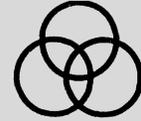


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Neighborhood allocations for Phase II approved by NRP Policy Board

The NRP Policy Board has taken the final steps needed to provide neighborhoods with allocations for Phase II. At the Board's April 19 meeting it approved the distribution of \$41,669,210 using the formulas adopted in March, with a minor adjustment that provides Phillips and Ventura Village with some additional resources to help support the American Indian Plan that will be a part of their Phase II Neighborhood Action Plans. American Indians produced and implemented a similar plan in Phase I.

The formulas used to make the calculations had been disseminated in January for neighborhood review and comment. The approval of the allocations by the Policy Board ended almost four years of uncertainty for neighborhoods. The amount available for distribution has dropped steadily since July 2000. The tax law changes adopted in 2001 and other actions that have occurred since that time reduced the funds available to the NRP from the Common Project from the \$131

million originally expected to be allocated to neighborhoods to the \$41 million allocated on April 19.

As part of its allocation action, the Policy Board also limited neighborhood expenditures during the first three years after they have an approved plan to 70 percent of the amount approved for their plan. This will help ensure that any future revenue shortfalls can be addressed without eliminating support for neighborhoods that enter Phase II later. The Board also indicated that 70 percent of the amount allocated to neighborhoods will need to be expended on housing or housing related programs, projects, activities or services in Phase II to ensure that the program meets its statutory housing investment obligation. It stopped short of making this a requirement for every neighborhood but indicated that neighborhoods should consider how much they can help as they develop their Phase II plans.

2004 Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour tops 10,000 in attendance

More than 10,000 visitors made more than 47,000 visits during the 2004 Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour on May 1-2, making it one of the most well attended tours in the event's 17-year history.

Coordinated and presented by the NRP, the 2004 Home Tour featured 50 homes—37 in Minneapolis and 13 in Saint Paul—and included five neighborhood tours aimed at giving visitors a more in-depth look at the communities supporting these homes.

The NRP would like to extend a special thanks to all of the homeowners, volunteers and sponsors for making the 2004 Home Tour a smashing success!



Photo by Stacy Sorenson

More than 400 volunteers of all ages and backgrounds helped check in and guide Home Tour visitors. Jade Nelson (right) was perhaps the youngest volunteer of all.

Public Safety Reserve Fund proposals approved by Policy Board

On August 18, 2003 the NRP Policy Board passed a resolution dedicating up to \$1 million of NRP's Phase II revenues to "community oriented public safety activities."

Eligibility and Selection Criteria were approved by the Board on February 23, 2004 and distributed to neighborhoods on February 26. Responses to the Request for Proposals were due on April 1.

Fifty-seven of the 67 neighborhood organizations participating in the NRP were submitters or parts of collaboratives that submitted 22 proposals to NRP for funding consideration. A panel of distinguished and experienced experts in the public safety field reviewed the proposals and reduced the \$ 2,196,247 requested to the \$1 million available.

Proposals in every police precinct were funded and the \$999,942 approved by the Policy Board will provide 25,088 hours of police service to the neighborhoods of the city. The proposals supported, and the activities that will be funded, will soon be available on the NRP's Web site at www.nrp.org. The successful proposals were, by precinct:

Precinct 1: Cedar Riverside, Downtown East
Downtown West, Elliot Park

Precinct 2: Holland et. al., Logan Park,
Sheridan/St. Anthony West,
Southeast Como/Marcy Holmes

Precinct 3: Bancroft et. al., Phillips,
Longfellow/Seward

Precinct 4: Cleveland et. al., Folwell/Jordan,
Near North/Harrison,

Precinct 5: Armatage et. al., CARAG et. al.,
Whittier/Stevens Square.

NRP announces schedule of topics for upcoming NRP training workshops

Over the next two months, the NRP will be presenting four workshops focusing on a variety of topics described below. If you would like to register for any of these workshops, please call Robert Thompson at 673-5149, or send an e-mail to training@nrp.org.

These workshops will be held at **the Crown Roller Mill building, 105 Fifth Ave. S., Suite 200, in CPED Conference Room #3**. Free on-street parking is available after 6 p.m. on 5th Ave. north of Second Street. Meters on Second Street are enforced until 10 p.m. There is no fee for these workshops. Light refreshments will be provided.

Thursday, May 27, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Minneapolis Plan and South Neighborhoods

Learn about the Minneapolis Plan and significant physical features of your community. This workshop will focus on the neighborhoods of the south sector: Ventura Village, Phillips East, Phillips West, Midtown Phillips, Seward, Longfellow, Cooper, Howe, Hiawatha, Central, Powderhorn, Corcoran, Bryant, Bancroft, Standish, Ericsson, Field, Regina, Northrup, Hale, Page, Diamond Lake, Keewaydin, Minnehaha, Wenonah, and Morris Park.

Thursday, June 3, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Minneapolis Plan and Downtown Neighborhoods

Learn about The Minneapolis Plan, the Downtown 2010 Plan and significant physical features of the Downtown community. This workshop will focus on the neighborhoods of the downtown sector: Stevens Square, Loring Park, Elliot Park, Cedar Riverside, Downtown East and West, and North Loop.

Thursday, June 17, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Reaching the Hard to Reach - Who are the hard to reach people in your neighborhood? Renters, seniors, new Americans, others? Let Jay Clarke or Robert Thompson know, and they will cover strategies for dealing with one specific constituency at each of three workshops in June, July, and August.

