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KENNY

NRP PHASE II

NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PLAN

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I. Neighborhood Description

The Kenny neighborhood is well regarded today as one of the cities' finest neighborhoods in which to live. It is abundant with residents who take great pride in their property as well as their strong sense of community. Named for Sister Elizabeth Kenny, an Australian nurse who developed the Kenny method of polio treatment, the neighborhood is one of the safest of the eighty-one neighborhoods in the city of Minneapolis. Two public schools and the Kenny park shelter are encompassed within the Kenny borders; as well as two churches and five commercial properties. Grass Lake, at the southernmost tips of the neighborhood, is a unique and treasured feature of the area.

The Kenny neighborhood is bordered by 54th Street on the north, the Crosstown Highway on the south, the Logan Avenue alley on the west, and Lyndale Avenue on the east.

The demographic makeup of the neighborhood has changed since the 1990 Census data was available. According to the 2000 Census, the total population of the Kenny neighborhood is 3,493. This reflects a decrease of 5.8% from 1990, when the overall population was 3,708. A more specific look at the neighborhood reflects the following changes in race and ethnicity:

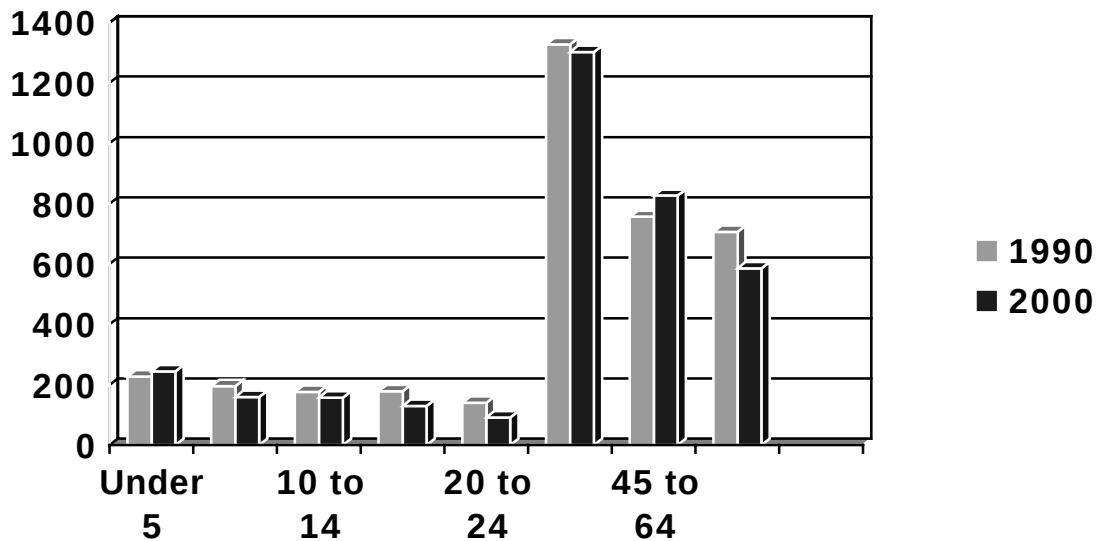
Chart 1: Kenny Race/Ethnic Composition

Race/Ethnicity	1990 Percentage	2000 Percentage
White alone	96.1%	93.8%
Black or African American alone	1.9%	1.7%
American Indian or Alaskan Native alone	.38%	.03%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, and other Pacific Islander alone	1.3%	2.5%
Some other race alone	.32%	.23%
Two or more races	Data unavailable	1.6%
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity	.78%	1.4%

These numbers reflect a decrease in all race and ethnicity populations between 1990 and 2000 except for the Hispanic/Latino and Asian, Native Hawaiian, and other Pacific Islander groups.

In addition, changes have occurred in age groups within the neighborhood since 1990:

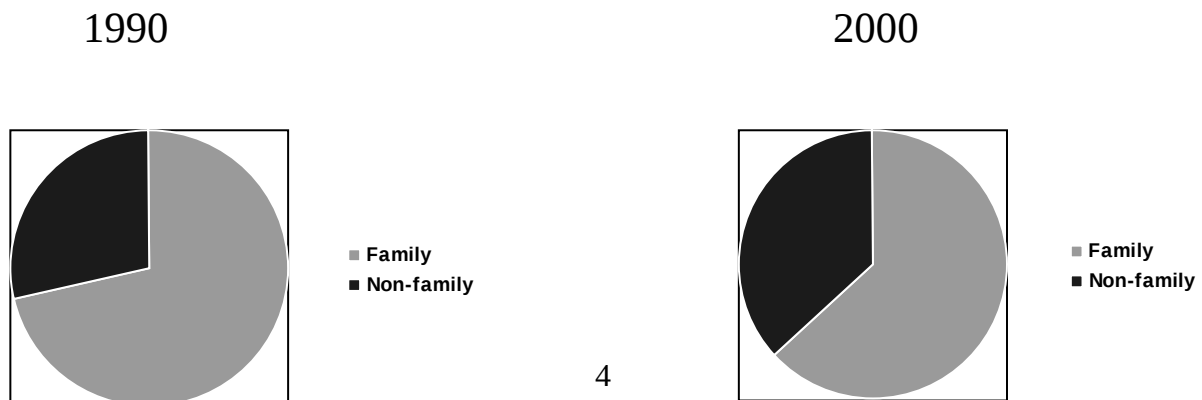
Chart 2: Kenny Population Age Distribution



