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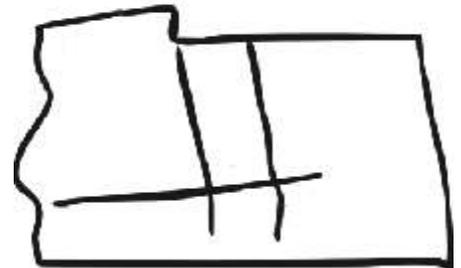
# The \$180,000 Question

Help us figure out how  
to spend our NRP dollars

The Sheridan Neighborhood Organization is looking at ways to spend about \$180,000 in unspent funds from the neighborhood's first ten-year Neighborhood Revitalization Program plan. We want neighbors to help our NRP Committee to decide how best to use these funds to have a great and long-lasting impact on the Sheridan Neighborhood.

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Organization Meeting on  
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1700 2nd St. NE

The NRP Committee has four proposals for spending this money, and at this meeting, committee members will summarize each idea. Those ideas include adding these funds to Sheridan's Phase II NRP Housing Programs, adding the funds to Sheridan's contribution toward Sheridan Memorial Park, Public art, signage and streetscape improvements in the neighborhood, and traffic calming measures. Then the Committee will ask you for your input and to vote on the areas you want funded.



Flip over to read more information on each of these areas.

## **Housing Programs**

Additional funds could be added to Sheridan's existing NRP housing programs, and program guidelines could be changed to make the programs more desirable. These programs include:

**Sheridan Deferred Loan Program(Fix n Paint), Sheridan Owner-occupied Revolving Loan Program, Sheridan Absentee-owned Revolving Loan Program, Sheridan Business Revolving Loan Program, Sheridan Homebuyer Assistance Program, Lights on Sheridan Exterior Lighting program, Land trust affordable housing, and the 'Live-work' Deferred Loan Program.**

## **Sheridan Streetscapes**

Taking steps to enliven our streets for drawing business, socializing with neighbors, enjoying public art, taking a breather along the way or adding interest to a stroll along 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue down to the riverfront are aims of this proposal. Steps to enliven our streetscape could be undertaken if this proposal is funded, such as:

- » **Arts District Gateways & Public Art** e.g., signage at entry intersections & to the river, intersection paintings, artful seating for visiting or at bus stops, etc.
- » **History & Spontaneity** e.g., historical markers, a gameboard, plantings, an exchange post for used books or DVDs, etc.

## **Sheridan Memorial Park**

Sheridan Neighborhood Organization has been working for several years to develop a Memorial Park on the neighborhood's border on the Mississippi River. Funding for the Memorial portion of the park is still needed, so the neighborhood could add to the \$30,000 allocated in the neighborhood's current NRP plan to help make this project happen.

## **Traffic Calming**

Traffic calming measures are devices that help slow automobile traffic on streets to make them safer places for pedestrians and bicyclists. One of the most commonly used traffic calming measure is the speed hump. Another measure would be marked pedestrian crossings. SNO could set up a fund to pay for traffic calming and assess which streets are most favorable for the measures.

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