Monday, June 21, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Ecological Partnerships with Minneapolis Public Schools

How have neighborhoods formed working partnerships with Minneapolis Public Schools on ecological projects, including prairie restoration, water quality improvement and invasive species. Also, what resources are available at Minneapolis Schools that may be helpful for neighborhoods?

In Brief

Northeast Minneapolis to host ninth annual Art-A-Whirl open studio and gallery tour May 14-16

The Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (NEMAA) will be hosting the ninth annual Art-A-Whirl neighborhood arts festival during the weekend beginning Friday, May 14. Each year more than 10,000 people visit some 300 artists' studios and enjoy a variety of arts-focused family events taking place all over northeast Minneapolis.

From Logan Park to Old St. Anthony, from Marshall Street to Stinson Boulevard and all points in between, artists and galleries throw open their doors and invite the public to see art. Art-A-Whirl presents the perfect opportunity for metro area residents to see why Northeast's spacious and sunny converted warehouses have fast become a haven for artists and their businesses over the last decade. A thriving community both financially and socially, northeast Minneapolis has something for everyone. Art-A-Whirl embodies the spirit of this dynamic community. Art-A-Whirl events are free, family friendly and open to the public. The event runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, May 14, from noon to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 15, and from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 16. Visit www.art-a-whirl.org for more details including a downloadable map and poster as well as an artist line-up by name, medium and gallery location.

11th annual Mississippi River clean-up May 15

The 11th Annual Mississippi Corridor Neighborhood Coalition (MCNC) River Clean-up will be held on Saturday, May 15 at 9 a.m., with headquarters at the Boom Island Park main site, 700 NE Sibley St.

MCNC and its co-sponsors, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, and Hennepin County welcome all community members to participate. Volunteers can pick up bags and gloves and fan out into ten locations to eliminate unsightly debris from the upper Mississippi River in Minneapolis.

Volunteers and donations are still needed to make this year's event a success.

Tentative pick-up points include North Mississippi Regional Park, Boom Island, Camden Boat Launch, Edgewater Park (Lowry & Marshall), Mentor Building (between Plymouth & Broadway on West River Rd), Federal Reserve Bank, Bassett Creek: Cedar Lake Rd & Logan Avenue North (three blocks south of Glenwood), Father Hennepin Bluff Park (east end, Stone Arch Bridge, 6th Ave and Main St SE), Cedar Riverside: 4th St S & West River Road, and De La Salle High School (Nicollet Island).

At noon, volunteers will gather at Boom Island Park to trade trash stories, add up the pounds of trash collected, win door prizes and eat free food donated by area businesses. There will be environmental displays and entertainment will be provided by local musicians. The DNR's Minnaqua Program will feature a fishing clinic for children starting at 11 a.m.

Two Hennepin County Household Hazardous Waste collection events in May

Hennepin County Environmental Services is planning to hold up to 14 household hazardous waste collections in conjunction with the City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis neighborhood organizations this year. Below is a list of the first two collections, including the participating neighborhoods, dates and sites. The collections will be held in the parking lots of the sites. Onyx Environmental Services will operate the collections.

Windom Community Council

Saturday, May 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Windom Open School, 5821 Wentworth Ave. S.

Corcoran Neighborhood Organization and Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association

Saturday, May 22, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Folwell Middle School, 3611 20th Ave. S.

Enter parking lot from 20th Ave. S, between 36th St. E and 37th St. E

Expected participation: 292 vehicles

For more information about the Household Hazardous Waste collection program, please call Amy Roering at 612-348-8992.



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Attendance exceeds 10,000 during 2004 Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour



The NRP coordinated Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour broke the 10,000 visitor mark during the weekend of May 1-2. The figure shattered last year's total of 7,100 visitors. See front page for more information.

NRP Policy Board Report

Approved April 19, 2004

 Phase II Plan Development Advances for the Prospect Park, Standish-Ericsson, East Harriet-Farmstead and Columbia Park neighborhood organizations

 Plan modification for the Victory Neighborhood Association

For a complete NRP Policy Board report, visit:
www.nrp.org/R2/AboutNRP/PB/PBMeetingReps.html

— May 2004 Calendar of Events —

12 NRP Training Series 2004: "Safety Committee Organizing in Downtown Neighborhoods" 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Suite 200, Crown Roller Mill, 105 Fifth Ave. S. See Page 2 or call NRP Training Specialist Robert Thompson at 612-673-5149 for more information.

14-16 Art-A-Whirl neighborhood arts festival
 See Page 3 or visit the official Art-A-Whirl Web site at www.art-a-whirl.org for more information.

15 Eleventh annual Mississippi River clean-up 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. with celebration at Boom Island Park to follow from noon to 2 p.m. See Page 3 or call 612-331-4738 for more information. Please visit www.mcnc-mpls.org for information on all 10 bag and glove pick up locations.

17 NRP Policy Board meeting
 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 Room C-2350 Hennepin County Government Center

21 June Link submission deadline
 Call 612-673-5158 or fax your submission to Brett at 612-673-5138.

22 Hennepin County Household Hazardous Waste collection event
 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Folwell Middle School, 3611 20th Ave. S. Enter parking lot from 20th Ave. S, between 36th St. E and 37th St. E. See Page 3 or call Amy Roering at 612-348-8992 for more information.

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