



AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

DEPARTMENT: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
DIRECTOR: STEPHEN KUHARSIN

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

Discussion and possible action of the Neighborhood Partners Fund (NPF) Board recommendations to allocate \$55,000 (General Fund) for 19 neighborhood projects - All Wards

Fiscal Impact:

☐ No Impact ☐ Augmentation Required
☐ Budget Funds Available

Amount: \$55,000

Funding Source: General Fund

Dept./Division: Neighborhood Services/Neighborhood Initiatives Division

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The Neighborhood Partners Fund (NPF) Program was designed to assist neighborhoods by providing matching funds for neighborhood improvement projects. The program grants up to \$5,000 to registered neighborhood groups (neighborhood associations and HOAs). These matching grants are given for projects that will improve the physical, public safety, cultural, recreational or educational conditions of a neighborhood.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Neighborhood Partners Fund Board recommends that the City Council approve the funding of 19 neighborhood projects totaling \$55,000 with a match of \$135,019 in cash, volunteer labor, materials, and professional services.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Agenda Memo
2. Submitted After Meeting Executed Neighborhood Partners Fund Agreements

Motion made by STEVE WOLFSON to Approve

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, STEVE WOLFSON, GARY REESE, STEVEN D. ROSS, STAVROS S. ANTHONY; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-OSCAR B. GOODMAN)

Minutes:

LISA MORRIS-HIBBLER, Deputy Director of Neighborhood Services, explained that the matching grants allow communities from all wards to apply for up to \$5,000 annually for neighborhood improvement projects. The program has allowed citizens and City government to work together. MS. HIBBLER outlined the number of projects completed during the past 12 years at a total of \$4 million. The Neighborhood Partners Fund (NPF) Board recommended that

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19 neighborhood projects be funded for a total of \$55,000 in grants with a match of \$135,019 in cash, volunteer labor, and professional services. Neighborhoods interested in the NPF program can contact Neighborhood Services at 229-6681 or look for the neighborhood grants on the City's website. The next application process begins January 2011.

MIKE BROWN-CESTERO was pleased to serve on the NPF board comprised of seven City staff members and six neighborhood volunteer appointees. He acknowledged AJ POWELL, Vice-Chair, and Board Members CHERYL RUSSO, ADRIANA MARTINEZ, RENEE RAMPTON, KRYSTELL KLINGLER, CHARLES DESIDERIO, SUSIE MARTINEZ, ANTHONY RUGGIERO, TONY GUERRERO, YDOLEEN YUTURALDE, MICHELLE THACKSTON and GERRY GREEN. MR. BROWN-CESTERO outlined the projects throughout the wards being funded by the NPF Board.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN stated that this program brings neighborhoods together by volunteering their time or through donations. She is proud of each individual who knows their community, what is needed and how to actively work to improve their community.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW echoed the Councilwoman's comments, adding that it is great to see residents working together to improve their quality of life and commended those who received the funding.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN pointed out that Rancho Manor residents will be pleased to know that the wall renovation project will bring the area to what it used to be.

COUNCILMAN ROSS acknowledged the importance of this program because it engages neighbors to create a better community.

COUNCILMAN REESE thanked the board members for acknowledging what is happening in each ward.

