

Kenwood Isles Area Association

Neighborhood Priority Plan

Kenwood Isles Area Association (KIAA) is participating in the Community Participation Program (CPP) for Minneapolis Neighborhood Organizations. CPP is a city program designed to give residents and property owners the power to improve or maintain their own neighborhoods and direct city resources to fit their needs. KIAA has budgeted \$15,000 in 2013 for qualified neighborhood projects and activities.

The goal of Neighborhood Priority Plans is to identify major initiatives for the neighborhood organization, and to communicate neighborhood priorities to the City and other jurisdictional partners. Neighborhood Priority Plans must be developed and adopted through a thorough neighborhood participation process. The plan identifies preliminary neighborhood priorities (as identified by the neighborhood) and potential partners.

Proposed Neighborhood Priority Plan

Based on the result of the neighborhood survey (Appendix A), KIAA proposes to use the \$15,000 of Community Participation Program funds allocated to the Neighborhood Priority Plan to 1) support community outreach and consulting services related to the proposed Southwest Light Rail Transit, 2) provide funding for increased crime prevention and safety activities, 3) fund a resource to assist KIAA with its communication efforts, and 4) support the Kenwood Recreation Center with funding to ensure that bathroom facilities continue to be made available to the community.

Specifically, the proposed Neighborhood Priority Plan would include:

1. Supporting cooperative efforts with surrounding neighborhoods and organizations to minimize negative impacts on the Kenilworth trail as a result of the proposed Southwest Light Rail Transit.
2. Hiring a professional to identify ideas for mitigation near the proposed 21st Street Station, including visual, noise, and safety issues related to the proposed Southwest Light Rail Transit, or otherwise addressing issues related to the impact of the SWLRT on the neighborhood.
3. Continuing annual support of additional police patrols at East Cedar Lake Beach and other crime prevention activities such as increased police patrols in the alleys.
4. Contracting for part-time help to continue the monthly e-newsletter, and other communication efforts including developments regarding LRT.
5. Providing funding to help keep the restrooms open at the Kenwood Recreation Center on weekends.

Although not identified as a high interest priority, there was moderate interest in 1) supporting neighborhood events/activities at Kenwood School and, 2) contributing funds towards communication materials. To the extent that these activities help to support the priorities identified in the Neighborhood Priority Plan, these activities would be included in the Plan. These activities would also help to support the mission of the Community Participation Program to increase the involvement of neighborhood stakeholders.