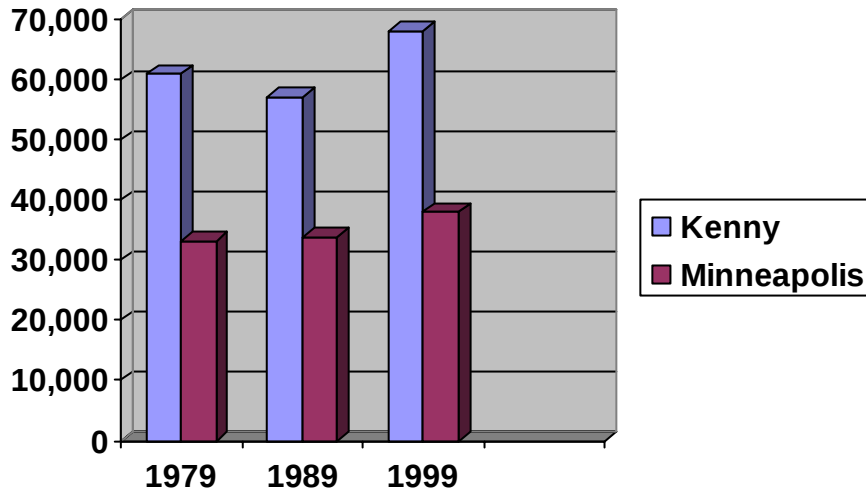
There were few population increases, with the greatest being in the age group of 45-64. A similar decrease in population of 35.0% and 37.2 % occurred in the 20-24 and 65-74 age groups respectively.

In 2000, the neighborhood has 1,570 housing units, of which only 15 are larger than one unit. This is a change from 39 two-unit structures out of 1,558 in 1990. The household composition in these units has changed significantly in the past ten years. The number of family households decreased by 10.5% and the non-family households increased 30.5%. (A family household is defined as a married couple with or without children, or a single parent living with children.)

Chart 3: Kenny Household Composition



As reported in the 2000 census, the median household income for the Kenny Neighborhood has increased substantially from the previous level indicated in the 1990 census. Both of these income levels remain significantly above the median household income for the City of Minneapolis.



The median household income for Kenny neighborhood rose by slightly more than 18% from 1990 to 2000, while rising by only 14% for the City of Minneapolis during the same time frame.

II. Executive Summary

HOUSING

A1.1.1 Revolving Loan Program	\$127,916
A1.2.1 Assess Life Cycle Needs	see Housing Coordinator
A1.3.1 Energy Efficiency	see Housing Coordinator
A1.4.1 Senior Home Maintenance Program	\$3000
A1.5.1 Emergency Fund for Property Owners	\$25,000
A1.6.1 Housing Coordinator	\$15,000

TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

B1.1.1 Traffic Calming on Grass Lake	\$4500
B1.1.2 Safe Driving Campaign	\$1000
B1.1.3 Assess Lighting Needs	see Safety Coordinator
B1.1.4 Assess Condition of Streets and Alleys	see Safety Coordinator
B1.2.1 Safety Coordinator	\$4400
B1.3.1 Increase Police Presence	\$9750*

PUBLIC SPACES

C1.1.1 Kenny Park Master Plan and Implementation	\$25,000
C1.1.2 Community Advisory Council	\$0
C1.2.1 Community Learning Opportunities	\$10,000
C1.2.2 School Facilities	\$15,000
C1.3.1 Environmental Conservation Activities	\$6564

QUALITY OF LIFE

D1.1.1 Composting Bins	\$0
D1.1.2 Environmental Conservation Education	when funds become available
D1.2.1 Neighborhood Events and Activities	see D1.6.2
D1.3.1 Neighborhood Newsletter	see D1.6.2
D1.3.2 Neighborhood Website	\$2500
D1.4.1 Neighborhood Signage	when funds become available
D1.5.1 Neighborhood School Liaison	\$0
D1.6.1 Phase II Plan Development	\$22,500**
D1.6.2 Phase II Plan Implementation	\$26, 653

LYNDALE AVE. S. RENEWAL CREEK TO CROSSTOWN

E1.1.1 Implement Lyndale Avenue Master Plan	\$132,198.02**
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TOTAL NRP PHASE II

\$266,533

*Funded from Early Access Reserve Fund

**Funded with rollover \$ from Phase I Plan

III. Planning Process

Participation Agreement

The first step taken by the KNA in the Phase II Plan Development process was to draft a Phase II Participation Agreement (Addendum C). The Participation Agreement summarized neighborhood demographics, outlined organizational structure, and described the process by which KNA would undertake outreach and plan development. Developing the Participation Agreement took place over the course three months, and was approved at the KNA's Annual Meeting on April 18, 2006. The NRP Policy Board approved the Participation Agreement, Plan Development Budget and Waiver Request on January 22, 2007. A waiver was required because \$132,198.02 for the redevelopment of Lyndale Avenue South was being rolled over from Phase I to Phase II.

Outreach

In order to generate a well thought out Phase II Plan, the Steering Committee of the KNA wanted to thoroughly understand the issues important to residents of Kenny Neighborhood. A concerted effort was made by the KNA to ensure that residents had ample opportunities to inform the organization of the neighborhood issues that mattered most to them. Frequent notices in the quarterly newsletter, neighborhood Web site, e-mail list, Park sign and mailings were used to advertise opportunities to give feedback. Outreach was conducted in three ways:

- **Clipboard Survey (Addendum D)**- At the annual summer festival in July, 2006, Steering Committee members circulated among the crowd and asked residents to identify what they liked, disliked, and would change about the neighborhood.
- **In Home Survey (Addendum E)**- A detailed survey was mailed to every household and business in Kenny Neighborhood asking that residents to give their opinions on the importance of a variety of issues and then prioritize their responses. 306 surveys were returned by the due date (greater than 20% response rate).
- **Town Hall Meeting (Addendum F)**- On November 2, 2006 a Town Hall Meeting was held at Susan B. Anthony Middle School and was attended by approximately 40 residents. Attendees were given the opportunity to discuss the importance and desired outcomes for the neighborhood in the areas of Community Environment, Housing, Crime and Safety, Parks and Recreation, Schools, Transportation and Traffic, and Natural Environment

Plan Development

The information gathered from these outreach opportunities was then used by the Steering Committee as a guide for developing Phase II Plan Strategies. An Executive Summary was generated from these strategies and was approved by the KNA Board on February 20, 2007. This Executive Summary was then mailed to every household in Kenny neighborhood by March 19, 2007. The full plan was posted on the neighborhood Web site and copies were made available at Kenny Park. The Phase II Action Plan was then presented at the Annual Meeting of KNA on April 17, 2007.

