

Near North, Willard-Hay Neighborhood Planning and Affordable Housing Project

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Neighborhood: NRRC (Near North, Willard-Hay)

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Project Description: Two maps were created to highlight areas of potential redevelopment in the neighborhood, one along Plymouth Ave and the other near the Heritage Park area. The maps were used to inform residents and City staff of the vision the neighborhood has for these areas. Along Plymouth Ave NRRC is looking to rehab the Homewood Apartments as well as develop several sites owned by the Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA) and NRRC. The Cecil Newman plan involves the renovation of Section 8 rental units.

Outcomes: The maps have been used in many community meetings and have been shown to City staff, planning agencies, and private developers. The maps also have helped residents better understand planning issues faced by the neighborhood. The result has been approval of an application for hundreds of thousands of dollars in affordable housing funds from the Neighborhood Revitalization Program's (NRP) affordable housing trust fund.

Status: The proposals for affordable housing funds have gone to the NRP Policy Board and a decision is expected to come sometime in December.

Data Sources: Northside Residents Redevelopment Council, City of Minneapolis.

Cecil Newman and Surrounding Area



