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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 14, 2014
TO: Members, Loan Board of Review
FROM: Brian O'Connell, Director 
SUBJECT: Transfer of Surplus Vacant Lots

In late 2012, the city received a grant from the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) to fund demolition of vacant foreclosed houses in the NSP target area. At this time, the department has completed the demolitions.

We have determined that four of the WHEDA lots, three vacant lots from the NSP program, and one vacant lot from a city loan foreclosure are not appropriate sites for in-fill house construction because of size and/or location. (See the list of Properties, attached.) We have contacted the owners of the adjacent properties. Those owners are willing to accept the vacant lots and combine them with their property. We have offered them the lots for one dollar (\$1.00). These transfers benefit the city by reducing our property maintenance expense by an estimated \$5,000 per year and our insurance liability.

I respectfully ask that the Board recommend that the Common Council authorize the transfer of the vacant lots to the adjoining property owners and authorize the Mayor, City Clerk and Director of City Development to execute documents needed to complete the transfers.

Attachment: List of Proposed Vacant Property Transfers

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Proposed Vacant Property Transfers			
	City-owned Parcel	Transfer to:	For Combination with:
1317	Albert St.	Dennis and Brenda Pierce	1329 Albert Street
1229	Cherry St.	Helen Lloyd	1231 Cherry Street
1100	Dr. M L King Dr.	Francisco and Teodora Garcia	1104 Dr. M L King Dr.
1310	Eleventh Street	Pablo Trevino	1312 Eleventh Street
1308	Howe St.	S. C. Johnson	1330 Howe Street
713	Ninth St.	Romelia Jaimes	905 Center Street
840	Villa St.	Ana Gomez	836 Villa Street
1116	Villa St. (half lot)	Sharmain Balderas	1122 Villa Street