CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: **Community and Human Development, Neighborhood Services Division**

AGENDA DATE: **March 16, 2010**

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: **William Lilly, 541-4241**

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

The Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) is a vital element of the City's ongoing effort to preserve and improve El Paso's residential neighborhoods. The requested projects must be for permanent public improvements, which means the improvement must be city-owned property and the useful life of the improvement must be at least twenty years. Approximately $450,000.00 in 2008 Certificate of Obligation funding was made available for the Neighborhood Improvement Program and are available for a third round of Neighborhood Improvement Program funding for eligible public improvement projects and program administration costs. Twenty-three pre-applications were submitted, sixteen final applications were submitted, and twelve projects are being recommended for funding authorization. Staff recommends a waiver of the per project funding cap and the utilization of excess funds from Districts with positive balances to fund projects without sufficient balances. Further, any amount allocated from a District with excess funds shall be reimbursed from the District receiving excess funds during the next round of the Neighborhood improvement program.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Please see attachment for descriptions of each application received.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

City Council approved the Capital Budget in January of 2006 and approved the first round of NIP projects April 17, 2007, and August 28, 2007. The second round of NIP projects was approved April 15, 2008.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

The Neighborhood Improvement Program is 2008 Certificate of Obligation funding.
Project: PCP06NA001,
Fund: 27263,
Account: 508027
Dept. Id.: 99331117

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

N/A

**********REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**********

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____

(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Improvement Program was categorized as a Priority Program, in which the requested projects from Recognized Neighborhood Associations must be for permanent public improvements that benefit all neighborhood residents and the general public at large; and

WHEREAS, approximately $450,000.00 in 2008 Certificate of Obligation funding was made available for the Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) and are available for a third round of Neighborhood Improvement Program funding for eligible public improvement projects and program administration costs; and

WHEREAS, the NIP Review Committee has completed its review of the applications and has provided recommendations for NIP projects for the third round of NIP funding; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Community and Human Development, Neighborhood Services Division staff, and the NIP Review Committee recommend a Round III of NIP funding as provided in Exhibit A, that City Council approve a waiver of the per project funding cap and approve the utilization of excess funds from Districts with positive balances to fund projects without sufficient balances, and that any amount allocated from a District with excess funds shall be reimbursed from the District receiving excess funds during the Round IV to the District from which funds were received.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That City Council hereby approves the Neighborhood Improvement Projects the NIP Review Committee has recommended for expenditure of designated third round NIP funds and approves waiver of program guidelines related to the identified projects in Districts 2,5, 6 and 8, all projects specifically being set forth in Exhibit "A"; and

2. City Council approve the utilization of excess funds from Districts with positive balances to fund projects without sufficient balances and that any amount allocated from a District with excess funds shall be reimbursed from the District receiving excess funds during the Round IV to the District from which funds were received; and

3. That the City Manager or her designee is directed to proceed with allocation of the funds for the third round of NIP projects, as approved of herein, in order to begin implementation of the approved NIP projects in the third round of NIP funding.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2010.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

_____
John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Marie A. Taylor
Assistant City Attorney
Development

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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William L. Lilly, Director
Community and Human

Exhibit "A"
Neighborhood Improvement Program Round III Recommended Projects

	Neighborhood Association	Project Title	Project Description	Estimated Budget
District 1 Available Funds $78,522				
	Montoya Gardens	Little River Park Improvements	Install park furnishings that include 1 picnic table with covered shelter and concrete slab, 1 in-ground mounted trash receptacles and additional engineered wood fiber chips for playground area.	$29,400
	Montoya Heights	Johannsen Road Sidewalk Improvements	Construct a 7' concrete sidewalk and 4 driveways on Johannsen from Coates to dead-end	$45,400
	Save the Valley	Valley Creek Bridle Trail	Install markers for the bridle path to enhance the river trail and provide a path for riders. The markers shall be similar to the trial markers used by the US forestry Service that will direct riders north or south to Borderland and Country Club Road.	$3,600
			Remaining Funds	**$122.00**
District 2 Available Funds $75,135				
	Central	Summit/Fillmore Park Improvements	Install park furnishings that include park table, benches, trash receptacles, and a children's play area with swing and a slide on engineered wood fiber surface and ADA accessible.	$52,300*
	Newman Park	Newman Park Improvements	Install 1 park name sign similar in design and style as the Scenic Drive Entrances.	$14,850
			Remaining Funds	**$7,985.00**

District 3 Available Funds $77,552				
	Cielo Vista	MacArthur Park Improvements	Install park furnishings that include 4 picnic tables with covered shelter and concrete slab, 2 park benches, and 4 in-ground mounted trash receptacles.	$42,700
			Remaining Funds $34,852.00	
District 4 Available Funds $73,176				
	Milagro	Milagro Park Improvements	Install park furnishings that include 3 park tables, 2 benches, and 3 trash receptacles at tennis courts.	$33,500
	Castner Heights	Todd Ware Park Improvements	Install park furnishings that include 4 park tables and 4 trash receptacles.	$37,700
			Remaining Funds $1,976.00	
District 5 Available Funds $75,466				
	Eastside Civic Association	Pebble Hills Park Improvements	Install a 52'x52' metal playground canopy	$62,500*
			Remaining Funds $12,966.00	
District 6 Available Funds $113,660				
	Valle de Las Missiones	La Morenita Parkway Improvements	Install 5' stamped concrete sidewalk and 7' landscape parkway, includes 9 trees, drip irrigation system and water meter installation	$62,000*
			Remaining Funds $51,660.00	

District 7
Available
Funds
$49,340

Santa Lucia	Gallager St Sidewalk Improvement	Construct a 7' concrete sidewalks on Gallager St in front of Santa Lucia Church, chain-link fence and gate adjustments, and install stemwall	$33,300

Remaining Funds $16,040.00

District 8
Available
Funds
$73,482

Southside	Boys Club Park Handball Court	Install lighted double side handball court w/ADA complaint 5' wide concrete walkway that leads to existing ADA accessible route. Install area light pole w/photo cell timer and one metal roof shade over 1 park bench on concrete slab.	$132,700*

(Funds Short $52,218.00

** Project over the $50,000 NIP project cost cap*