i>skipped question</i>	242

Number	Response Text
1	Music Programs It's imperative that funds go to the community and not the police. Community-building events and programs can help serve and protect all residents, not just those who the police are more likely to protect than to discriminate against.
2	organizing projects!
3	food production projects Community groups/activities that do not directly involve police and can therefore be inclusive of
4	community members who do not trust the police.
5	youth programming
6	What is "Clean Sweeps"?
7	door to door surveying
8	Family planning...
9	community media
10	We need event tents!
11	block clubs - not crises clubs
12	National Night Out
13	need a dog park
14	not an appropriate use of money
15	Community gardening
16	community outreach efforts -
17	No ideas here. I think Book Clubs are a huge waste of funds, just an FYI.
18	Cleaner sidewalks and more green plants
19	Disabled help our new immigrants invest their money in the community - investment classes in Spanish,
20	Somali etc.
21	Community Education: What is it that makes community successful? Landlord Education Classes on Property Management and specialized Tenant Training and Certification to improve tenant responsibilities. Both Programs address livability issues and will
22	improve the quality of life for our community.

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Youth programs - Funds to support programs for Pre-school, Youth, Teens and Young Adults in: Please show how important each issue is to you by circling the number after each item. Use the following scale: 1 - not important 2 - a little important 3 - no opinion 4 - important 5 - very important

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count
Sports Associations	17	15	40	84	79	3.82	235
Art and music instruction and productions	13	9	38	75	101	4.03	236
Afterschool activities and events	8	12	28	60	124	4.21	232
Educational, mentoring and tutoring opportunities	10	14	19	57	135	4.25	235
Other	13	1	21	5	14	3.11	54
						<i>answered question</i>	237
						<i>skipped question</i>	27

## NRP Phase II Focus Questionnaire for Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Youth programs - Funds to support programs for Pre-school, Youth, Teens and Young Adults in (Other):

Answer Options	Response Count
	20
<i>answered question</i>	20
<i>skipped question</i>	244

Number	Response Text
1	Any youth activities prevent crime! Gardening, Getting involved with your Community -type programs, Cultural Awareness
2	Programs, Celebrating our Heritage programs
3	Connecting youth into organizing projects
4	We should not duplicate the park and public school programs.
5	training fund for youth to attend to their choice
6	Real food that is nutritional and not made by a company that makes food for prisons.
7	Self defense programming and self esteem enrichment for teen girls Any outreach services by the neighborhood hospitals, banks, or private businesses? They
8	could definitely involve themselves in the neighborhood too.
9	Banyan Community
10	youth programs
11	Adult educational programming
12	Science and Technology
13	Gardening or other food related issues (cooking, nutrition classes, etc)
14	Swimming pool support I would like to see youth programming in the community - can they do things with seniors, or
15	other youth, can they become more engaged -
16	No ideas.
17	these are very important programs to the community but should not be funded by NRP
18	more sliding fee programs for working people
19	Financial Peace University: Why managing your resources is vital and how.
20	Special Ed Programs for Autistic Kids

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Community Environmental issues - Funds to support partnerships with groups working on: Please show how important each issue is to you by circling the number after each item. Use the following scale: 1 - not important 2 - a little important 3 - no opinion 4 - important 5 - very important

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count
Greenway improvements	14	25	43	74	78	3.76	234
Tree planting	12	25	43	79	76	3.77	235
Community Gardens	12	20	45	71	88	3.86	236
Public Parks	10	11	25	67	119	4.18	232
Other	13	1	19	5	15	3.15	53
						<i>answered question</i>	237
						<i>skipped question</i>	27

## NRP Phase II Focus Questionnaire for Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc.

### Community Environmental issues - Funds to support partnerships with groups working on (Other):

Answer Options	Response Count
	14
<i>answered question</i>	<b>14</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>250</b>

Number	Response Text
1	Waite House and swimming pool
2	Replant trees in areas where box elder bugs and diseases destroyed the trees. especially in areas where there's less of a tax value on the homes
3	The city needs to pressure the EPA to expand its superfund clean up project. Our soil is toxic and the response to this situation has been inadequate.
4	Environmental racism ~ elimination of hazardous materials (lead, arsenic, etc.) from homes with children. Other environmental issues facing children directly, i.e. air quality and that XCel project to build high-density power lines.
5	Please continue to preserve historical sites i.e. bridges, buildings, and parks, but continue to upgrade infrastructure projects - power grid, transportation lines, water and sewer.
6	I would love to see a beautiful fountain installed on the Cepro site of the Greenway. Loring park has a perfect exam of the type of fountain I am speaking of.
7	Use Partnerships with existing public/private ventures like the Parks and Twin Cities Tree Trust
8	Urban farms
9	light rail transit on the greenway!!
10	lead hazard control, remediation and lead poisoning prevention education.
11	Local business development
12	trash management/removal
13	greenway improvements and community gardens very important but public parks are funded by city and should not involve the NRP money.
14	Implement neighborhood farmers market.

## NRP Phase II Focus Questionnaire for Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc.

### Community Service Provider assistance - Incentive funding to assist Service Providers in Midtown with: Please show how important each issue is to you by circling the number after each item. Use the following scale: 1 - not important 2 - a little important 3 - no opinion 4 - important 5 - very important

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count
Community Crime Prevention efforts	14	11	20	55	134	4.21	234
Building Rehab or New Construction grants or revolving loans	18	23	49	71	72	3.67	233
Economic Development Incubator and/or Improvements with revolving/matching loans	22	20	59	72	55	3.52	228
Other	11	2	24	6	17	3.27	60
						<i>answered question</i>	<b>235</b>
						<i>skipped question</i>	<b>29</b>



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Community Service Provider assistance - Incentive funding to assist Service Providers in Midtown with (Other):

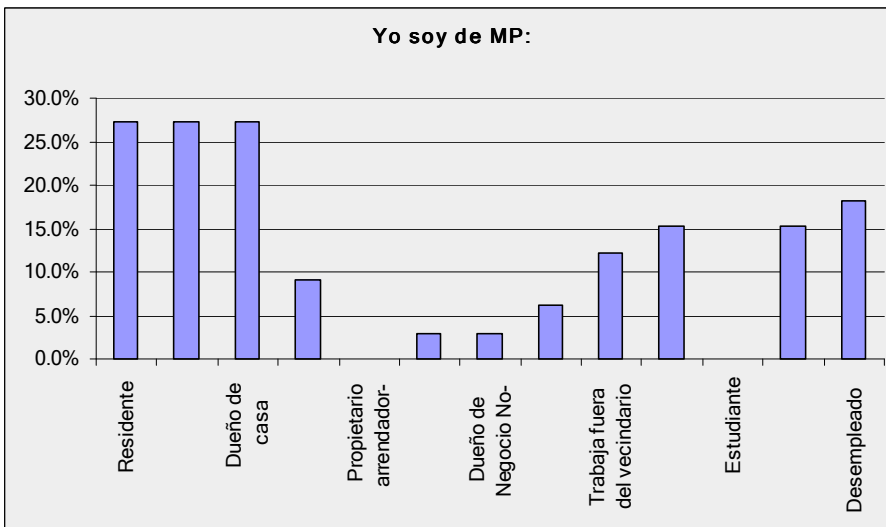
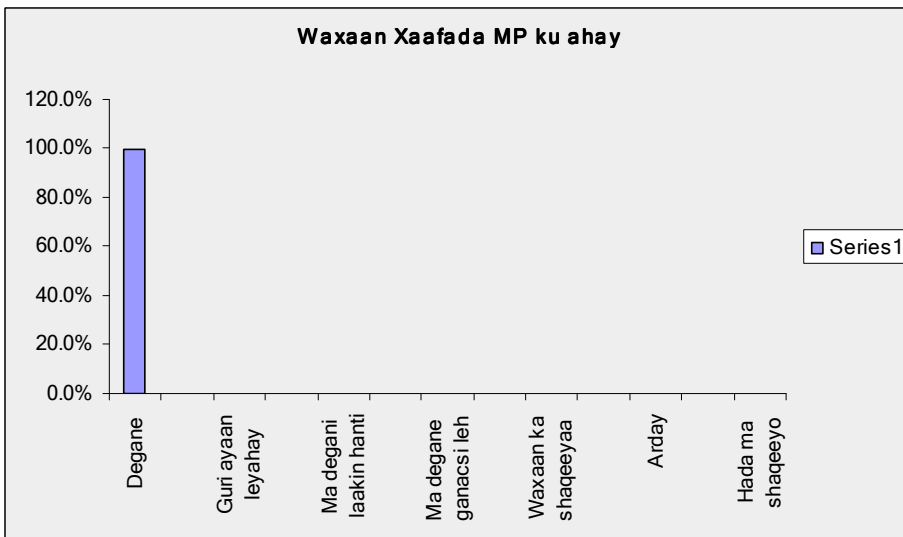
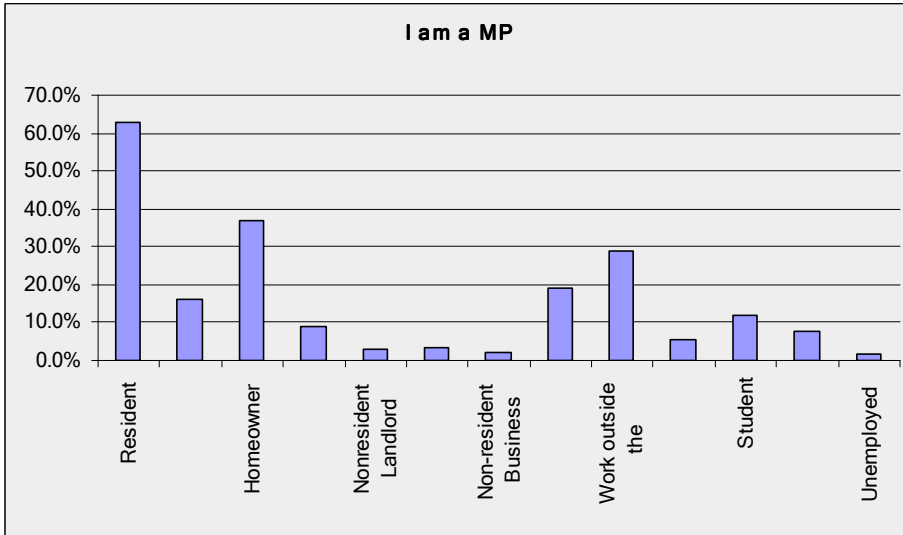
Answer Options	Response Count
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<i>answered question</i>	<b>18</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>246</b>