Important Dates

December, 2005	Phase I Project Highlights completed.
January 4, 2006 February 28, 2006 March, 2006	Kenny Neighborhood Association forms Steering Committee and drafts Phase II Participation Agreement.
April 18, 2006	Phase II Participation Agreement approved by neighborhood vote at KNA Annual meeting.
June 15, 2006 July 13, 2006	Steering Committee meetings to outline information gathering plans. Clipboard Survey and full neighborhood mail survey drafted.
July 20, 2006	Clipboard Survey completed at annual Summer Festival
August – September, 2006	Full mail survey distributed and completed surveys returned.
October 5, 2006	Survey results reviewed. Planning for Town Hall Meeting.
November 2, 2006	Town Hall Meeting/ Focus Group
December 14, 2006 January 11, 2007 January 24, 2007 January 31, 2007	Small groups formed and Plan Strategies written, revised and organized.
February 21, 2007	Executive Summary and Phase II Plan Draft finalized.
March, 2007	Plan submitted to Jurisdictions for review and comments.
March 19, 2007	Notice sent to full neighborhood for Plan review and vote.
April 17, 2007	Neighborhood vote on Phase II Action Plan
May 21, 2007	Approved Phase II Plan presented to NRP Policy Board.

IV. Phase II Action Plan

A. HOUSING

Revolving Loan Program

GOAL 1: Maintain, preserve and improve housing stock so that Kenny Neighborhood remains a desirable place to live.

OBJECTIVE 1: Encourage home and owner-occupied rental property owners to stay in their homes longer and sustain the tradition of well-maintained homes.

STRATEGY 1: Establish a resident matching home improvement revolving loan fund for homeowners and owner-occupied rental property owners.

RELATES TO CITY GOAL: Foster the development and preservation of a mix of quality housing that is available and affordable, meets current needs and promotes future growth.

RATIONALE: Provide financial support to residents to improve their homes. Give residents other options for improving their homes to meet their needs instead of moving out of Kenny neighborhood. Maintain rental property's curb appeal and protect the property values of the surrounding homes. KNA will assemble/establish a committee to develop program guidelines that would encourage residents and owner-occupied rental property owners to fix up their properties using housing revolving loan funds.

PARTNERS: KNA, 3rd Party Program Administrator, DFD

SCHEDULE: 2007 - \$48,386; 2009 - \$33,743; 2010 - \$47,787

RESOURCES: NRP \$127,916

CONTRACT ADMINISTATOR: DFD

A. HOUSING

Address Life-cycle Housing Needs

GOAL 1: Maintain, preserve and improve housing stock so that Kenny Neighborhood remains a desirable place to live.

OBJECTIVE 2: Expand and promote life-cycle housing options.

STRATEGY 1: Develop a list of housing priorities that we can communicate to developers.

RELATES TO CITY GOAL: Foster the development and preservation of a mix of quality housing that is available and affordable, meets current needs and promotes future growth.

RATIONALE: Affordable 55 and over housing needs was one of the most important housing issue identified in our NRP survey. We would like to encourage the development of housing options so that residents can remain in the neighborhood. KNA will develop communications to encourage development that supports the Lyndale Gateway Project vision.

PARTNERS: KNA, CPED – Planning Department and Multi-family Housing, Senior-serving organizations, potential housing developers

SCHEDULE: Contingent upon Crosstown/35W reconstruction and redesign of TH 121.

RESOURCES: See Housing Coordinator, A.1.6.1

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: NRP

A. HOUSING

Energy Efficiency

- GOAL 1:** Maintain, preserve and improve housing stock so that Kenny Neighborhood remains a desirable place to live.
- OBJECTIVE 3:** Increase energy efficiency awareness and help homeowners reduce the energy consumption in their homes.
- STRATEGY 1:** Communicate energy efficiency options for homeowners and landlords.
- RELATES TO CITY GOAL:** Foster the development and preservation of a mix of quality housing that is available and affordable, meets current needs and promotes future growth.
- RATIONALE:** According to our NRP Phase II Survey, 45% of neighborhood residents want to make their home more energy efficient. This will be done by activities such as: research information and then provide information links on the neighborhood website and in the neighborhood newsletter, develop housing guides and a participate in local housing improvement fairs.
- PARTNERS:** KNA, Xcel Energy, Center Point Energy, Center for Energy and Environment (CEE), MN American Institute of Architects (AIA), Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation
- SCHEDULE:** Ongoing
- RESOURCES:** See Housing Coordinator A.1.6.1
- CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR:** NRP

A. HOUSING

Senior Home Maintenance Program

- GOAL 1:** Maintain, preserve and improve housing stock so that Kenny Neighborhood remains a desirable place to live.
- OBJECTIVE 4:** Increase options for KNA seniors to maintain their homes and stay in them longer.
- STRATEGY 1:** Collaborate with agencies that assist and serve seniors to assure that their housing and home maintenance needs are met and establish a fund for implementation of these service.
- RELATES TO CITY GOAL:** Foster the development and preservation of a mix of quality housing that is available and affordable, meets current needs and promotes future growth.
- RATIONALE:** Household maintenance chores that seniors can no longer do sometimes forces them out of the KNA neighborhood sooner then they wish. KNA has an agreement with TRUST that has worked well for senior home chore services since 2004.
- PARTNERS:** Senior-serving agencies
- SCHEDULE:** 2010 - \$3,000
- RESOURCES:** NRP \$3,000
- CONTRACT ADMINISTATOR:** Hennepin County

A. HOUSING

Emergency Fund For Homeowners and Landlords

GOAL 1: Maintain, preserve and improve housing stock so that Kenny Neighborhood remains a desirable place to live.

