

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

DEPARTMENT: Community and Human Development, Neighborhood Services Division

AGENDA DATE: April 17, 2007

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: William Lilly, 541-4241

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

The Neighborhood Improvement Program 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, the Neighborhood Services Division received 19 applications.

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.

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

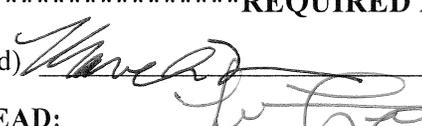
BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

N/A

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*****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

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

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;

WHEREAS, the Program’s total budget is \$1,000,000.00; however, these funds have been apportioned equally among El Paso’s eight Representative Districts, with each District being allocated \$125,000 of available NIP funds, and with no individual Neighborhood Improvement Project to exceed \$50,000.00 of NIP funds;

WHEREAS, during the first round of NIP, the City’s Neighborhood Services Division received 19 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 first 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 a 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 first round of NIP funding.

ADOPTED this 17th day of April 2007.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook,
Mayor

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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"

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MAYOR

JOYCE WILSON
CITY MANAGER

BILL LILLY
DIRECTOR



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COMMUNITY & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

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During the first-round of the Neighborhood Improvement Program, the Neighborhood Services Division received 19 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 are the descriptions of the projects that were submitted during the first-round of the NIP:

1.)

Applicant: Roberts Neighborhood Association
Request: Installation of playground equipment to Thorn Park.
Funding Amount: \$46,100
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 1

2.)

Applicant: Montoya Heights Neighborhood Association
Request: Park improvements to Montoya Heights Park consisting of installation of a canopy and a handrail.
Funding Amount: \$29,200
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 1

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3.)

Applicant: Save the Valley Neighborhood Association
Request: Park improvements to Valley Creek Park consisting of installation of 5 ft. sidewalk, 8ft wide horse trail and 15 trees.

Funding Amount: \$24,800

NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval

District: 1

4.)

Applicant: Redd-Mulberry Neighborhood Association
Request: 8 Residential street light requested on following locations; Corner of Redd & Equestre, corner of Equestre and La Mirada, corner of La Mirada & La Mirada (cul-de-sac), corner of La Mirada & Los Nietos, corner of Equestre & Mulberry, La Mirada & Calle Olaso, 120 Calle Olaso and 215 Mulberry.

Funding Amount: \$10,600

NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval

District: 1 & 8

5.)

Applicant: Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association
Request: Park improvement to Memorial Park consisting of installation of 10 park lights.

Funding Amount: \$45,400

NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval

District: 2

6.)

Applicant: San Juan Neighborhood Improvement Association
Request: Request is for sidewalk installation on Tamburo Ct., approximately 460 feet/ADA compatible.

Funding Amount: \$18,000

NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval

District: 3

7.)

Applicant: Cielo Vista Neighborhood Association
Request: Arterial lighting on Hawkins Blvd., the NIP funds will be used for the infrastructure needed (conduit, power source and foundations) for arterial lighting. Any remaining funds will be used to install as many lights as possible.

Funding Amount: \$50,000

NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval

District: 3

8.)

Applicant: Castner Heights Neighborhood Association
Request: Park improvement to Todd Ware Park consisting of two motion-sensor solar powered light poles with power outlet with fault circuit interrupters.

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Funding Amount: \$19,860
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 4

9.)

Applicant: North Hills Neighborhood Association
Request: Project includes installation of a sidewalk (1320 linear feet) which would be for the east side of Chuck Heinrich Park. This sidewalk would be 8 ft. wide and be located on Loma del Norte Dr. The cost estimate is only for labor associated with this project since the association has secured a donation equaling to the materials necessary for this project.

Funding Amount: \$50,000
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 4

10.)

Applicant: Las Tierras Neighborhood Association
Request: This project includes installation of a playground canopy, 8' asphalt jogging path and playground equipment. These improvements are for Tierra Del Este #1 Park, where construction is beginning May '2007.

Funding Amount: \$49,800
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 5

11.)

