

Redevelopment Authority (RDA)

of the City of Racine, Wisconsin

AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

AGENDA DATE:	October 5, 2017														
SUBJECT:	Item # 979 -17 Façade Grant reauthorization for project at 1318 and 1326 Douglas Ave.														
PREPARED BY:	Matt Sadowski														
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:	<p>Applicant Jose E. Sanchez-Navarro of Mi Jacalito Restaurant received RDA approval on June 6, 2016 for their façade remodeling project. Associated with the project, on June 6, 2016 the RDA also approved a \$20,000 façade grant. Delays in aligning contractors, and then a fire in 2017, delayed Mr. Sanchez-Navarro from proceeding with the project and executing the facade grant. Mr. Sanchez-Navarro is now ready to proceed with the project.</p>														
BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:	<p>The building at 1318 Douglas Ave. is more than 50 years old and the building at 1326 Douglas Ave. is over 140 years old. This façade grant application envisions the renovation of the Douglas Ave. facades of each building and the Superior St. façade of the 1326 Douglas Ave building.</p> <p>Proposed renovations include: removal of existing façade materials and application of new materials being a combination of cultured stone at the “foundation” line, and stucco surface on areas above. A coordinated southwestern paint scheme is anticipated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Façade Grant Request: \$20,000• Total Costs: \$75,698 <p>This item appeared before RDA on June 6, 2016 and was approved for a \$20,000 grant. The applicant requests the reauthorization of the grant. The project design has not changed since its June 6, 2016 approval.</p>														
BUDGETARY IMPACT:	<p>The Façade Grant program began the year with \$150,000. The initial White Box program had a budget of \$100,000. In July, Common Council added \$150,000 to the budget for additional White Box incentives for 2017 and combined the line items for White Box and Façade Grants into one “pot” of money for a total of \$400,000 available in 2017. To date, the RDA has awarded \$71,545 in White Box grants, reaching \$156,925 inclusive of the applications currently being presented to the RDA*.</p> <table><tr><td>FY 2017 Budgeted White Box Program Funding</td><td>\$100,000</td></tr><tr><td>FY 2017 Façade Grant Program Funding</td><td>\$150,000</td></tr><tr><td>+ Requested additional funding</td><td>\$150,000</td></tr><tr><td>Proposed Total Funding Available in FY 2017</td><td>\$400,000</td></tr><tr><td>- Awarded FY 2017 White Box Grants</td><td>\$156,925*</td></tr><tr><td>- Awarded FY 2017 Façade Grants</td><td>30,000</td></tr><tr><td>Proposed Available Funding Remaining in FY 2017</td><td>\$213,075</td></tr></table>	FY 2017 Budgeted White Box Program Funding	\$100,000	FY 2017 Façade Grant Program Funding	\$150,000	+ Requested additional funding	\$150,000	Proposed Total Funding Available in FY 2017	\$400,000	- Awarded FY 2017 White Box Grants	\$156,925*	- Awarded FY 2017 Façade Grants	30,000	Proposed Available Funding Remaining in FY 2017	\$213,075
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RECOMMENDED ACTION:	<p>Staff recommends approval of the White Box application for the requested and eligible amount of \$20,000 subject to the designs as approved by the RDA on June 6, 2016.</p>														