OBJECTIVE 5: Encourage home and rental property owners to stay in their homes longer and sustain KN tradition of well-maintained housing.

STRATEGY 1: Establish an emergency housing repair program for homeowners and owner-occupied rental property owners who find themselves in difficult financial circumstances.

RELATES TO CITY GOAL: Foster the development and preservation of a mix of quality housing that is available and affordable, meets current needs and promotes future growth.

RATIONALE: Homeowners and landlords who have unexpected emergencies can access this fund to make emergency repairs when there are no other funding sources available. Projects will be limited to repair or replacement to correct hazardous conditions. Funds will be repaid when the home is sold or refinanced within 10 years of the loan origination.

PARTNERS: 3rd Party Program Administrator, DFD

SCHEDULE: 2007 - \$15,000; 2009 - \$10,000

RESOURCES: NRP \$25,000

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: DFD

A. HOUSING

KNA Housing Coordinator

GOAL 1: Maintain, preserve and improve housing stock so that Kenny Neighborhood remains a desirable place to live.

OBJECTIVE 6: Assure promotion, coordination, and implementation of Kenny's home improvement programs.

STRATEGY 1: Retain the services of a part time housing coordinator.

RELATES TO CITY GOAL: Foster the development and preservation of a mix of quality housing that is available and affordable, meets current needs and promotes future growth.

RATIONALE: A part time person will be better able to promote and coordinate the implementation of the Kenny home improvement programs. The coordinator will also assist KNA with housing and housing related issues, particularly in the Lyndale Avenue Project planning and implementation.

PARTNERS: KNA, 3rd Party Program Administrator, Developers, DFD

SCHEDULE: 2007 - \$3,000; 2008 - \$3,000; 2009 - \$3000; 2010 - \$3,000; 2010 - \$3,000

RESOURCES: NRP \$15,000

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: NRP

Personnel Budget: \$22 per hour, 3 hours per week, 45 weeks per year, over a 5 year period.

B. TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

Traffic Calming on Grass Lake

GOAL 1: Encourage a safe and inviting neighborhood.

OBJECTIVE 1: Improve safety for vehicles and pedestrians in Kenny neighborhood.

STRATEGY 1: Install a speed bump at the west end of Grass Lake Terrace.

RELATES TO CITY GOAL: Maintain physical infrastructure to ensure a vital and safe city.

RATIONALE: Speed of traffic in Kenny was cited as the top transportation and traffic concern amongst residents in our NRP Phase II survey. A speed bump at the west end of Grass Lake Terrace was identified as the top priority concerning transportation and traffic amongst residents at our Town Hall Meeting. The speed bump would be a traffic calming device to promote safety. The installation and placing of the speed bump would be accomplished by surveying residents of Grass Lake Terrace (door-to-door and/or mail) to determine the best location for placing the speed bump based on the resident's observations of traffic flow.

PARTNERS: KNA, Minneapolis Public Works, Kenny property owners

SCHEDULE: 2008 - \$4,500

RESOURCES: NRP \$4,500

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: Public Works

B. TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

Safe Driving Campaign

GOAL 1: Encourage a safe and inviting neighborhood.

OBJECTIVE 1: Improve safety for vehicles and pedestrians in Kenny neighborhood.

STRATEGY 2: Develop and implement a safe driving campaign.

RELATES TO CITY GOAL: Maintain physical infrastructure to ensure a vital and safe city.

RATIONALE: Speed of traffic in Kenny was cited as the top transportation and traffic concern amongst residents in our NRP Phase II survey. The amount of traffic in our neighborhood is likely to increase substantially during the Crosstown/35W reconstruction project. The campaign will be promoted with signs for neighbors to display in their yards that state slogans such as, "Slow - Kids at Play," and "Slow Down - Residential Area."

PARTNERS: KNA, Kenny Property Owners, Public Works, Police 5th Precinct

SCHEDULE: 2008 - \$1,000 (prior to Crosstown/35W reconstruction)

RESOURCES: NRP \$1000

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: DFD

B. TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

Assess Lighting Needs

GOAL 1: Encourage a safe and inviting neighborhood.

OBJECTIVE 1: Improve safety for vehicles and pedestrians in Kenny neighborhood.

STRATEGY 3: Assess lighting needs throughout the neighborhood and around Grass Lake.

RELATES TO CITY GOAL: Maintain physical infrastructure to ensure a vital and safe city.

RATIONALE: Increased street lighting would promote safety for pedestrians and vehicles. Improved lighting was the fourth most important Crime and Safety item during our Town Hall Meeting. In addition, only 24% of respondents to the neighborhood survey ranked street and alley lighting as excellent. The Safety Coordinator will organize a committee to assess lighting needs and communicate results to the Ward 13 Council Member.

PARTNERS: KNA, Kenny Property Owners, 13th Ward Council Member, Xcel Energy

SCHEDULE: Ongoing

RESOURCES: See Safety Coordinator B.1.2.1

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: NRP

B. TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

Assess Condition of Streets and Alleys

GOAL 1: Encourage a safe and inviting neighborhood.

OBJECTIVE 1: Improve safety for vehicles and pedestrians in Kenny neighborhood.

STRATEGY 4: Assess condition of streets and alleys throughout the neighborhood.

RELATES TO CITY GOAL: Maintain physical infrastructure to ensure a vital and safe city.

RATIONALE: The condition of streets was the second top-rated concern in our neighborhood survey and condition of alleys was the third. The amount of traffic in our neighborhood is likely to increase substantially during the Crosstown/35W reconstruction project. The Safety Coordinator will organize a committee to assess the condition of streets and alleys and will communicate those results to the Ward 13 Council Member.

