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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Sam Adams and City Council
 From: Susan Anderson, Director
 Date: November 8, 2009

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1. Title: Cully-Concordia Community Action Plan Annual Report
 2. Contact Name, Department, & Phone Number: Debbie Bischoff, BPS, 3-6946
 3. Requested Council Date: November 18, 2009
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Consent Agenda Item: _____ or Regular Agenda Item: X

Emergency Item (answer below): _____ or Non- Emergency Item: _____

4. History of Agenda Item/Background

The Cully-Concordia Community Assessment and Action Plan began in fall 2007. It is a partnership between the City of Portland, Portland Public Schools (PPS) and community members. This effort was designed to address the educational, economic, social service, public facilities and service needs of families and children in a socio-economically diverse and growing area of Northeast Portland. The project is an outgrowth of the Schools, Families, and Housing initiative, which recognized the critical interplay between healthy, family-friendly cities; stable, affordable housing; and community-serving amenities, infrastructure and services. Underlying this effort is the premise that strong schools and strong neighborhoods are inextricably linked.

Two products were produced and presented to City Council on November 20, 2008. A *Cully-Concordia Community Assessment* report provides a summary of the physical, social and economic conditions for most of Cully and Concordia neighborhoods. Key findings include: the area is steadily growing in population and has a greater number of families with school-age children than the City overall. Poverty affects many households and over 20 percent of the population speaks a language other than English at home. The three public schools in the area are at or over capacity and have space and programmatic issues and needs. The Cully neighborhood is under-represented in neighborhood commercial uses and local businesses due to a lack of commercial zoning. Additionally, there is a shortage of complete streets with sidewalks, transit service through its core, developed parks, a community center, and programmed recreational activities. All of these shortcomings affect the livability and success of families with children.

A second product, *the Cully-Concordia Community Action Plan*, was developed with City, PPS, and community partners' involvement and was based on the issues and findings from the assessment report. The action plan is organized into four goal areas: 1) schools as multi-purpose centers of community life, 2) expand community business and economic opportunities, 3) identify and pursue neighborhood amenities and infrastructure that affect livability, and 4) contribute to community building, connectedness and stability.

City Council unanimously approved the report and action plan on November 20, 2008. Since that time, partners have been meeting to begin implementation of action plan items and to work on updating the

action plan to have more specific problem statements, action steps and measures of success. The latter was requested by City Council.

5. Purpose of Agenda Item:

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an annual report to City Council on the achievements of the City, PPS and community partners in updating and implementing the Community Action Plan and to inform City Council of activities underway and desired for the coming year.

The only action requested of City Council is to accept the Cully-Concordia Community Action Plan Annual Report.

There are no anticipated financial impacts based on the requested action.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Cully-Concordia Community Action Plan Annual Report

Exhibit 2 - An updated Cully-Concordia Community Action Plan

Exhibit 3 - Resource Matrix on potential funding sources to address significant community need areas in Cully-Concordia