

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

DEPARTMENT: Community and Human Development, Neighborhood Services Division

AGENDA DATE: April 15, 2008

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: William Lilly, 541-4241

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

The Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) is part of the overall Capital Budget that was approved by City Council in 2006. This program's total budget is \$1,000,000 and is categorized as a Priority Program where the requested projects must be for "permanent public improvements". A "permanent public improvement" is defined as an improvement that must be on city-owned property or if another government entity is involved, the City of El Paso must have a legal interest in the property and the useful life of the improvement must be at least 20 years. During the first-round of the Neighborhood Improvement Program, \$528,260 in projects were awarded. In this second round 17 applications were received. If City Council approves the recommendation contained herein, \$9700 will remain in District #2, \$23,200 will remain in District #5, \$61,100 will remain in District #6 and \$3,100 will remain in District #7. Unless additional funds are appropriated, staff does not believe the remaining funds warrant a third round.

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.

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 part of the 2006 Capital Budget.

Project: PCP06NA001,

Fund: 27263,

Account: 508027

Dept. Id.: 99331117

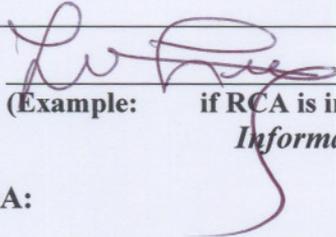
BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

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, in 2006 the City Council approved the Capital Budget, which included funding for the Neighborhood Improvement Program (“NIP”); and

WHEREAS, NIP was categorized as a Priority Program, in which the requested projects from Recognized Neighborhood Associations or Civic Associations must be for permanent public improvements as defined in the NIP Program Guide; and

WHEREAS, the Program’s total budget is \$1,000,000.00; apportioned equally among El Paso’s eight Representative Districts, with each District being allocated \$125,000; and

WHEREAS, there is currently \$528,260 remaining in total available funds after the first round of projects, which were approved by Council by resolution on April 17, 2007 and August 28, 2007; and

WHEREAS, during the second round of NIP, the City’s Neighborhood Services Division received 17 applications, which were evaluated by the NIP Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, the NIP Review Committee has completed its responsibility for reviewing the applications and providing recommendations for NIP projects that it believes should be approved by City Council in the second round of NIP funding.

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 NIP funds in the 2006 Capital Budget, said projects specifically set forth in Exhibit “A”;
2. That the City Manager or her designee is directed to proceed with allocation of the funds from the 2006 Capital Budget for the NIP projects, as approved of herein, in order to begin implementation of the approved NIP projects in the second round of NIP funding; and
3. That the City Manager or her designee is directed to work with the District Representatives who have remaining NIP funds to identify an eligible public improvement project(s) under the Program in conjunction with sponsorship by a Recognized Neighborhood Association or Civic Association.

ADOPTED this ____ day of April 2008.

(Signatures on Following Page)

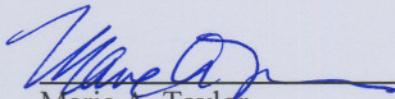
THE CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook,
Mayor

ATTEST:

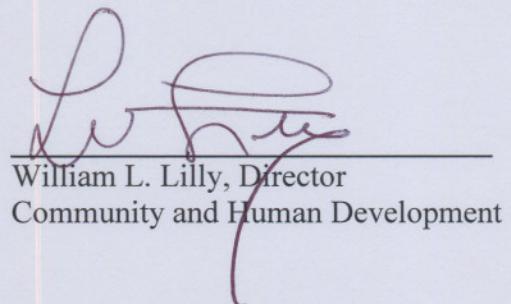
Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Marie A. Taylor,
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



William L. Lilly, Director
Community and Human Development

EXHIBIT "A"

JOHN COOK
MAYOR

JOYCE WILSON
CITY MANAGER

BILL LILLY
DIRECTOR



CITY COUNCIL
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VACANT, DISTRICT 3
MELINA CASTRO, DISTRICT 4
RACHEL QUINTANA., DISTRICT 5
EDDIE HOLGUIN JR., DISTRICT 6
STEVE ORTEGA, DISTRICT 7
BETO O'ROURKE, DISTRICT 8

COMMUNITY & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

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During the second-round of the Neighborhood Improvement Program, the Neighborhood Services Division received 17 applications. As per the NIP Guide, all applications were evaluated by the NIP Review Committee. The NIP Review Committee is responsible for recommending which NIP projects should be funded. The following lists received projects and Review Committee recommendations.

