

Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA)
Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Committee Report
Annual Meeting – May 4th, 2010

1. NRP Background- the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) was established as a 20-year, \$20 million per year program. Phase I Funding for CIDNA equals \$829,600. In 1999, planning for the second decade (Phase II) of the program began. Phase II Funding for CIDNA is anticipated to be \$261,420. But this amount could be reduced due to city budget constraints/reductions. The NRP Policy Board is expected to determine the final funding for Phase II within the next few months.
2. CIDNA NRP Phase I
 - a. The Phase I Action Plan was developed approximately 10 years ago and serves as the current guide for CIDNA spending initiatives.
 - b. During the CIDNA operating year from May 2009 to April 2010, the NRP Phase I funding has supported the Kenwood Elementary School (a contribution to playground landscaping), CIDNA Fall Festival, board administrative expenses and neighborhood communication expenses.
 - c. As of April 2010, there is a remaining balance of approximately \$99,940 of CIDNA NRP Phase I funding.
3. CIDNA NRP Phase II
 - a. Neighborhoods must have expended 85% or contracted 95% of their overall Phase I NRP allocation before Phase II funding becomes available. As of April 2010, CIDNA has committed \$729,657 or 88% of its total Phase I Funding and therefore has met this initial eligibility requirement for Phase II funding.
 - b. An estimated \$182,994 or 70% of the CIDNA Phase II funding must be used for housing related initiatives. The remainder estimated to be \$78,426 is to be used for other, non-housing, neighborhood initiatives. CIDNA must develop an Phase II Action Plan and gain its approval by the NRP Policy Board to receive the Phase II Funding.
 - c. CIDNA Membership Survey – a tool to guide development of the Phase II Action Plan
 - i. Background – the NRP Committee designed a questionnaire to gain input from the CIDNA membership as to what are the neighborhood priorities for both housing and non-housing related initiatives. This information will be used to guide the development of CIDNA’s NRP Phase II Action Plan.
 - ii. Process Overview
 1. Approximately 100 hardcopy surveys were distributed at the CIDNA Fall Festival in September 2009. Approximately 40 of those surveys were completed and returned.

2. To gain additional completed surveys, the committee decided to create an electronic survey which was rolled out in February 2010. Notification of the online survey was made to all CIDNA members/residents by mailing a postcard with the relevant information. The survey is now closed. Approximately 60 additional participants were gained by offering the electronic format.
 3. The approximately 100 completed surveys represent a 3.7% participation rate of the estimated 2,700 CIDNA members/residents.
- iii. CIDNA Membership Survey Result Highlights
1. Housing - Approximately, 56% of survey participants support issuing loans to accomplish CIDNA housing objectives; the remainder support issuing grants. However, the membership does not support a paid position to administer the funds flow related to housing initiatives. The top three prioritized housing initiatives based on the survey are:
 - a. Use Funds to Support an Established Non-profit Organization that Addresses Affordable Housing Needs in Minneapolis
 - b. Assist in Projects that Improve CIDNA Housing Stock
 - c. Assist with Betterments to Homes to Mitigate Impacts of Southwest Light Rail Transit.
 2. Nonhousing - the top three prioritized initiatives based on the survey ranking are:
 - a. Southwest Light Rail Impact Mitigation
 - b. Revitalization of South Cedar Beach
 - c. Neighborhood Traffic Calming
4. CIDNA NRP Committee Next Steps –
- a. Determine leadership and composition of on CIDNA NRP Committee on a go forward basis.
 - b. Complete analysis of CIDNA Membership Survey results.
 - c. Draft the CIDNA NRP Phase II Action Plan using the survey results as a guide.
 - d. Evaluate status and act upon any pertinent remaining CIDNA NRP Phase I Action Plan initiatives; incorporate into the CIDNA NRP Phase II Action Plan as relevant (note: the remainder of any NRP Phase I funding does not need to be dedicated to housing initiatives).
 - e. Finalize and implement the CIDNA NRP Phase II Action Plan.

Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA)
Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Committee Report
Annual Meeting – May 4th, 2010

- f. As relevant, coordinate with other neighborhoods, city and/or county projects to maximize/leverage the CIDNA NRP Action Plan initiatives (i.e., CIDNA traffic calming initiative could be furthered by coordinating with the upcoming sewer improvement project).
- g. Identify relevant CIDNA NRP Committee community involvement opportunities. Examples of such might include the following:
 - i. Potential citizens' outreach awareness committee to monitoring the public input process, the client (City of Minneapolis with HCRRA) and consultant's public input process meetings for the Lake Street Station Area Plan Study for SW LRT. This sub-committee likely becomes involved with the local knowledge base of the concerned citizen groups regarding community awareness through 1) Rail~Volution (www.railvolution.com) and 2) Transit for Livable Communities (www.tlcminnesota.org)
 - ii. Identify streetscape, safe street, street tree planting, signage improvement projects that can be easily and economically incorporated to any of major infrastructure projects about to commence in our neighborhood.