Number	Response Text
1	Avoid gentrification with resident/worker-owned cooperative businesses
2	I feel unsafe too often here.
3	job seeking/goal setting
4	Focus funds on Proactivity for positive community involvement as opposed to Reactive actions to violence. I.e: cultural and neighborhood enrichment programs. And reach out to all (diverse) populations! Youth Farm, Teatre, etc..
5	Community crime prevention efforts often means giving more money to the police, but doing this does not make communities safer. It only helps protect those with power at the expense of the people. We also need to make sure we do not promote gentrification within the neighborhood, which is often what "economic development" means. Rather, we need to make sure we're creating systems that help our community be self-sustainable and autonomous.
6	community safety without the police
7	use consortium of non-profit developers and resources
8	Demolition of old boarded properties - They are known crime/drug/prostitution issue and majority end up being "torched" Get rid of Them!!
9	cameras in alleys where significant theft takes place
10	social services help
11	not an appropriate use of funds
12	private money is funding all rehab and new construction! Don't duplicate! I want the economy to grow, but it needs to be sustainable. And that means doing things to promote growth without creating dependency upon an assistance program like NRP. NRP may not exist at some point in the future, but the changes that it made while in existence should be able to go on and thrive. I want to promote growth through strategic means - reducing barriers to market entry, maximizing freedom and autonomy, creating creating policies that guide, removing and not creating policies that undermine good judgment, promoting discipline and an ethic of entrepreneurship.
13	ESL, cross-cultural programs to integrate different socioeconomic groups, child care and parenting classes
14	I feel the NRP money should be reserved for the residents of MP, inthe form of grants and loans and possibly for the rental owners in the form of loans. not the businesses located in MP.
15	Financial Peace University: Why managing your resources is vital and how.
16	Demolition of Boarded Properties.
17	Crime/drugs/prostitution/arson issue!!!
18	Safety on the Greenway

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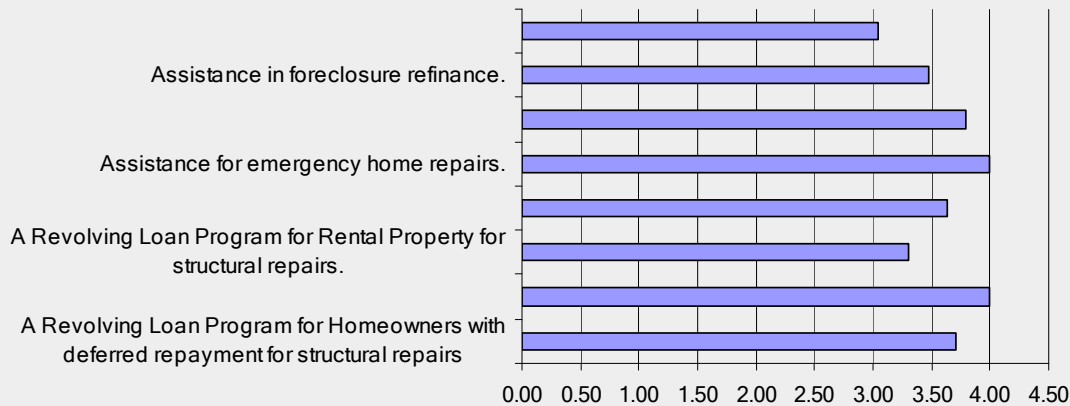
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**I am an MP**

