Resolution 2011-162

Resolution Approving the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Funding Agreement in the Amount of $23,760 for Improvements at Park Siding Park

Whereas, The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MRPB) is authorized to contract with public and private entities;

Whereas, NRP was established pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.1831, as amended by Laws of Minnesota 1991, Chapter 59 (the "Act"), and Chapter 419 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinance, to preserve and enhance the private and public infrastructure, public health and safety, economic vitality, and sense of community, and social benefits within the neighborhoods of the City of Minneapolis ("the City");

Whereas, Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA) seeks to provide funding for a new drip irrigation system, additional plantings for bed #1, a new park sign, new drinking fountain and a table tennis platform at Park Siding Park for a total of $23,760;

Whereas, The improvements proposed by CIDNA are consist with the neighborhood's NRP Action Plan; and

Whereas, MPRB staff have worked with CIDNA to determine maintenance responsibilities for the drip irrigation system and develop estimates for the improvements;

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Funding Agreement in the amount of $23,760 for improvements at Park Siding Park; and

RESOLVED, That the President and Secretary of the Board are authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.

Adopted by the Park & Recreation Board
In formal meeting assembled on September 7, 2011

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John Erwin, President

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Karen Robinson, Secretary

Approved:

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R.T. Rybak, Mayor

TO: Finance and Administration Committee

FROM: Bruce Chamberlain, Assistant Superintendent for Planning Services

DATE: August 17, 2011

SUBJECT: Resolution to approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Funding Agreement in the amount of $23,760 for improvements at Park Siding Park

BACKGROUND

Use of NRP funds (with the support of neighborhood organizations) by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board requires a funding agreement. The Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA) requests that a number of improvements be made at Park Siding Park using NRP funding. An NRP Funding Agreement (*attachment A*) has been drafted and approved by the neighborhood association.

CIDNA requests the installation of a new drip irrigation system in the planting beds at Park Siding Park to assist volunteers in the ongoing maintenance of these beds. Volunteers have been developing and maintaining the gardens per an Adopt-a-Park agreement with the MPRB since 2001 and have shown consistent support for the gardens.

In addition, the neighborhood would like to replace the drinking fountain, provide additional plantings for bed #1, install a new park identification sign and install a table tennis platform at the park. The neighborhood has worked with Park Board staff to develop cost estimates for these improvements and to determine long-term maintenance responsibilities for the irrigation system. Additional planning and evaluation is required to determine the long-term maintenance costs, any additional construction costs and the best placement of table tennis in the park. This planning and evaluation will be conducted with planning staff and the community prior to installation. In the event that evaluation reveals table tennis will not work in Park Siding Park, staff will work with the neighborhood to identify other opportunities to engage all ages in the park.

The improvements are consistent with the following 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan strategies:

- Promote volunteer opportunities in each park.
- Obtain grants that further the work of the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board.
- Engage and involve residents in identifying the program, service, and facility needs of their respective communities.

FUNDING/COST SUMMARY

Sources			$23,760
Neighborhood Revitalization Program Funding	$23,760		
Uses			$23,760
Drip irrigation system	$3,500	*estimate*	
Additional plantings for bed #1	$1,200	*estimate*	
Park Sign	$2,500	*estimate*	
Drinking Fountain	$7,500	*estimate*	
Table Tennis Platform	$6,900	*estimate*	
Contingency 10%	$2,160		
Balance			$0

LEGAL REVIEW

The NRP Funding Agreement and Scope of Service is a standard template previously reviewed and approved by City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board legal counsel.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approving the NRP Funding Agreement as proposed. The agreement stipulates the following improvements: drip irrigation, additional plantings, drinking fountain and a park identification sign at Park Siding Park. Planning staff will work with the community and operations staff to complete additional planning and evaluation of table tennis to determine maintenance needs, additional construction costs and best placement within the park. The approval will result in improvements at Park Siding Park that will support volunteer activities and provide a welcoming environment for area residents and park visitors. The improvements were approved by the Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association. Construction activity will cause minimal disruption to the use of the park.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - NRP Funding Agreement and Scope of Service

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Reviewed by: Bruce Chamberlain, Assistant Superintendent for Planning Services
Approved by: Jayne Miller, Superintendent