Applicant: Valle de las Misiones Neighborhood Association
Request: 7 Residential street lights requested on following locations; Between 9721 and 9723 Vallarta, between 9625 and 9626 Vallarta, between 9700 and 9702 Vallarta, between 9625 and 9626 Penjamo, between 9738 and 9740 Penjamo, between 9714 and 9716 Ahumada and between 313 and 317 Salamanca.

Funding Amount: \$9,200
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 6

12.)

Applicant: Las Palmas Neighborhood Association
Request: 18 Residential Street lights requested on various locations throughout the neighborhood. The neighborhood's boundaries are North- Pelicano, East- George Dieter, South- Rojas and West- Pendale.

Funding Amount: \$23,800
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 7

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13.)

Applicant: Thomas Manor Neighborhood Association
Request: Park improvements to Thomas Manor consisting of 3 picnic shelters (aluminum table and bench) and a concrete park name sign.
Funding Amount: \$39,960
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 7

14.)

Applicant: Carpenter Neighborhood Association
Request: Various street improvement projects included in application; such as, street and drainage improvements on Carpenter Street, sidewalk improvements from San Jose to Alameda, resurface Carpenter street and residential street light installations along Carpenter street.
Funding Amount: \$68,300 (Cost estimate is only for sidewalk installations/improvements from San Jose Rd. to Alameda Street)
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Denial
Reason: Recommendation for denial based on project exceeding the \$50,000 NIP threshold.
District: 7

15.)

Applicant: Sunset Heights Association of Community Friends
Request: 15 Residential Street lights requested on various locations throughout the neighborhood. The neighborhood's boundaries are North- Schuster Ave., East- El Paso, South- I-10 and West- I-10.
Funding Amount: \$19,800
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 8

16.)

Applicant: Chihuahuita Neighborhood Association
Request: NIP application is for improvements to Serenity Garden consisting of 8 park benches, 2 trash receptacles, 6 trees, plants, shrubs, landscape rock, screening, weed barrier, pavers and irrigation (including drip irrigation) complete in place.
Funding Amount: \$46,100
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 8

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17.)

Applicant: Coronado Neighborhood Association (Civic) applying on behalf of neighborhood #107
Request: 4 Residential street lights requested on following locations;
Between 316 and 318 Olivia Cir., corner of Castile and Sylvania Way, corner of Belton and Monarch and corner of Belton and Somerset.
Funding Amount: \$5,300
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 8

18.)

Applicant: Coronado Neighborhood Association (Civic) applying on behalf of neighborhood #116
Request: 3 Residential street lights requested on following locations;
Intersection of Garden Grove Ln. and Glendora Ln., between 440 and 444 San Blas and between 468 and 476 San Blas.
Funding Amount: \$4,000
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Approval
District: 8

19.)

Applicant: Upper Valley Neighborhood Association
Request: Application is to fund the planting of 150 cottonwood trees along two segments of River Bend. **Segment A** is on River Bend from Sunset to Frontera. **Segment B** is on River Bend from the intersection of Little Lane to the point where "the right-of-way intercepts the drain" near Sunland Park Drive. Total length is 1.7 miles.
Funding Amount: \$228,000, cost estimate includes installing a drip irrigation system
NIP Review Committee Recommendation: Denial
Reason: Recommendation for denial based on project exceeding the \$50,000 NIP threshold.
District: 8

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Neighborhood Improvement Program Breakdown of Funds
Total Budget- \$1,000,000
Total Budget per Representative District- \$125,000

City-Wide-	\$491,920 Recommended for approval \$508,080 Remaining
District 1-	\$105,400 Recommended for approval \$19,600 Remaining
District 2-	\$45,400 Recommended for approval \$79,600 Remaining
District 3-	\$68,000 Recommended for approval \$57,000 Remaining
District 4-	\$69,860 Recommended for approval \$55,140 Remaining
District 5-	\$49,800 Recommended for approval \$75,200 Remaining
District 6-	\$9,200 Recommended for approval \$115,800 Remaining
District 7-	\$63,760 Recommended for approval \$61,240 Remaining
District 8-	\$80,500 Recommended for approval \$44,500 Remaining

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