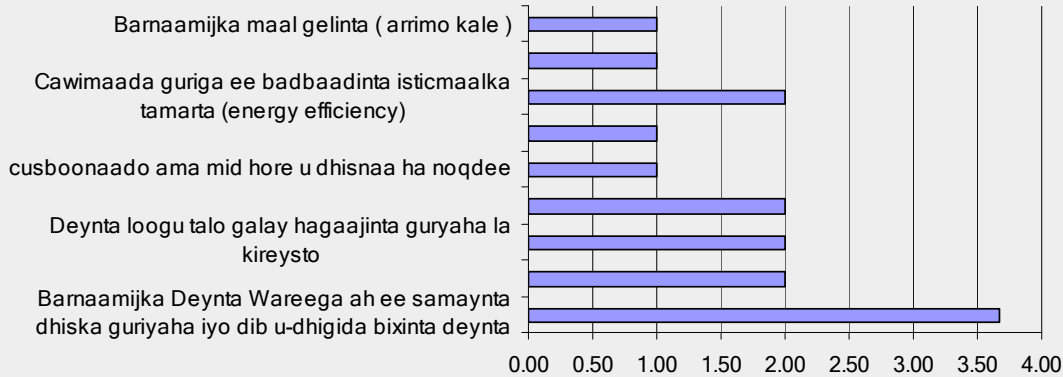


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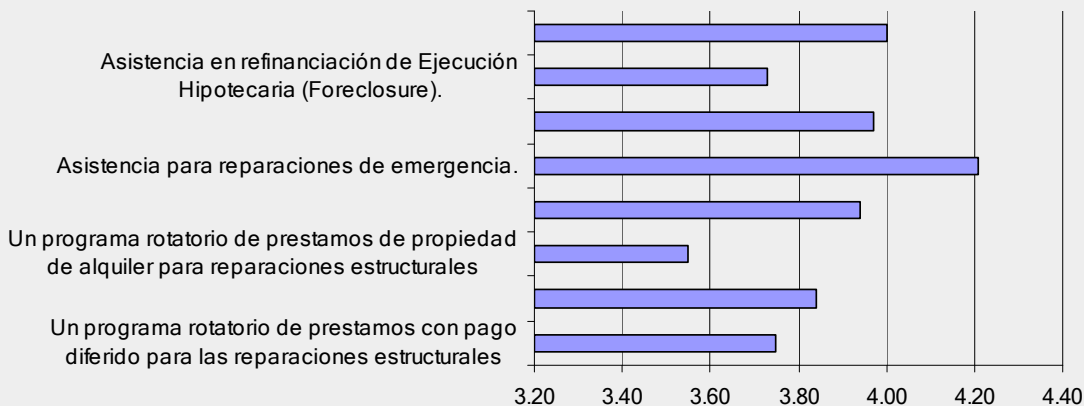
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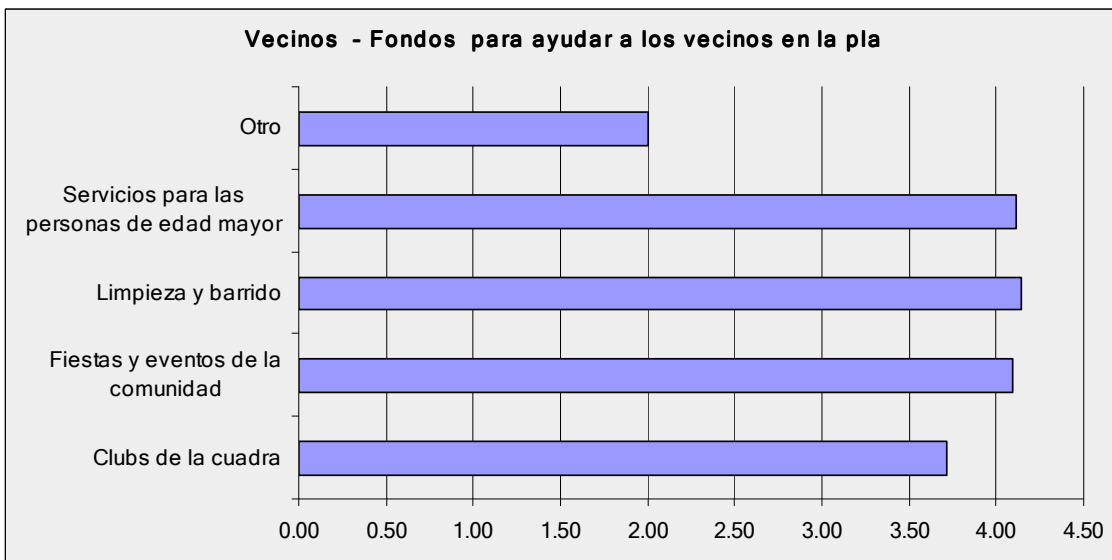
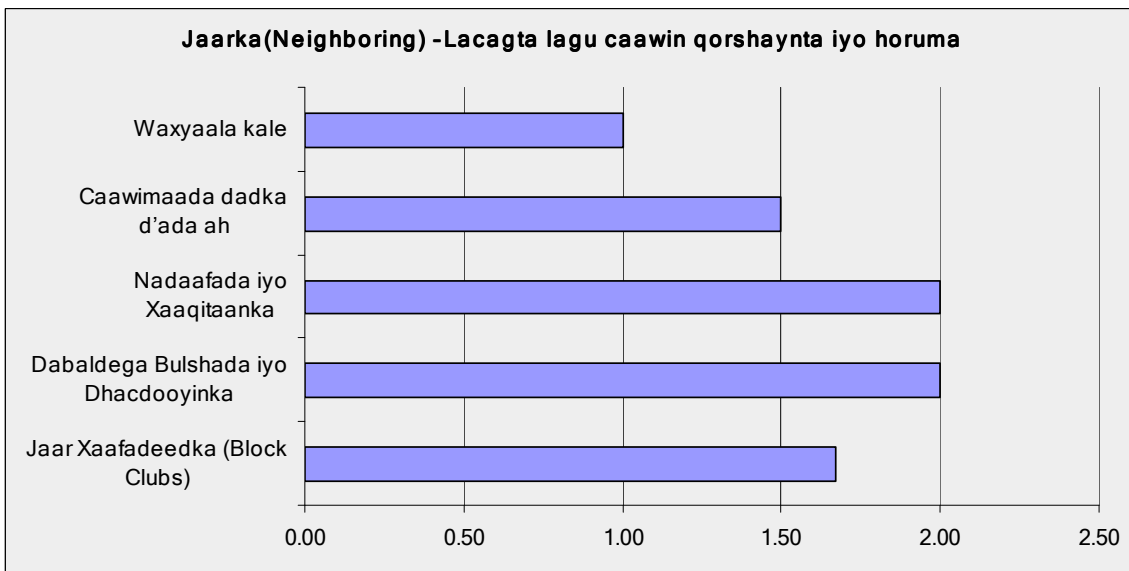
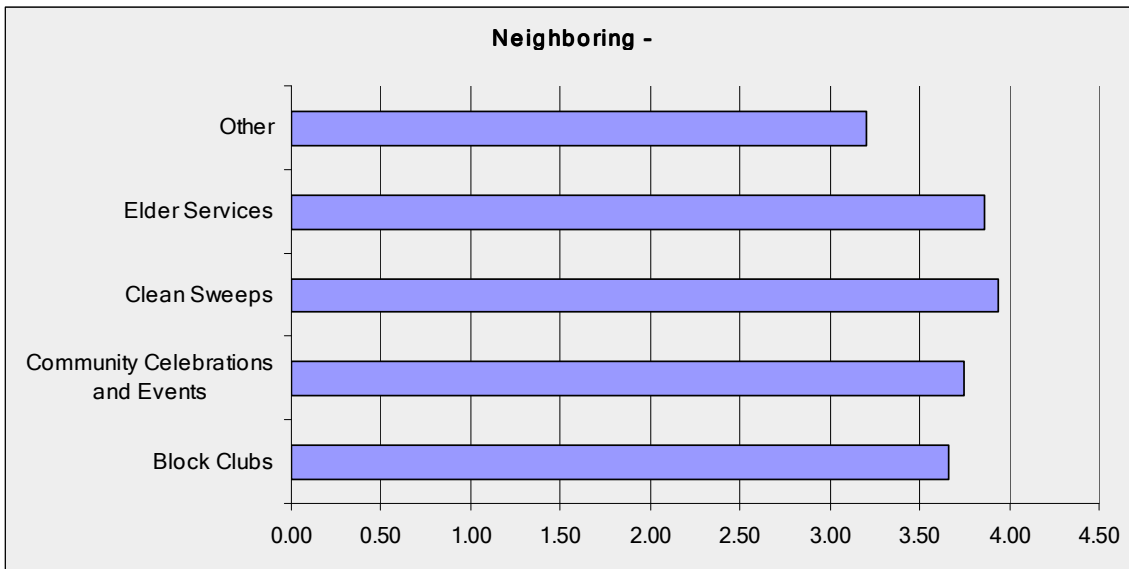
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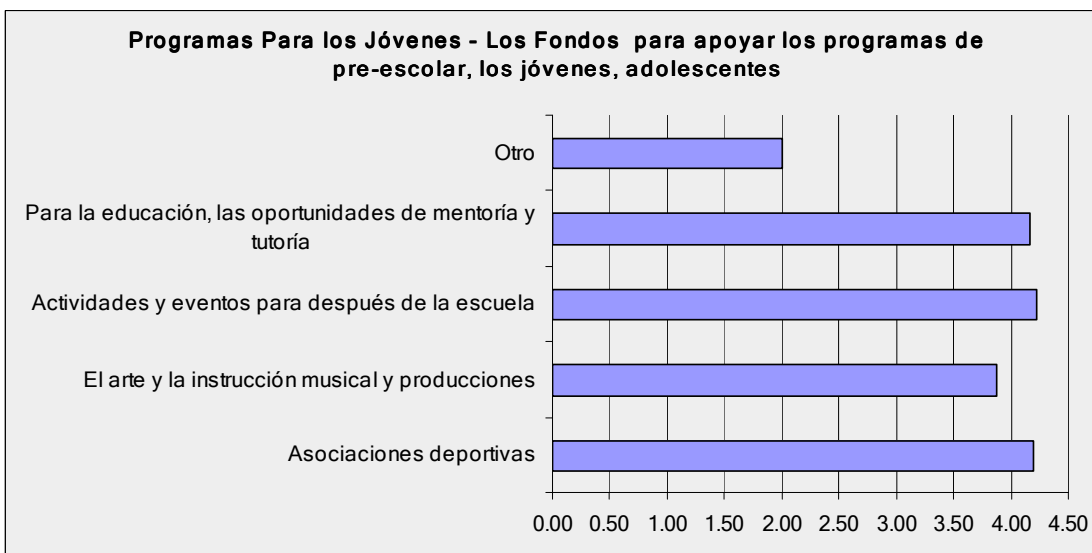
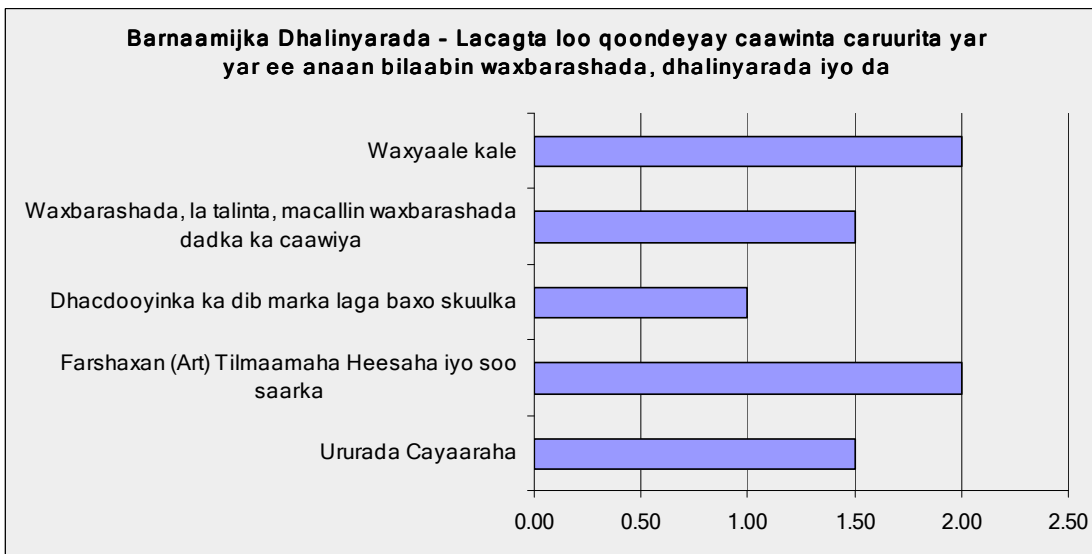
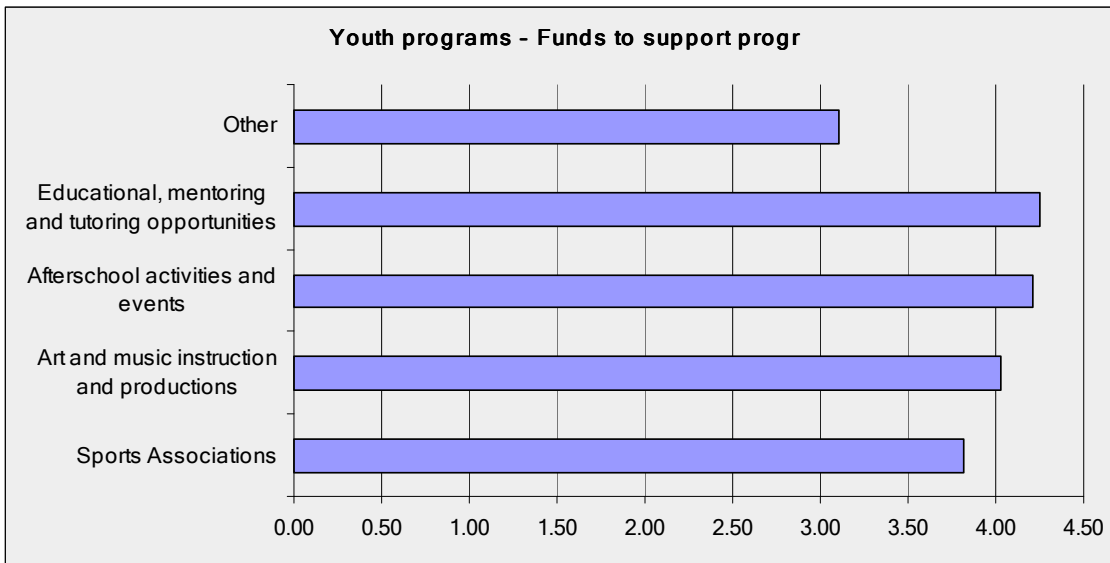
