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TO: Mayor Carter
Council President Brendmoen
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FROM: Derek Anders-Turner, Chair, Neighborhood STAR Board 

DATE: May 25, 2018

SUBJECT: 2018 NEIGHBORHOOD STAR YEAR-ROUND PROGRAM

Background

On May 23, 2018, the Neighborhood STAR Board reviewed a request from Metro Transit for a \$5,000 grant through the Ward 1, Year-Round STAR Program for Green Line Public Art - Nick Khaliq addition.

Presentation

Met Council Public Art Administrator, Mark Granlund and PED Project Manager Joe Spencer, presented Met Council's plans to replace two existing narrative tiles in the Voices of Rondo Public Art display at both Victoria Street LRT Stations with new engraved iron tiles featuring a base-relief portrait of Nathaniel Khaliq. Mr. Khaliq, a Saint Paul civil rights leader and long-time public servant, declined the initial invitation to be featured when artwork for this location was created. He has now reconsidered his position on having his likeness added to this permanent display given the community approval of the Green Line. Costs include the artist's casting of the piece, removal of existing tiles and the installation of one new tile on each light rail platform at Victoria Street.

Discussion

Although Neighborhood STAR Board Members appreciate the significance of Nick Khaliq's contributions to the City of Saint Paul and this neighborhood, they were unable to recommend funding as proposed due to City Council-approved Neighborhood STAR Guidelines requiring grant requests be matched on a \$1 for \$1 basis with non-city funds. No required matching dollars were pledged to this initiative. The STAR Board rating reflects our support to preserve the culture and history of the Rondo neighborhood.

Rating

The Neighborhood STAR Board rated the Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program proposal on its own merit on a scale from 1 (low) to 5 (high) with the following results:

<u>Rating</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Loan</u>
4.6	Green Line Public Art - Nick Khaliq addition	1	\$5,000	\$0

Thank you for your continued support and assistance. If you have questions, or if staff can provide additional information, please contact:

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