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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Carter
Council President Brendmoen and Members of City Council

FROM: Derek Anders-Turner, Chair, Neighborhood STAR Board *DAT*

DATE: October 19, 2020

SUBJECT: 2020 NEIGHBORHOOD STAR YEAR-ROUND PROGRAM

Background

On October 16, 2020, the Neighborhood STAR Board reviewed two proposals requesting grant funding through the Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program. The first proposal was a Ward 3 request of \$17,750.50 from Will Rolf, owner of NCK2 for a new HVAC system and return air exchanger for commercial space currently being leased to Bap and Chicken restaurant at 1328 Grand Avenue. A match of \$17,750.50 was pledged to this proposal. Next, an application requesting \$3,250 (Ward 1) from District 6 Planning Council to purchase and construct a wood fence around community garden plots located at 168 Front Avenue. A match of \$3,250 was pledged to this project.

Review and Discussion

First, Mr. Rolf's application for a \$17,750.50 grant would improve his rental property at 1328 Grand Avenue by replacing the 25-year-old heating, air conditioning and kitchen return air exchanger for his new tenant, Bap and Chicken restaurant. Bap and Chicken is a minority-owned restaurant with 16 employees serving authentic Korean fusion cuisine. The dollar for dollar matching funds for this project will be contributed equally by the building owner and lessee. Discussion included a recommendation for air exchangers in dining areas too as well as the immediate need for these requested updates due to winter quickly approaching.

Next, was a proposal from District 6 Planning Council for a \$3,250 grant to install a wood fence at 168 Front Avenue. The addition of a fence along Albemarle and Front Avenue would define this North End community garden space. Matching funds of \$3,250 are being pledged by the Ramsey County Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP). Discussion included the current long-term garden lease for this HRA-owned property, hopes that the fence would enhance and not block garden sightlines and the appreciation for District 6 Planning Council staff for overseeing and maintaining the gardens.

Rating

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

Rating	Project	Ward	Grant	Loan
4.6	Bap and Chicken HVAC	3	\$17,715.50	\$0
4.4	D6 Garden Fence	1	3,250.00	0

Thank you for your continued support and assistance. If you have questions, or if staff can provide additional information, please contact Michele Swanson, 651-266-6574.

CC: Will Rolf, Owner, NCK I, LLC;
John Gleason, Bap and Chicken;
Kerry Antrim, Executive Director, District 6 Planning Council