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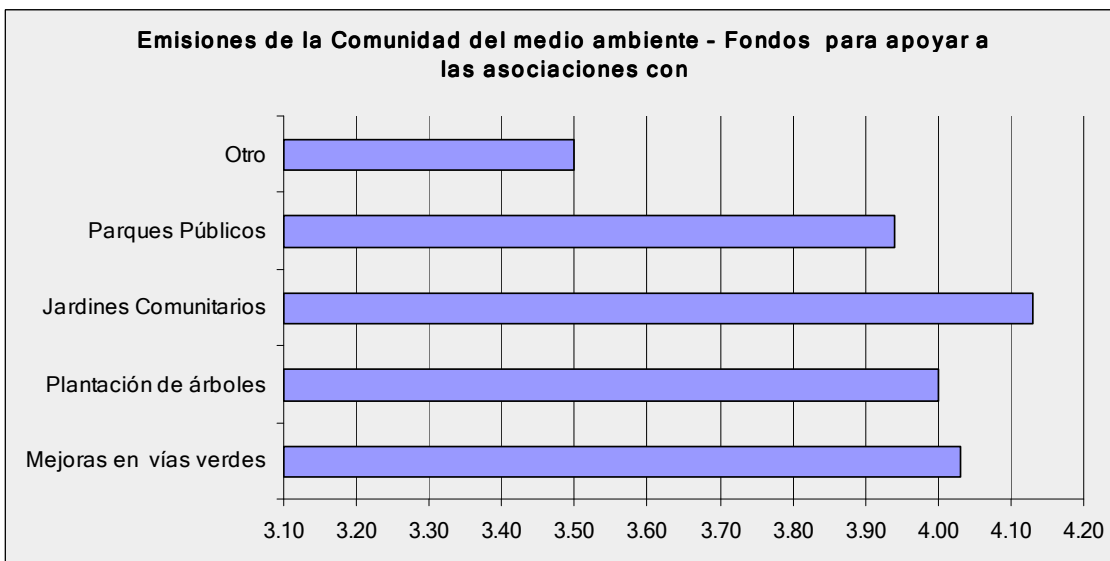
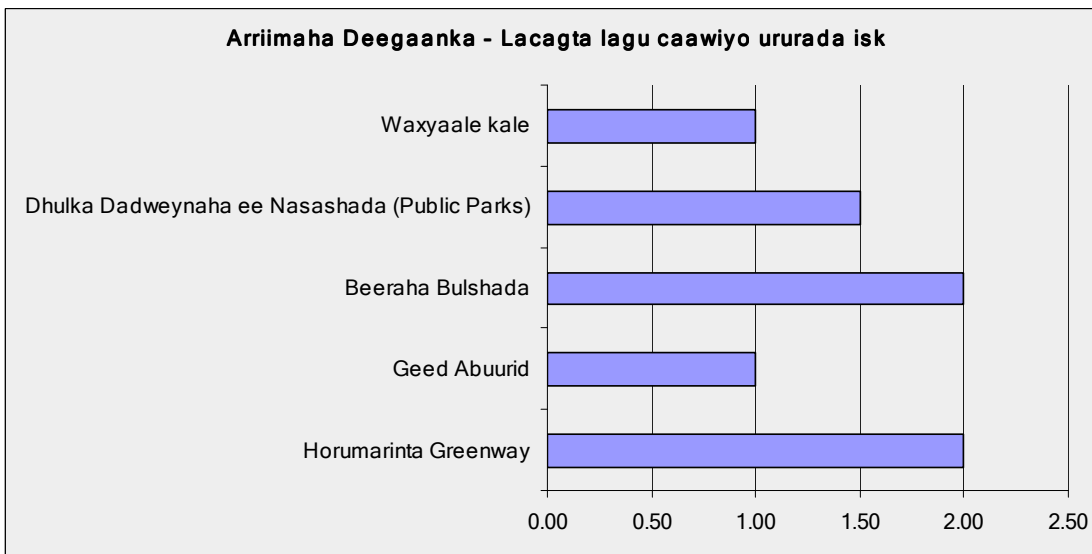
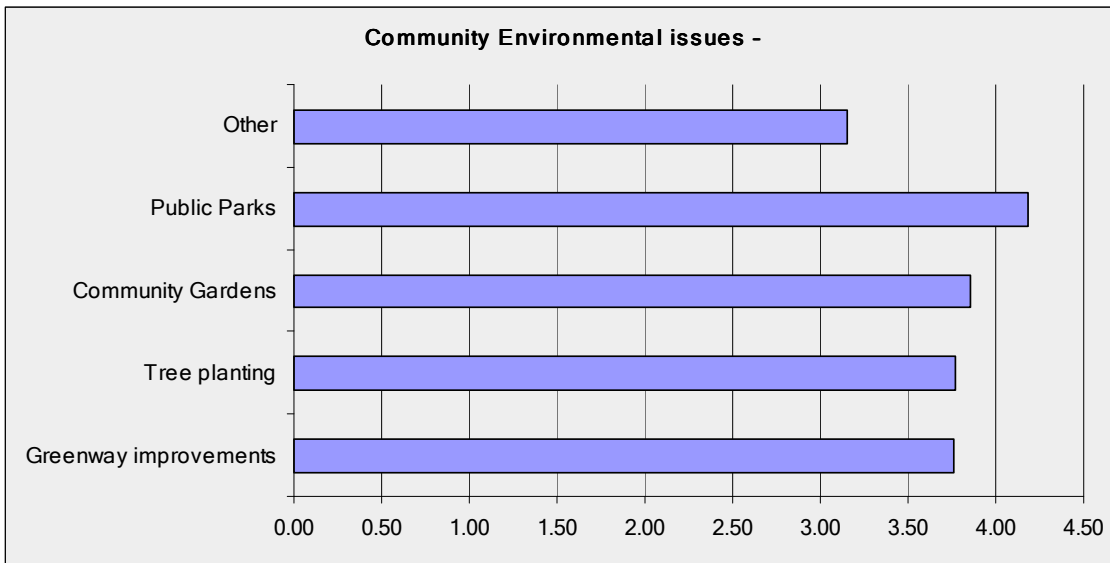
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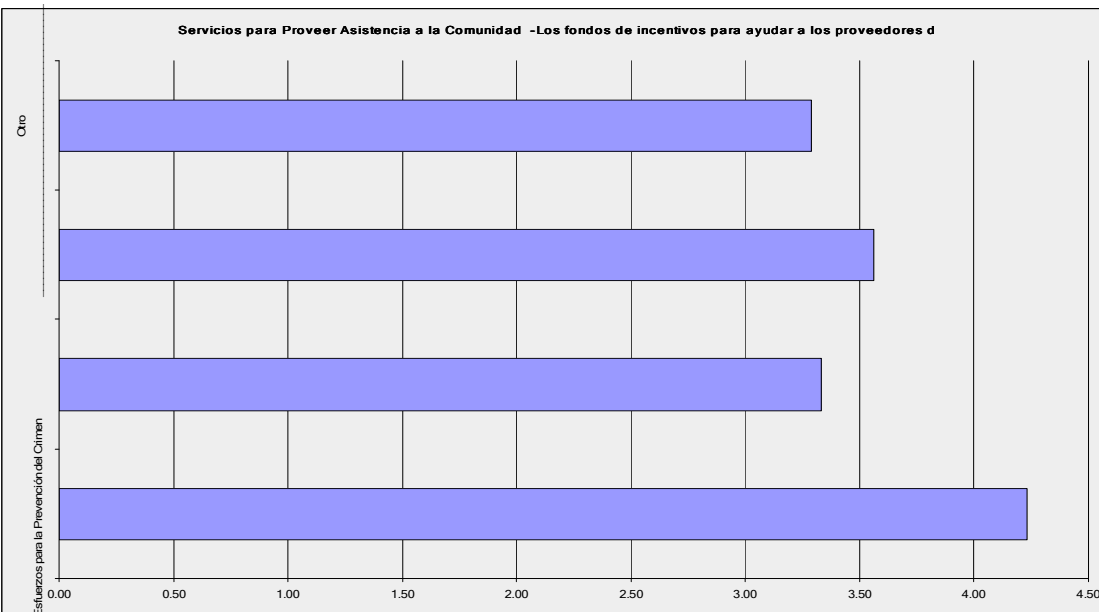
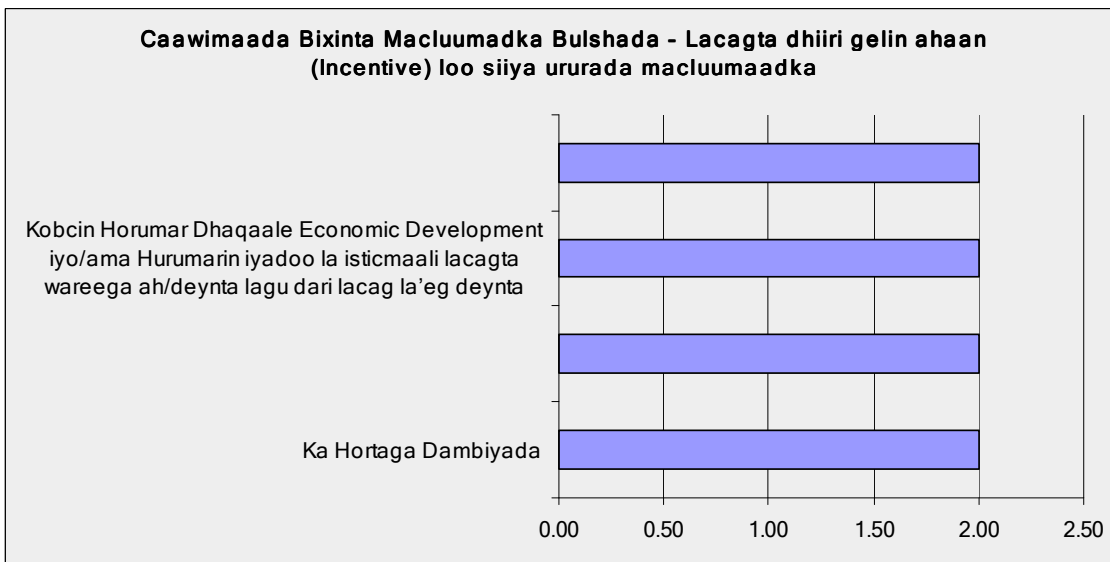
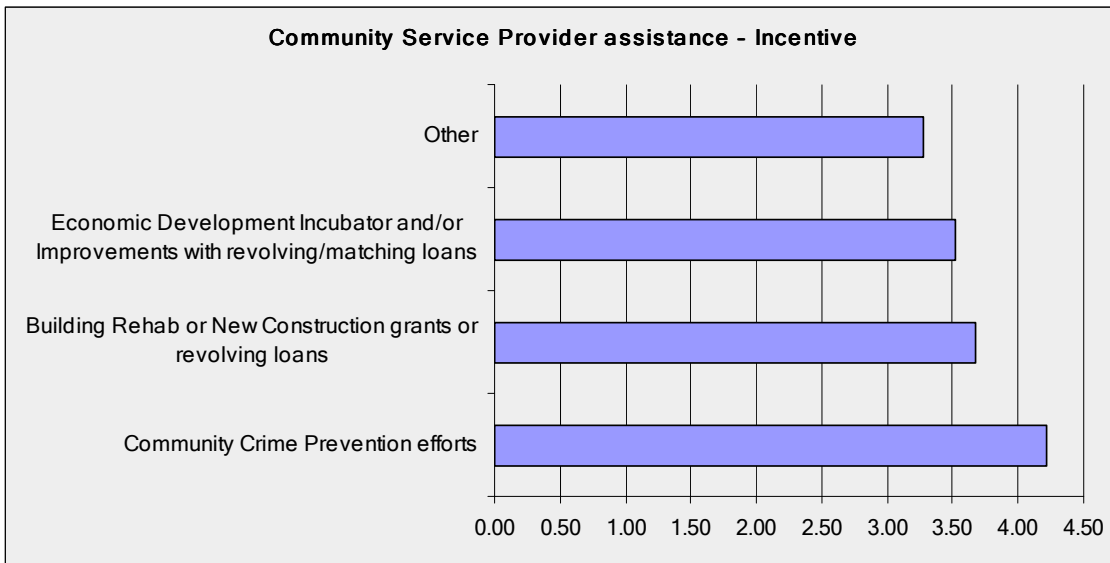
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## Community Building Programs - Community Environmental Issues



