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Recommendation to approve the Neighborhood Partners Program funding recommendations to support six neighborhood beautification and improvement projects in the amount of \$25,781. (Districts 1,2,6)

The Neighborhood Partners Program (NPP) is offered by the Department of Community Development's Neighborhood Services Bureau to assist neighborhood/community groups within designated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) target zones to support neighborhood beautification and improvement projects. Eligible groups must be formally established organizations with designated officers, membership rosters, and a history of neighborhood involvement. The NPP provides matching grants of up to \$5,000 in goods and services to accomplish approved projects. The match provided by the applicant must be equal to at least 50 percent of the total project cost and may be supplied in the form of cash, goods and services, and volunteer work hours. (Volunteer work hours may not be the sole match.)

Notices of funding availability were sent to over 400 community groups and neighborhood associations within the CDBG target zones on April 13, 2007. Six proposals were received in the competition for funds. A special committee of the Community Development Advisory Commission (CDAC) reviewed and ranked each application based upon pre-established criteria that emphasized positive neighborhood improvement projects.

At its June 20, 2007 meeting, CDAC unanimously voted to recommend all six proposals for funding. A summary of the applications received and funding requests/recommendations is attached. The recommended funding level is \$25,781.

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on June 25, 2007 and by Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on June 26, 2007.

Council action on this matter is not time critical.

Sufficient funds to support the Neighborhood Partners Program have been budgeted in the FY 07 Community Development Funds (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). There is no impact on the General Fund.

Approve recommendation.

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