PARTNERS: KNA, Kenny Property Owners, Ward 13 Council Member, Minneapolis Public Works

SCHEDULE: Ongoing

RESOURCES: See Safety Coordinator B.1.2.1

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: NRP

B. TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

Safety Coordinator

GOAL 1: Encourage a safe and inviting neighborhood.

OBJECTIVE 2: Increase Block Club formation and involvement.

STRATEGY 1: Utilize a part time, Kenny Safety Coordinator to recruit Block Leaders and other volunteers for neighborhood safety initiatives.

RELATES TO CITY GOAL: Build communities where all people feel safe and trust the City's public safety professionals.

RATIONALE: Support and encourage Block Clubs was the number one goal identified in the Crime and Safety discussion at our Town Hall Meeting. Encouraging neighbors to get to know one another and watch out for each other will promote safety and peace of mind in our neighborhood. New Block Club Leaders will be referred to the Minneapolis Police Department (SAFE) for training.

PARTNERS: KNA, Minneapolis Police Department 5th Precinct Crime Prevention Specialist

SCHEDULE: 2007 - \$880; 2008 - \$880; 2009 - \$880; 2010 - \$880;
2011 - \$880

RESOURCES: NRP \$4,400

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: NRP

B. TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

Increase Police Presence (COPSIRE)

GOAL 1: Encourage a safe and inviting neighborhood.

OBJECTIVE 3: Increase police presence and activities in Kenny neighborhood.

STRATEGY 1: Enter into partnerships with other neighborhoods to increase police presence in the community and improve communications regarding crime issues.

RELATES TO CITY GOAL: Build communities where all people feel safe and trust the City's public safety professionals.

RATIONALE: Kenny residents continue to place police protection as a top priority in the neighborhood.

PARTNERS: KNA, Minneapolis Police Department 5th Precinct Sector Lt., and other Southwest neighborhoods

SCHEDULE: 2004 - \$9,750

RESOURCES: NRP Early Access Reserve Fund \$9,750

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: Minneapolis Police Department

C. PUBLIC SPACES

Kenny Park Master Plan Development and Implementation

GOAL 1: Enhance the quality of life and livability of the Kenny Neighborhood.

OBJECTIVE 1: Improve Kenny Park Neighborhood Center and increase the recreational, educational and social opportunities available to all Kenny Neighborhood residents.

STRATEGY 1: Develop and implement a comprehensive master plan that incorporates desired improvements to preserve and improve the public spaces.

RELATES TO CITY GOAL: Promote public, community and private partnerships to address disparities and supports strong, healthy families and communities.

RATIONALE: Neighborhood survey results indicate that residents rate the quality of park facilities and amenities not only as high priority, but also one of the top reasons they choose to live in the neighborhood. The surveys also provided many concerned responses insisting on a more diverse selection of recreational opportunities as well as improved maintenance and increased access to park facility and services. The Kenny Neighborhood and the Minneapolis Park Board will partner to hire consultants to develop a comprehensive master plan illustrating the design for improvements to Kenny Park. Once approved, the Master Plan will be implemented and improvements made.

The master plan should consider the needs of the Kenny Neighborhood residents for increased recreational, educational and social opportunities. Particular attention should be given to the following:

- Renovate park building to include: meeting/class/office space, storage, family bathroom, game room, and lounge
- Repair tennis courts
- Install drinking fountains for playground and playing fields
- Provide shade
- Provide recycling containers
- Improve lighting
- Improve drainage
- Create maintenance schedule/plan

- Install recreational equipment such as: disc golf course, sand volleyball court, tetherball court, indoor swimming pool, skating rink, performance space

PARTNERS: Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Kenny Neighborhood Association, Kenny Community School, Anthony Middle School, Minneapolis Public Schools, Kenny Park Advisory Council

SCHEDULE: 2007 - \$25,000

RESOURCES: NRP \$25,000

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

C. PUBLIC SPACES

Community Advisory Council

GOAL 1:	Enhance the quality of life and livability of the Kenny Neighborhood.
OBJECTIVE 1:	Improve Kenny Park Neighborhood Center and increase the recreational and educational opportunities available to all Kenny Neighborhood residents.
STRATEGY 2:	Develop a Kenny Community Advisory Council to provide input for programming after school and park activities serving the Kenny Neighborhood.
RATIONALE:	Providing appropriate programming and accessibility will increase participation by neighborhood residents. The Kenny Community Advisory Council (KCAC) will include equal representation from Kenny Park Staff, Kenny School Staff, Kenny School PTA, Kenny School Students, Anthony School Staff, Anthony School PTA, Anthony School Students, Kenny Park Activity Council and neighborhood residents. KCAC will convene quarterly to review current programming. This collaboration should begin by addressing the following priority issues identified by NRP Phase II resident surveys and Town Hall meeting: • community open gym • hours of access to park building • bathroom access 24/7 year round • teen programming • customer service KCAC will continually seek additional topics of discussion. Topics may be shared with the KCAC through the KNA information line, KNA web site, Kenny School PTA board, Anthony School PTA, KPAC and a suggestion box installed at the Kenny Park Building.
PARTNERS:	Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, KNA, Kenny Community School, Anthony Middle School, Kenny Park Activity Council
SCHEDULE:	Ongoing
RESOURCES:	-0-
CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR:	N/A

C. PUBLIC SPACES

Community Learning Opportunities

GOAL 1: Enhance the quality of life and livability of the Kenny Neighborhood.

OBJECTIVE 2: Preserve and improve community schools to increase educational opportunities for all Kenny Neighborhood residents.

STRATEGY 1: Create educational opportunities to serve Kenny Neighborhood residents of all ages.

RELATES TO CITY GOAL: Promote public, community and private partnerships to address disparities and support strong, healthy families and communities.