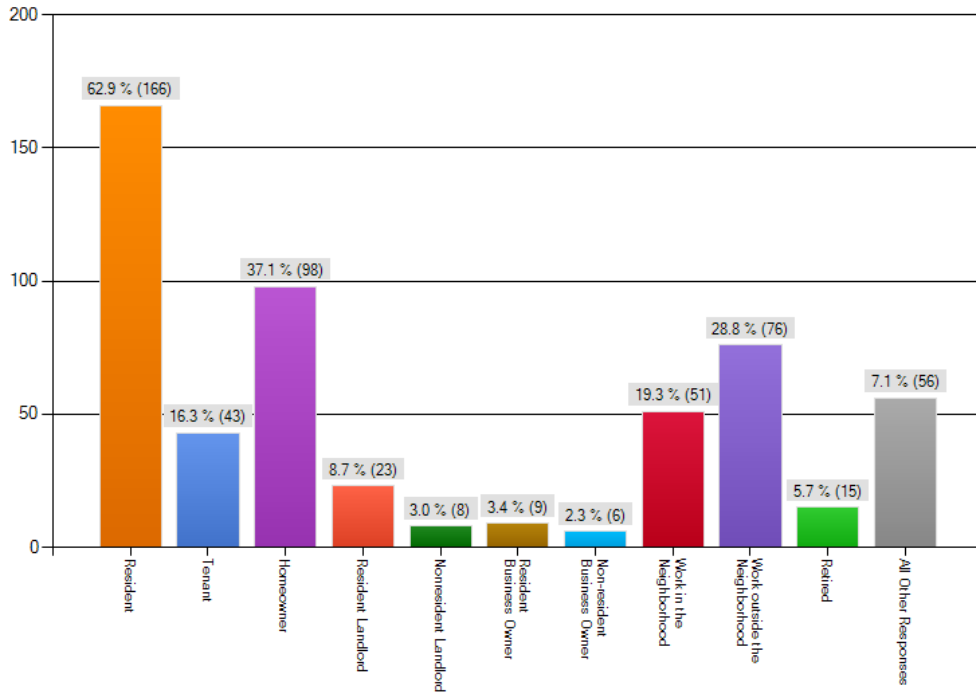
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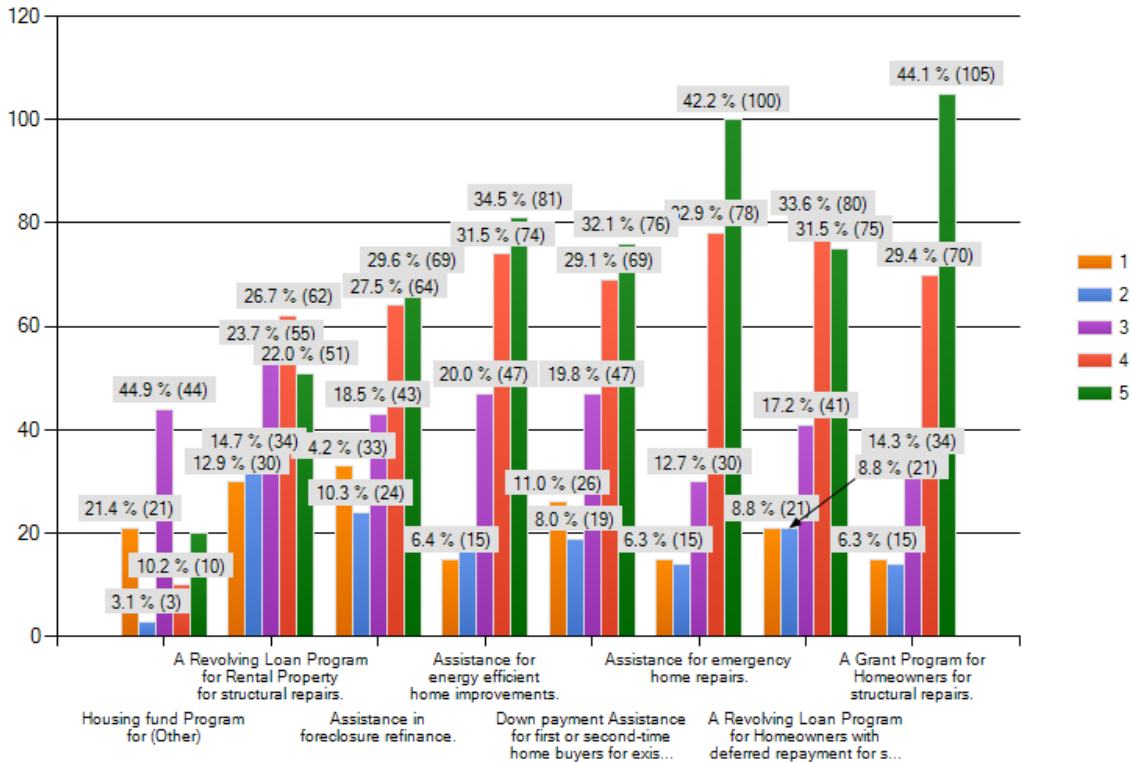
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I am a MP