1.)

Applicant: Roberts Neighborhood Association
Request: Two park area lights for Thorn Park.
Funding Amount: \$8,200
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Denial
District: 1

2.)

Applicant: Montoya Gardens Neighborhood Association
Request: Park improvements to Little River Park consisting three park area lights, doggie bag stand, and two standard mounted trash receptacles.
Funding Amount: \$14,300
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 1

3.)

Applicant: Mission Hills Neighborhood Association
Request: Installation of colored concrete slab (Stage) with electrical outlet 5' sidewalk and modify existing irrigation system to accommodate improvements for Mission Hills Park.
Funding Amount: \$19,600
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Denial
District: 1

4.)

Applicant: Save the Valley Civic Association
Request: Landscape ties and signage for Bridal Path at Valley Creek Park.
Funding Amount: \$32,900
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Denial
District: 1

5.)

Applicant: Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association
Request: Remove and Replace all street signs with new historic street signs.
Funding Amount: \$19,900
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 2

6.)

Applicant: Newman Park Neighborhood Association
Request: Improvements to Newman Park to include 3 square tables, children's table, 3 benches, 4 exercise stations with concrete slab, modify existing irrigation system to accommodate new improvements.
Funding Amount: \$50,000
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 2

7.)

Applicant: Cielo Vista Neighborhood Association
Request: Improvements to Mac Arthur Park consisting of new playground equipment, swing set, 5' chat sidewalk, and install 18" rock wall around the playground, rock wall to include concrete cap.
Funding Amount: \$50,000
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 3

8.)

Applicant: San Juan Neighborhood Association
Request: Sidewalk installation.
Funding Amount: \$25,000
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 3

9.)

Applicant: Castner Heights Neighborhood Association
Request: Eight Residential Street Lights.
Funding Amount: \$10,600
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 4

10.)

Applicant: North Hills Neighborhood Association
Request: Walking trail for Chuck Heinrich Park.
Funding Amount: \$35,340
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 4

11.)

Applicant: Shearman Park Neighborhood Association
Request: Seven Residential Street Lights .
Funding Amount: \$9,200
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 4

12.)

Applicant: East Side Civic Association
Request: Improvements to Pebble Hills Park to include a canopy.
Funding Amount: \$44,100
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 5

13.)

Applicant: East Side Civic Association
Request: Six residential street lights.
Funding Amount: \$7,900
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 5

14.)

Applicant: Teens in Action
Request: Renovations to Ysleta Park Community Center for an exercise and fitness room approx 550 Sq Ft.
Funding Amount: \$48,100
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 6

15.)

Applicant: Valle de las Misiones
Request: Two new residential streetlights and replace five noncompliant lamps.
Funding Amount: \$6,600
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 6

16.)

Applicant: Yucca Park Neighborhood Association
Request: Improvements to Victims' Memorial Reading Garden
Funding Amount: \$48,300
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 7

17.)

Applicant: Las Palmas Neighborhood Association
Request: Median Landscaping on Rojas between Vista Granada & George Dieter
Funding Amount: \$43,300
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Denial
District: 7

Neighborhood Improvement Program

Round I

\$528,260 Awarded

Round II

Available Funds

\$471,740

District 1- \$14,300 Available
\$75,000 Requested
\$0 Remaining

District 2- \$79,600 Available
\$69,900 Requested
\$9,700 Remaining

District 3- \$75,000 Available
\$75,000 Requested
\$0 Remaining

District 4- \$55,140 Available
\$75,000 Requested
\$0 Remaining

District 5- \$75,200 Available
\$52,000 Requested
\$23,200 Remaining

District 6- \$115,800 Available
\$54,700 Requested
\$61,100 Remaining

District 7- \$51,400 Available
\$91,600 Requested
\$3,100 Remaining

District 8- \$125,000 Allocated in Round I
No funds available in Round II