RATIONALE: As identified by the community through the Town Hall meeting and surveys, Kenny Community schools need to be strong and offer a variety of programming for all ages. Lifelong learning enriches the quality of life for residents who participate, leading them to be more engaged and more satisfied community members. Providing a wide range of educational opportunities would increase the use of the community schools by Kenny residents. Programming would address the ongoing learning needs of the residents such as providing Community Education, funding enrichment programs to augment current community school curriculum for example Gifted & Talented, foreign language, Lego Robotics, Odyssey of the Mind, Fermi Math League, and GEMS, and funding a variety of after-school programs including tutoring.

PARTNERS: Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS), Kenny Community School, Anthony Middle School, MPS Area Learning Centers, Southwest Community Education, Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board, Minneapolis Public Library (MPLB), and Kenny Neighborhood Association.

SCHEDULE: 2007 - \$5,000; 2010 - \$5,000

RESOURCES: NRP \$10,000

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: MPS, MPLB

C. PUBLIC SPACES

School Facilities

- GOAL 1:** Enhance the quality of life and livability of the Kenny Neighborhood.
- OBJECTIVE 2:** Preserve and improve community schools to increase educational opportunities for all Kenny Neighborhood residents.
- STRATEGY 2:** Improve school facilities to serve Kenny Neighborhood residents of all ages.
- RELATES TO CITY GOAL:** Maintain physical infrastructure to ensure a vital and safe city.
- RATIONALE:** In order to maintain and improve the level of education it is essential to secure a favorable environment for children's learning and other school activities by improving and expanding school facilities as well as maintaining them in good conditions. Site based council members will evaluate how school facilities positively impact student achievement. Special attention should be given to creating a positive identity, improvements in air quality, air conditioning/classroom temperature, quality of light, acoustics / noise, parking / drop-off/ pick-up conditions, and after school hours programming space. Improvements will continue to develop school facilities as community centers which offer access to safe, fun and enriching places during after school hours as well as meeting the needs of the community for lifelong learning.
- PARTNERS:** Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS), Kenny Community School, Anthony Middle School, Kenny Neighborhood Association
- SCHEDULE:** 2008
- RESOURCES:** NRP \$15,000
- CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR:** MPS

C. PUBLIC SPACES

Environmental Conservation Activities

GOAL 1: Enhance the quality of life and livability of the Kenny Neighborhood.

OBJECTIVE 3: Promote land stewardship and environmental awareness to increase community participation.

STRATEGY 1: Plan and implement environmental conservation projects.

RELATES TO CITY GOAL: Preserve and enhance natural and historic environment to promote a clean, sustainable city.

RATIONALE: All participants will equally share in community building through partnerships with the efforts resulting in immediate and long term benefits for our environment. We hope to educate our neighbors, foster a sense of community and enhance the beauty of our neighborhood.

Kenny neighborhood is enhanced by Grass Lake, a 27-acre wetland located on the southern end of the neighborhood. The lake is home to a large variety of waterfowl and migratory birds, including Bald Eagles. The Audubon Society reported that over 100 different species frequent or make a stop here. Residents and students who visit the wetland have also observed turtles, foxes and muskrats. Grass Lake is one of the 11 sites targeted by the annual Minneapolis Earth Day Watershed Clean Up. Earth Day is a collaborative effort between the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB), the City of Minneapolis' Solid Waste and Recycling Division, and several neighborhood organizations including the Kenny Neighborhood Association (KNA). Kenny Neighborhood is also included in the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, which links us to the Mississippi River.

We are committed to preserving and enhancing our natural environment and hope to inspire stewardship in promoting conservation and set a precedent in the community. Special consideration should be given to projects which address (1) Storm water management (2) environmentally sensitive improvement to Grass Lake environs including shoreline restoration, erosion control, improved water quality, wildlife research and conservation (3) safe recreational access to Grass Lake shoreline and open space including improved pathways with water access and canoe launch.

Environmental conservation projects provide the community participants with the knowledge that their involvement in such a project can make a difference that reaches far beyond our neighborhood.

PARTNERS: Kenny Community School, Minneapolis Public Schools, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Kenny Garden Club, Hennepin County Master Gardeners, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, REI, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, local businesses, Jeffers Foundation, The Freshwater Society, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, The US Fish and Wildlife Service, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Minneapolis Department of Public Works, Audubon Society, University of Minnesota

SCHEDULE: 2008 - \$6,564

RESOURCES: NRP \$6,564

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: Minneapolis Department of Public Works

D. QUALITY OF LIFE

Composting Bins

GOAL 1: Enhance the quality of life and livability of the Kenny Neighborhood.

OBJECTIVE 1: Promote land stewardship and environmental awareness to increase community participation.

STRATEGY 1: Promote a residential composting program.

RELATES TO CITY GOAL: Preserve and enhance natural and historic environment to promote a clean, sustainable city.

RATIONALE: Protection of the natural environment enhances the quality of life for all Kenny residents. Kenny has already initiated programs to improve and protect the quality of Grass Lake and the Kenny Elementary School is implementing programs to educate students on the importance of protecting our environment. Establishing additional neighborhood programs designed to improve our neighborhood environment is key to creating a highly desirable and livable neighborhood.

PARTNERS: Kenny Neighborhood Association, Hennepin County

SCHEDULE: Ongoing

RESOURCES: -0-

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: N/A

D. QUALITY OF LIFE

Environmental Conservation Education

Goal 1: Enhance the quality of life and livability of the Kenny Neighborhood.

Objective 1: Promote land stewardship and environmental awareness to increase community participation.

STRATEGY 2: Plan and provide environmental conservation educational events.

RELATES TO CITY GOAL: Preserve and enhance natural and historic environment to promote a clean, sustainable city.

RATIONALE: To minimize the impact of Kenny Community on the environment by educating Kenny residents to be better land stewards. Educating residents in environmental concerns and effective strategies to address those concerns will encourage participation in efforts that would have immediate and long-term benefits for the environment. Well-informed residents are more likely to engage in practices that have a lower impact on the environment and to have a sense of stewardship for their property as well as the whole community.