Housing Related Programs

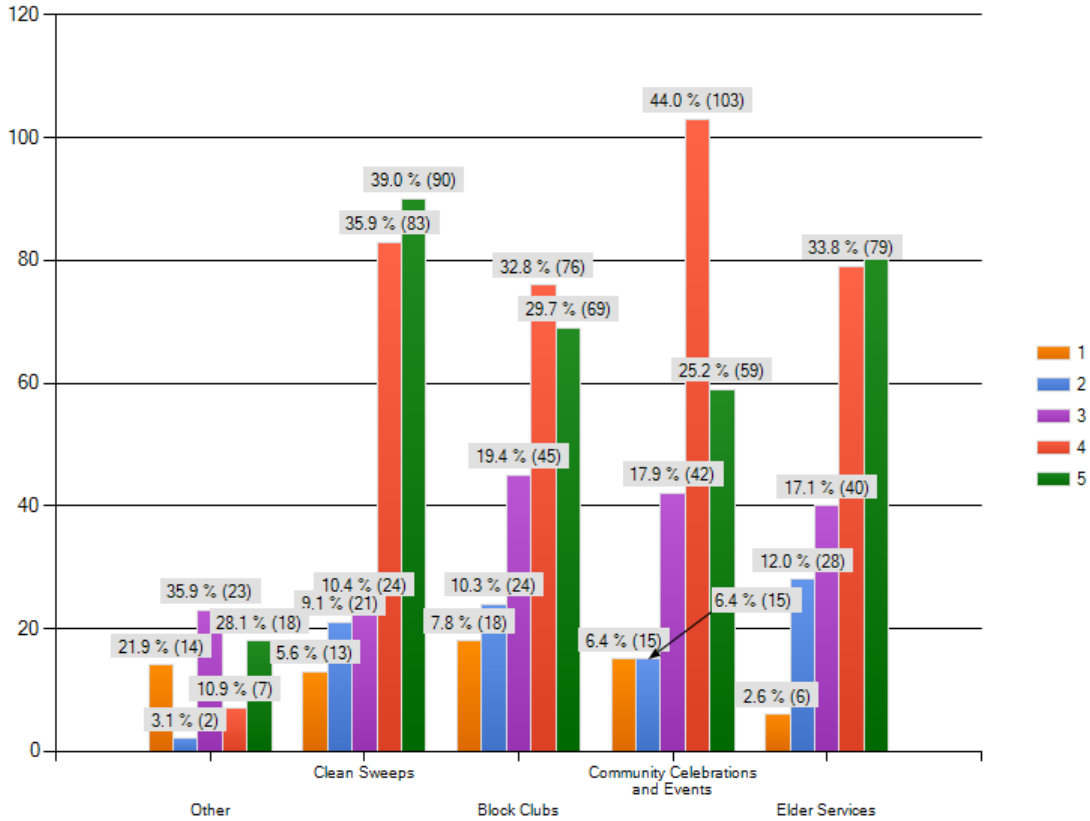
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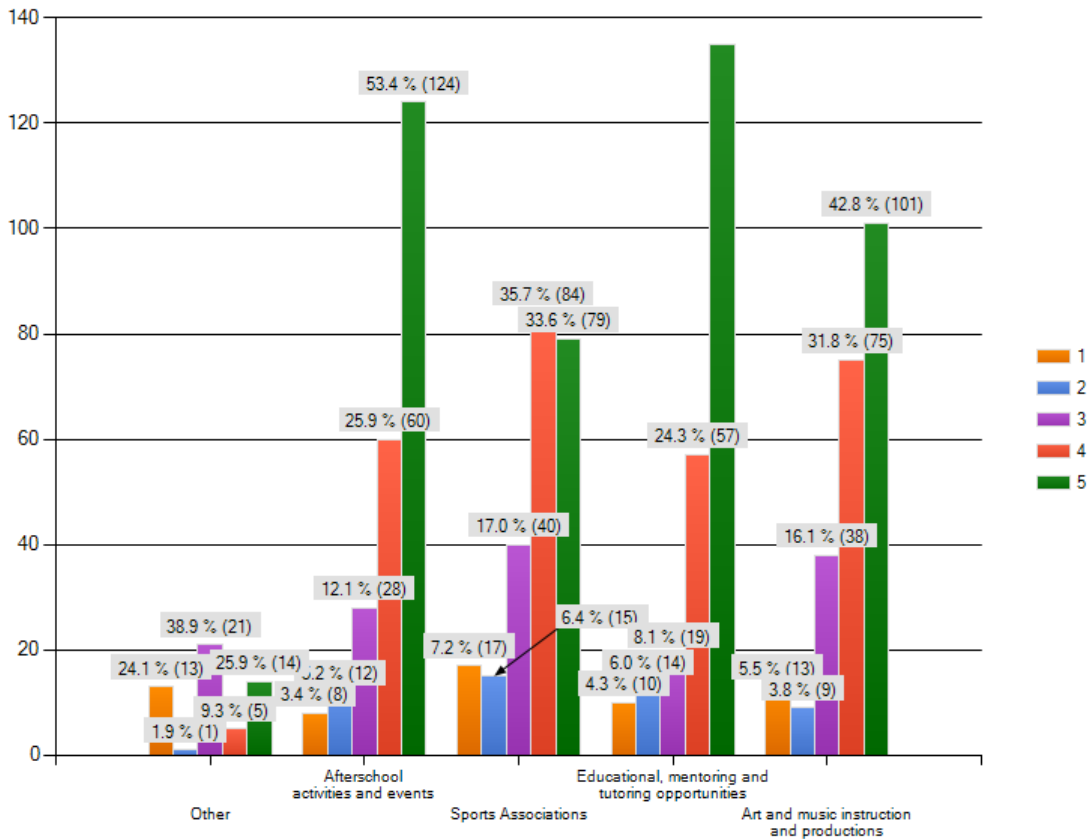


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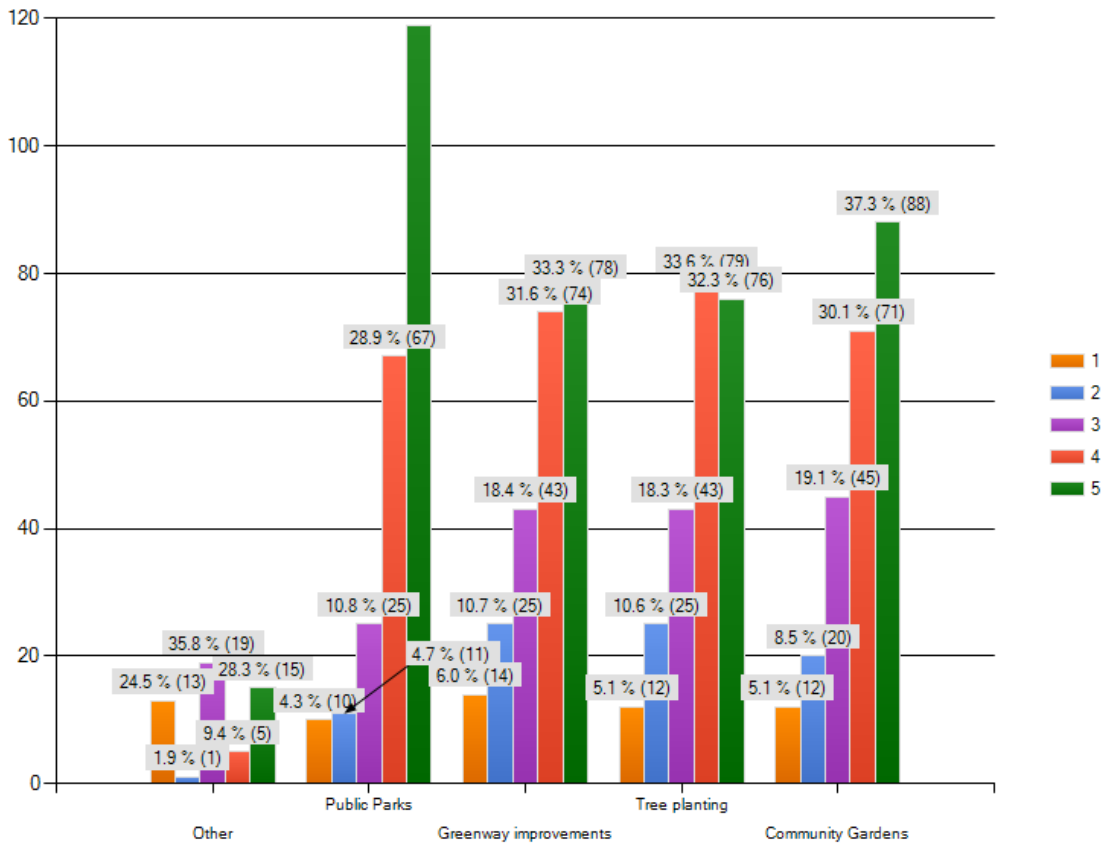
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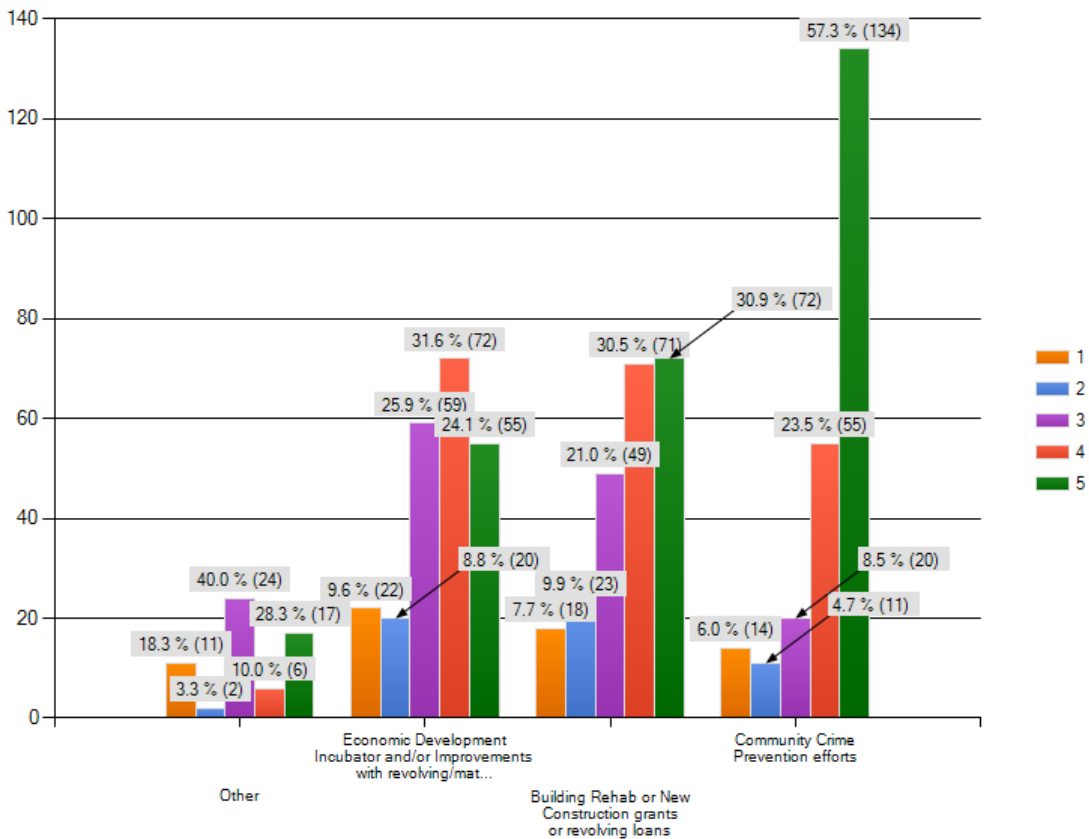
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INDEPENDENT  
CONSULTANT

