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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Community Development Authority

Thursday, October 7, 2021

6:00 PM

Virtual

Call To Order

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Michelle Cook, Associate Planner, called the roll.

PRESENT: 5 - Mason, Vice Chair Adamski, Chair Martin, Thomas and Madsen

EXCUSED: 1 - West

Approval of Minutes for the September 2, 2021 Meeting.

A motion was made by Mason, seconded by Adamski, to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2021 meeting. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Staff Update on CDA-Owned Properties.

Note: Staff Update on CDA-owned properties was discussed in item 0789-21.

[0789-21](#)

Subject: Consideration of Resolution 21-18 authorizing City Staff to accept and negotiate a contract with the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder for the interior demolition of select components at 1511 Washington Avenue.

Attachments: [CDA Resolution 21-18](#)

Mike Lechner, Community Development Facilitator, explained the request. He stated that the goal for the property is to clean up its interior so we are able to get it into a condition that is acceptable for the neighborhood and move the property towards a productive use in Uptown.

Adamski asked if this were the property that had a reported fragrance.

Lechner stated yes, and that will be addressed during demolition.

Brief discussion ensued.

Chairman Martin thanked staff and explained how the property would be placed back on the tax rolls.

Discussion after the motion:

Jeff Hintz, Planning Manager, showed drone footage of the progress of the demolition at 1500 N. Memorial Drive.

In response to Chairman Martin, Lechner stated the demolition will be completed in the next two to three weeks. The building that was currently being shown with the drone footage has been removed and the demolition crew is through the middle part of the building. Lechner stated that the contractors are moving well on the project.

Chairman Martin asked if the prices were still holding up with regards to the salvage of material.

Lechner stated they are, and the contractors are doing a good job of moving material off of the site as it is being taken down.

Adamski stated that it was great to see the progress on this site as it is a site that has been talked about for some time.

Bill Bowers, Executive Director, stated that he wanted to provide the CDA with an update and progress on the demolition of the property since staff asked the CDA for funds and permission to demolish the building.

A motion was made by Adamski, seconded by Cobb Madsen, to adopt CDA Resolution 21-18 approving the request. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Martin read the closed session language.

It is intended that the Community Development Authority convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 19.85(1)(e) regarding the deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting of other specific public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a Closed Session.

At 6:12 p.m. a motion was made by Mason, seconded by Adamski, to go convene in Closed Session. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 5 - Mason, Vice Chair Adamski, Chair Martin, Thomas and Madsen

EXCUSED: 1 - West

[0790-21](#)

Subject: Discussion of CDA-owned property, not currently being marketed for sale, for which a letter of interest to secure an option to develop was received by the Executive Director of the CDA.

The Community Development Authority will return to Open Session and may take action on items discussed in Closed Session.

OPEN SESSION

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