An awareness and growing commitment to conservation would be the outcome for residents of all ages who participate in environmental education events. This requires steps such as hosting a Spring Green Event, collaborating with annual community Earth Day events, supporting school based Science Fairs, and providing ongoing information on personal storm water management techniques.

PARTNERS: Kenny Community School, Anthony Middle School, Minneapolis Public Schools, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Kenny Garden Club, Hennepin County Master Gardeners, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, REI, and local businesses.

SCHEDULE: Ongoing

RESOURCES: When funds become available

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: MPS, MPRB

D. QUALITY OF LIFE

Neighborhood Events and Activities

GOAL 1: Enhance the quality of life and livability of the Kenny Neighborhood.

OBJECTIVE 2: Increase opportunities and activities that allow Kenny residents to get to know each other better.

STRATEGY 1: Organize annual neighborhood events and activities

RELATES TO CITY GOAL: Promote public, community and private partnerships to address disparities and support strong, healthy families and communities.

RATIONALE: More than 80% of resident survey respondents indicated that youth and family activities available in the neighborhood as “Very to Somewhat Important”. Building on existing neighborhood events such as the annual Kenny Summer Festival and Kenny Neighborhood Association annual meeting created a strong sense of community, which reflects on the quality of life and livability of the neighborhood. The Kenny Neighborhood Association has been successful in self-sustaining the funding for the annual Summer Festival.

PARTNERS: Kenny Neighborhood Association
Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board
Neighborhood Businesses
Kenny Elementary and Anthony Middle Schools

SCHEDULE: Ongoing

RESOURCES: See Phase II Plan Implementation D.1.6.2

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: NRP

D. QUALITY OF LIFE

Neighborhood Newsletter

GOAL 1: Enhance the quality of life and livability of the Kenny Neighborhood.

OBJECTIVE 3: Increase participation in KNA through various communication channels.

STRATEGY 1: Publish neighborhood newsletter and other neighborhood mailings on a regular basis.

RELATES TO CITY GOAL: Strengthen City government management and enhance community engagement.

RATIONALE: Good communication is one of the keys to creating an inviting and livable neighborhood. The rollout of NRP Phase II will require good communication between the neighborhood and the Neighborhood Association. Kenny currently maintains a neighborhood newsletter as part of its overall communication strategy. Continuation of the newsletter will provide residents with up to date info on NRP Phase II and other news that would impact the neighborhood.

PARTNERS: Kenny Neighborhood Association, City of Minneapolis Citizen Participation

SCHEDULE: Ongoing

RESOURCES: See Phase II Implementation D.1.6.2

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: NRP

D. QUALITY OF LIFE

Neighborhood Website

GOAL 1: Enhance the quality of life and livability of the Kenny Neighborhood.

OBJECTIVE 3: Increase participation in KNA through various communication channels.

STRATEGY 2: Enhance the neighborhood website.

RELATES TO CITY GOAL: Strengthen City government management and enhance community engagement.

RATIONALE: Communication is one of the keys to creating an inviting and Livable neighborhood. The rollout of NRP Phase II will require good communication between the neighborhood and the Neighborhood Association. Kenny currently maintains a neighborhood website as part of its overall communication strategy. Continuation of the website will provide residents with up to date info on NRP Phase II and other news that would impact the neighborhood.

PARTNERS: Kenny Neighborhood Association
Web hosting partner

SCHEDULE: 2007 - \$500; 2008 - \$500; 2009 - \$500; 2010 - \$500; 2011 - \$500

RESOURCES: NRP \$2,500

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: NRP

D. QUALITY OF LIFE

Neighborhood Signage

GOAL 1: Enhance the quality of life and livability of the Kenny Neighborhood.

OBJECTIVE 4: Promote Kenny Neighborhood as a friendly, safe and desirable neighborhood.

STRATEGY 1: Improve and expand neighborhood signage to identify the Kenny Neighborhood.

RELATES TO CITY GOAL: Promote public, community and private partnerships to address disparities and support strong, healthy families and communities.

RATIONALE: Nestled in the SW corner of Minneapolis, the Kenny Neighborhood offers quality housing, close access to parks, schools, lakes, shopping, and local restaurants, movies etc. Kenny residents take pride in maintaining the quality of life and livability of the neighborhood.

PARTNERS: Kenny Neighborhood Association
Minneapolis Public Works
Sign Printer

SCHEDULE: Ongoing

RESOURCES: When funds become available

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: Minneapolis Public Works

D. QUALITY OF LIFE

Neighborhood School Liaison

GOAL 1: Enhance the quality of life and livability of the Kenny Neighborhood.

OBJECTIVE 5: Build collaboration between Kenny Neighborhood Association and neighborhood schools.

STRATEGY 1: Establish volunteer community school liaison positions.

RELATES TO CITY GOAL: Promote public, community and private partnerships to address disparities and supports strong, healthy families and communities.

RATIONALE: Good communication is one of the keys to creating an inviting and livable neighborhood. Better communication between the neighborhood schools and Kenny residents will further strengthen both school programs and the overall livability of the neighborhood. By formalizing a communication strategy between the Kenny Neighborhood Association and the Kenny Elementary and Anthony Middle schools, the schools and neighborhood benefit by creating a stronger link between the residents and the schools in ways such as:

- Establish liaison positions on KNA and Community School PTA Boards
- Expand KNA and school websites to include links to each other and a common community calendar

PARTNERS: Kenny Neighborhood Association
Kenny Elementary School
Kenny Elementary PTO/PTA
Anthony Middle School
Anthony Middle School PTO/PTA

SCHEDULE: Ongoing

RESOURCES: -0-

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: N/A

D. QUALITY OF LIFE

Phase II Plan Development

GOAL 1: Enhance the quality of life and livability of the Kenny Neighborhood.

