



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 37.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JULY 1, 2015

DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER
DIRECTOR: ELIZABETH N. FRETWELL

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:
ADMINISTRATIVE:

Report for possible action regarding the authorization of staff to negotiate and purchase real property located 944 North Las Vegas Boulevard and 314 Foremaster Lane using the Redevelopment 9% Affordable Housing Set-Aside Funding (\$1,050,000 plus closing costs - Special Revenue Fund) - Ward 5 (Barlow)

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

☐ Augmentation Required

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Budget Funds Available

Amount: \$1,050,000 plus closing costs

Funding Source: Special Revenue Fund

Dept./Division: Office of Community Services

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The property provides housing and services for youth (ages 16-24) who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and the acquisition of the property will assist with the overall master planning of the Corridor of Hope.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval. If approved, the City's Real Estate Administrator is hereby authorized to execute any documents, as approved as to form by City Attorney, related to the acquisition of the real property.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting - PowerPoint Presentation by Staff

Motion made by RICKI Y. BARLOW to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

BOB COFFIN, RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, CAROLYN G. GOODMAN,
STEVEN D. ROSS, STAVROS S. ANTHONY, BOB BEERS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None);
(Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

STEVE HARSIN, Director of Community Services, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation which was submitted for the record, providing an overview of efforts being made to end homelessness. The City created a CLV (City of Las Vegas) Homelessness Advisory Committee, which currently has 31 stakeholders and focuses on the downtown area, the Corridor of Hope and the

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Medical District. The committee is addressing numerous challenges including specialized shelters for substance abuse and sobriety issues, temporary housing, mental health issues and educating the public regarding how to help homeless individuals. The stakeholders have formed five sub-groups which are focusing on services, housing, accountability and performance measures, funding strategies and improving public safety.

MR. HARSIN outlined numerous matters that have progressed which included the distribution of informational help cards, securing funding for a vet shelter and a coat check program that provides temporary storage of personal belongings while people are making appointments or accessing services. In response to MAYOR GOODMAN'S inquiry, MR. HARSIN reported that he has partnered with ARNOLD STALK and Homeless Helpers for the coat check program, and they are also working on a program to provide mailboxes for homeless individuals and a drop in/resource center. Educational public service announcements have been developed regarding the unintended consequences of street feeding and how to donate wisely to the homeless efforts.

COUNCILMAN COFFIN stated that well-meaning people are feeding people on the street, which hurts the neighborhood and does not help the homeless individual. MR. HARSIN replied that through the faith-based community, education and outreach organizations and the public service announcements, the public is being made aware of more effective ways to help.

MR. HARSIN referred to a map showing the Corridor of Hope and the two parcels to be acquired. Acquisition of the parcels would allow the City to provide additional critical services that may be needed to help alleviate the homelessness problem.

MR. HARSIN spoke of the Mayor's Challenge to End Veterans Homelessness in 2015 initiative event. He also mentioned that the City's Senior Citizens' Advisory Board adopted a program called Depending On You and will be collecting much needed personal hygiene items. He reviewed additional action items that are being developed and discussed by the stakeholders on the CLV Homelessness Advisory Committee.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW thanked everyone who has collaborated to assist with this urgent need in the community.