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

To: Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc. (MPNAI) Board President  
From: Shirley Heyer, paid consultant for MPNAI Annual Meeting program

Dear Chuck,

Attached is the material covering the discussion at the MPNAI Annual Meeting at Andersen United Community School, Feb. 22, 2011.

The comments are recorded from the participants present concerning what they like about living within Midtown Phillips and what they would like to see happen in order to help make their living here better.

The copy represents the main themes and interests of the first of many meetings the neighborhood will engage in during the next six months with residents and business representatives.

The intent of the discussion at the Annual Meeting was to begin the process for developing Midtown Phillips' NRP Phase II Participation Agreement and NRP Phase II Action Plan. It is a collection arranged in categories and by similar thoughts. My thanks to you for assisting in planning the program and thanks to the volunteers facilitating the discussion groups:

Wayne Jensen  
Stella and Jason Striegel  
Juan and Maria Ramirez Valencia  
Francisco Segovia  
Abdulkarim Dahir  
Hassan Jama

Sincerely,

s/s  
Shirley Heyer  
Program Consultant  
for the Midtown Phillips 2011 Annual Meeting

P.S. It is meant to be used as an Appendix to the Action Plan

What we like about living here		What we want to change/would like to see
<b>Transportation/Location</b>		
1	Central location	Street cars/mass transit on Greenway Parking issues/24th and 10th! One-way streets!
2	Midtown Greenway	
3	Transit options	
4	Walk-ability	
5	Accessibility to public transportation, downtown and Greenway	
<b>Diversity/Business</b>		
6	Untapped potential	More cafes/coffee shops/open late/hang-out spots Closer farmer's market Productive relationships with the variety of religious institutions/ places of worship Create more business that encourage positive neighbor interaction (i.e., coffee shops) Improve Bloomington Avenue Corridor
7	Ethnic food	
8	Diversity	
9	Midtown Global Market	
10	History	
11	Diversity and "Grittiness"	
12	Close to shopping, museums and diverse restaurants (i.e., Midtown Global Market)	

<b>What we like about living here</b>		<b>What we want to change/would like to see</b>
	<b>Safety/Community Wellness</b>	
13	Gardens	Compost credit/incentive (50% is compostable)
14	Green/Clean Sweep	Continue Fall Clean Sweep
15	Murals	Tree planting
16	Community gardens bring neighbors together	Ensure that we care for the forestry on our blocks
17	Phillips is becoming more of a 'giving' community instead of a receiving community	Garden incentives
18	Exciting to see younger families moving into the neighborhood	Health and nutrition
		Rain garden incentives
		Snowplowing
		Address trash/garbage communications, flyers
		Graffiti prevention
		More police on bicycles
		Public trash cans
		More public/open spaces for neighbors to gather
	<b>Housing</b>	
19	It's Home	Address blight
20	Affordability	Address vacant and abandoned houses
21	Strong/well-built homes	Reclaim/re-use vacant lots
22	Unique architecture	Prevent historic homes from vacancy/demolition
23	Improvements	Preserve existing housing
		Grants for home improvements
		Homeownership/incentives for

<b>What we like about living here</b>		<b>What we want to change/would like to see</b>
24	<b>Parks</b> Parks	Community events/art Pool to come back to PCC Include different cultures in events
25	Phillips Community Center (PCC)	
26 27	<b>Schools</b>	After-school programs for kids Include/accessible to people of different ethnicity/languages
28 29	<b>Events</b> May Day Day of the Dead	
30 31 32	<b>Medical Help</b> Quick emergency response Close hospitals, children's hospital Proximity to quality healthcare facilities	
33 34 35	<b>Communications</b> Back Yard Initiative (Abbott-Northwestern Hospital) Block clubs E-democracy	Improve communication of people with different languages Stronger block clubs Improve MPNAI website

*Comments from individuals within the Somali community*

<b>What we like about living here</b>	<b>What we want to change/would like to see</b>
1 Continue the Fall Sweep and keep the tradition alive.	
2 I like this place – is good to live because is close everywhere. Close to downtown, major hospitals such as as HCMC, Abbott. Transportation, the large city, a lot of businesses, a lot of community – the largest community in Minneapolis. Difference – people, diversity. Different languages.	I like to change parking a lot. The gas has deflation. Inflation. (Metered/permit parking)
3 I like to work Midtown Phillips because of easy access to downtown, major hospital of Minneapolis. Also a lot of my community live here and have business and community and Islamic Center.	I want to see Midtown Phillips to be more safe and clean. I want to see to clean of the snow on 13th and 28th St., as well 12th Ave. and 28th St. A lot of people complaining to get in to the Islamic Center. Thank you for asking my opinion.
4 I like to work at Midtown because of the Village Market which is the main attraction for our customers.	I would like to see more parking space around the Phillips' area, during winter (more spaces to park).
5 Most of our customers speak the Somali language as mine (many Somali speakers).	Limited time for parking lots on 24th Street so there will be less rush hour around the evening or money parking so people could find parking a lot easier (suggesting permit/or metered parking).

*Comments from individuals within the Hispanic community*

<b>What we like about living here</b>	<b>What we want to change/would like to see</b>
<p>1 There is not so much violence as some friends had told them. Even the family can go out to the parks.</p>	<p>Increase over to security measures. There are many robberies happening in the neighborhood.</p>
<p>2 They appreciate that different schools are good for different children in this area.</p>	<p>More variety of games for children in parks.                      To be allowed to use the park for baseball games and football.                      To promote organized sports for children under 8 years.</p> <p>Promotion of this meetings among the Spanish-speaking people of the community. We need to translate invitation for meeting into Spanish</p> <p>The board should have a Spanish-speaking representative to meet with Hispanic residents of the area.</p>
<p>3 New residents - we just moved here - were in the building for teacher-student meetings. We saw Francisco and asked him what this meeting was about.</p>	<p>Ways to connect with people to figure out issues - a vehicle was stolen from our property and we didn't know how to share that with the block. A neighbor next to us has had many break-ins and are frustrated and feel so vulnerable - disengaged. If we had known about this meeting happening we would have loved to come.</p> <p>We saw the soccer field being built, by Andersen School? How much access to this soccer field would we have? Our kids love soccer.</p> <p>We would be interested in forming a Latino Task Force in Midtown Phillips to help us with issues, and having one of us on the Midtown Phillips board.</p>



*Demographics of participants at the MPNAI Annual Meeting Feb. 22, 2011*

	Voting	Non-	
Voting	Business	Voting	
Residents	Representatives	Guests	Total
23	3	11	37
62%	8%	30%	100%

Ethnicity (estimated)				
		Native		
Somali	Latino	American	Other	Total
5	8	2	22	37
14%	22%	5%	59%	100%

# Early focus groups and survey material used to inform the NRP Steering Committee in developing the input process



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**Earlier surveys, 2007 focus groups**

Prior to the late 2007 focus groups we brought written surveys to a number of block club events and National Night Out during the spring and summer of 2007. We asked people for comments on possible housing programs and non-housing programs.

**Question: How to spend Housing Money. NRP requires that 70% of Midtown Phillips Phase II dollars be spent on housing – between \$105,000 - \$210,000. How do you want the housing money spent?**


- Something that will beautify Midtown. The home improvement grants helped “so much” to make Midtown look and be better.
- We need affordable medium-size, multi-unit housing like 4-plexes with at least 3 bedrooms for the large families in the neighborhood.
  - 1) Grants for home improvement.
  - 2) Partnering with other affordable housing groups to leverage money for demolition of boarded houses to build new.
- Home loans (2 or 3%) for a home improvement revolving loan program. How to keep “get rich quick” developers/rehabbers out of the neighborhood and create responsible developers and rehabbers. More education on mortgages, debt, losing their houses.
- Increase home ownership. Deferred maintenance needs of homes. Money for any Greenway housing development – so we can have control, more control on design, housing types.
- Housing loans, low interest, revolving fund.
- Home improvement grants. Home purchase down-payments grants.
- Grants for home improvement. Affordable housing – that creates community. Clean Sweep 3 times a year. Weed & Seed projects. Green energy grants for solar panels in homes and rental property and education on green energy.