OBJECTIVE 6: Maintain and enhance the capacity of the Kenny Neighborhood Association to develop and implement the KNA NRP Phase II Plan.

STRATEGY 1: Develop the KNA NRP Phase II Plan goals, objectives and strategies with hired staff and a development budget.

RELATES TO CITY GOAL: Strengthen City Government management and enhance community engagement.

RATIONALE: The KNA will utilize hired staff and non-personnel resources to assist the Phase II Steering Committee with development and implementation of the Phase II Participation Agreement and the development of the NRP Phase II Plan.

PARTNERS: Kenny Neighborhood Association
NRP

SCHEDULE: 2006-2007 \$22,500

RESOURCES: NRP Phase I Rollover funds \$22,500 (see budget on next page)
Kenny Phase I Plan Modification #9
Phase II Plan Modification #1

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: NRP

KNA Phase II Plan Development

Personnel

Coordinator	\$20/hr:15 hrs/week:1 yr.	\$15,600
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Office

KNA Insurance	Annual Renewal	\$250
Supplies	Notepads, envelopes, paper	\$500

Communications

Major printing/distribution	Survey, action plan drafts, etc	\$3,000
Advertising/promotion	Flyers, postcards, ads, postage	\$2,000
Bulk Mail permit fee	Annual Renewal	\$150

Contingency Fund		\$1,000
		\$22,500

*Budget Total

*Funds for plan development will come from the Kenny Neighborhood's Phase I allocation.

D. QUALITY OF LIFE

Phase II Plan Implementation

GOAL 1: Enhance the quality of life and livability of the Kenny Neighborhood.

OBJECTIVE 6: Maintain and enhance the capacity of the Kenny Neighborhood Association to develop and implement the KNA NRP Phase II Plan.

STRATEGY 2: Implement the KNA NRP Phase II Plan goals, objectives and strategies over the next five to ten years with hired staff and an operating budget.

RELATES TO CITY GOAL: Strengthen City Government management and enhance community engagement.

RATIONALE: Although the Kenny Neighborhood Association Board and Committees are all volunteers, the KNA can benefit from the continued administrative support of a part-time NRP Coordinator to maintain its viability and capacity in the neighborhood. The KNA will use non-personnel funds to continue its administrative functions.

PARTNERS: Kenny Neighborhood Association

SCHEDULE: 2008 - \$10,720; 2009 - \$8,520; 2010 - \$7,413

RESOURCES: NRP \$26,653 (see budget on next page)

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: NRP

KNA Phase II Plan Implementation Budget

Personnel

2008

NRP Coordinator
400 hours per year
@ \$22/hr \$8800

2009

NRP Coordinator
300 hours per year
@\$22/hr \$6600

2010

NRP Coordinator
250 hours per year
@ \$22/hr \$5500

Personnel Total \$20900

Non-Personnel

2008

Insurance \$210
Communications \$1500
Supplies \$210
2008 Subtotal \$1920

2009

Insurance \$210
Communications \$1500
Supplies \$210
2009 Subtotal \$1920

2010

Insurance \$210
Communications \$1500
Supplies \$203
2010 Subtotal \$1913

Non-Personnel Total \$5753

Total Plan Budget \$26,653

E. Lyndale Avenue South Renewal Creek to the Crosstown

Implement Lyndale Avenue South Master Plan

GOAL 1: Enhance the quality of life and livability of the Kenny Neighborhood.

OBJECTIVE 1: Improve Lyndale Avenue South from 54th Street to the Crosstown Highway.

STRATEGY 1: Implement priority elements of the Lyndale Avenue South Master Plan.

RELATES TO CITY GOAL: Maintain physical infrastructure to ensure a vital and safe city.

RATIONALE: The Kenny Neighborhood is anchored on its eastern boundary by Lyndale Avenue South. The residents of Kenny have consistently expressed a desire to participate in the upgrading of this area. In order to implement neighborhood priority elements of the plan, the funds identified in the Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan for this purpose, were rolled over into the Phase II Plan. Kenny neighborhood will work in conjunction with the City, County and State to implement the Lyndale Avenue South Master Plan. This could include things such as: planters, improvements to business facades, lighting, trash bins, seating, etc.

PARTNERS: KNA, City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, State of Minnesota, Kenny Business and Property Owners

SCHEDULE: 2007 - 2011

RESOURCES: NRP Phase I Rollover Funds \$132,198.02
Kenny Phase I Plan Modification #9,
Phase II Plan Modification #1

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: CPED – Business Finance, Public Works

KNA Cash Flow Management

Strategy		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	TOTAL
A.1.1.1		\$48,386		\$33,743	\$45,787		\$127,916
A.1.2.1							\$0
A.1.3.1					\$3,000		\$3,000
A.1.4.1							\$0
A.1.5.1		\$15,000			\$10,000		\$25,000
A.1.6.1		\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$15,000
B.1.1.1			\$4,500				\$4,500
B.1.1.2			\$1,000				\$1,000
B.1.1.3							\$0
B.1.1.4							\$0
B.1.2.1		\$880	\$880	\$880	\$880	\$880	\$4,400
B.1.3.1	N/A						
C.1.1.1		\$25,000					\$25,000
C.1.1.2							\$0
C.1.2.1		\$5,000			\$5,000		\$10,000
C.1.2.2			\$15,000				\$15,000
C.1.3.1.			\$6,564				\$6,564
D.1.1.1							\$0
D.1.1.2							\$0
D.1.2.1							\$0
D.1.3.1							\$0
D.1.3.2		\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$2,500
D.1.4.1							\$0
D.1.5.1							\$0
D.1.6.1	N/A						\$0
D.1.6.2			\$10,720	\$8,520	\$7,413		\$26,653
E.1.1.1	N/A						
TOTAL		\$97,766	\$42,164	\$46,643	\$75,580	\$4,380	\$266,533
Yr 1&2 total =\$139,930							
3 yr total =186,573							