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**Question: Midtown Phillips’ Phase II will have between \$45,000 - \$90,000 for projects other than housing. How do you want this money spent?**


- Full engagement of Spanish/Somali immigrants.
- Cooperative redevelopment of five Phillips’ parks to serve needs of people living in all four Phillips Community neighborhoods.
- Bloomington ramp to Greenway.
- Traffic calming and greening on E. 26<sup>th</sup> St and 28<sup>th</sup> to cut down on noise, dirt, pollution from the increase of cars and other vehicles that will occur with I-35W access project.
- Block club fund for events, BBQ, street dance, welcome baskets for new owners on the block from Midtown Phillips is just legendary! And the people – the activists deserved the credit -for example, the fight to stop the garbage burner in the Green Institute, the Energy Co-op, the Midtown Greenway, Sears site, Franklin Avenue!!



**October and November 2007 – first ever meeting at the Somali Mosque**

It was at this time that we initiated using focus groups dependent on the language people spoke. We had our first Somali-speaking focus group at the Islamic Center at 29<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., the Spanish-speaking one at Andersen School and the English-speaking one at Abbott-NW Hospital’s Education building in October-November 2007 in preparation for the 2008 Annual Meeting.

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**Spanish-speaking focus group at Andersen School**

A famous Minnesota Twins player joined the Spanish-speaking focus group at Andersen School. Tony Olivia had been instrumental in supporting the Hispanic baseball league for adults and youth which Hispanic residents organized and created.

**English-speaking focus group at Abbott-NW Education Building**

On a satisfaction scale, what do you rate as the most important to you?

- Donna – housing, Andersen school has a computer center, Rosie Cruz organizes Women on Bikes. People feel like they can just do it. There is such a can-do attitude. Tim Springer talking about the Greenway 10 years ago. I thought, “what a flake”!
- Del – people are keeping up
- Jana – community gardens
- Pete – CEPRO site





• **Gandi** – housing money to help people get their houses fixed. Being an immigrant, the library was very helpful. Now many children stay out of streets and go to school. The slide show will help immigrants to understand what is happening. They will feel compassion that you have for other people.

• **Nancy** – fantastic computer center with free classes

• **Jana** – in the 20 years I have been in Phillips, what makes it such a great place is the people. We need to make sure people stay, with diversity. With property taxes and other costs going up...we want them to stay.

• **Todd** – In five years what kind of slide show we will have?

• **Gandi** – Everyone comes to the mosque and pray. The mosque is in touch with them. Many live in Midtown Exchange and PPL apartments. Most are on assistance and may not stay in the neighborhood. Those who are middle class are my age and are more educated. Effect may be unpredictable. We can get a lot of people to come. Rent is going up. Rent in suburbs is lower. What is five-year plan for mosque (staff). We should ask them. The people may be more comfortable with one-year planning.

• **Pete** – I would like to see Phillips become a model for a sustainable urban village. We have to change the way we live, to become sustainable in lots of different ways. We need to be creating a conversation. Prices are going up. People can't stay here. We need conversations on energy, how community works, people are going to stay here.

• **Donna** – Phillips historically has been the Ellis Island of Minneapolis. I would like to see Phillips keep its immigrants and diversity. I would like to look at more multi-unit housing that is affordable, a community that creates community.



• **Donna** – we are the backyard and proud of it.

• **Todd** – If NRP goes away – how will we develop. More grants being offered...

**Jana** – I think we should have Midtown Phillips t-shirts. In all the languages.

**Written Survey Results**

After reviewing the Phase I slide show and answering questions, participants at the three October-November focus groups rated their interest in specific project areas. Also added to these totals were surveys answered during the spring and summer of 2007 at neighborhood events such as block clubs and National Night Out.

Surprisingly the same results came across almost all three focus groups.

Responses in Each Category	Spanish-speaking focus group	English-speaking focus group	Somali-speaking focus group	CATEGORY TOTALS
Crime	6	6	6	18
Safety	6	6	6	18
More Street Lights	4	4	4	12
Teen programs	2	5	5	14
Maintaining their home	2	3	3	8
Schools	5	1	1	7
Parks	3	2	2	7
Safe play areas for our children	3	2	2	7
Gardens	0	3	3	6
Litter/Trash	1	2	2	5
Other	2	0	2	4
Job Information	3	0	0	3
Beautification, public art, landscaping	0	0	3	3
Littering (Vandalism)	2	0	0	2
Understanding gangs and gang behavior	0	0	0	0
<b>Focus group totals</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Total responses overall</b>				<b>112</b>

Orange color = Crime and safety

Aqua color = Home improvement program.

Yellow color is the second most popular grouping = teens, young children and youth.

Green color = Beautification and gardens

White color = Job information

Gray color = Other



Francisco Segovia, executive director of Waite House located within Midtown Phillips, helped facilitate a skit with Spanish-speaking residents before we took our vote at the 2008 Annual Meeting on what to do with Midtown Phillips' Phase II allocation. The group played a game allocating resources. It started with everyone sitting on his or her own chair. Then one person received an allocation and could stay in his chair. The rest kept playing and as each round concluded a chair was removed. In the end there was a clamor of participants all trying to sit on the few remaining chairs.

**Results of February 2008 Annual Meeting Voting**

All three NRP Phase II suggestions were approved with a total of 64 people voting (residents 57 yes and 1 no vote and business representatives 5 yes and 1 no vote). The three initiatives were based on an estimate in 2008 of \$200,000 in NRP Phase II money for Midtown Phillips:

- 1) **70% of the total allocation for housing** with \$120,000 to be used for a revolving home improvement loan program and \$20,000 invested in seed money for grant proposals to assist our neighborhood in obtaining additional funds for housing programs.
- 2) **\$30,000 toward fighting crime** including support for the Midtown Community Safety Center, the annual Fall Clean Sweep involving all four Phillips Community neighborhoods and Little Earth of United Tribes, and the annual Youth Summit to engage young people in projects such as coordinating graffiti cleanup, trash and litter recycling and mural paintings.
- 3) **\$30,000 for helping our youth** with funding in local city park activities, projects and seminars; funding for youth agencies located within Midtown Phillips and funding for support of youth agencies located outside of Midtown Phillips but serving youth living within Midtown Phillips.

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ACTIVITY	EARLY ACCESS		ACTION PLAN		NRP	PROGRAM INCOME	PHASE I ROLLOVER	CHANGES
	NRP HOUSING	NRP OTHER	NRP HOUSING	NRP OTHER	PHASE II TOTAL			
<b>IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSING</b>								
I.A.1. Home Improvement Revolving Loan Program			220,000		220,000			
I.A.2. Contracted Housing Staff			23,645		23,645			
I.B.1. Midtown Exchange Apartments		<i>see * below</i>			-			
I.B.2. Bii Di Gain Dash Anwebi Elder Housing		<i>see ** below</i>			-			
<b>ENHANCE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND OUTREACH</b>								
2.A.7. Community Oriented Public Safety Initiative		<i>see *** below</i>			-			
<b>TOTAL</b>	0	0	243,645	0	243,645	0.00	0.00	
<b>ACTION PLAN REQUEST</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>243,645</b>		<b>243,645</b>			
APPROVED AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND	801,250				801,250			
APPROVED COPSI RESERVE FUND	29,250				29,250			
ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS IN PLAN	0		0		0			
ADMIN FUNDS FOR HOUSING					0			
<b>TOTAL HOUSING ALLOCATION</b>					243,645	100.00%		

\* - Midtown Exchange Apartments (Improvement of Housing I.B.1.) was funded through the NRP Affordable Housing Reserve Fund for \$725,000. As such, it is considered an Early Access project. However, the allocation is not included in the total Action Plan Request, nor is it included in the calculation of the neighborhood's Housing Allocation.

\*\* - Bii Di Gain Dash Anwebi Elder Housing (Improvement of Housing I.B.2.) was funded through the NRP Affordable Housing Reserve Fund for \$76,250. As such, it is considered an Early Access project. However, the allocation is not included in the total Action Plan Request, nor is it included in the calculation of the neighborhood's Housing Allocation.

\*\*\* - The East Phillips, Midtown Phillips, Phillips West and Ventura Village Community Oriented Public Safety Initiative (Enhance Community Safety and Outreach 2.A.7.) was funded through the NRP Community Oriented Public Safety Initiatives Reserve Fund (COPSIRF) for a total of \$117,150; Midtown Phillips' portion of the allocation is \$29,287.50. Final expenditures for this initiative are \$117,000; Midtown Phillips' share of these expenditures is \$29,250. Since the allocation is from the Community Oriented Public Safety Initiatives Reserve Fund, the allocation is not included in the total Action Plan Request calculated above, nor does it count against the neighborhood's Phase II allocation.

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ACTIVITY	COMMENTS				CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR
<b><u>IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSING</u></b>					
I.A.1. Home Improvement Revolving Loan Program					DFD
I.A.2. Contracted Housing Staff					NRP
I.B.1. Midtown Exchange Apartments					CPED
I.B.2. Bii Di Gain Dash Anwebi Elder Housing					CPED
<b><u>ENHANCE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND OUTREACH</u></b>					
2.A.1. Community Oriented Public Safety Initiative					Police

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