#### Memorandum



DATE April 3, 2015

To Housing Committee Members: Carolyn R. Davis, Chair, Scott Griggs, Vice-Chair, Monica Alonzo, Rick Callahan, Dwaine Caraway, and Philip Kingston

**SUBJECT** Oak Glen Apartments

On Monday, April 6, 2015, you will be briefed on Oak Glen Apartments. A copy of the briefing is attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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# Oak Glen Apartments

A Briefing to the Housing Committee

Housing/Community Services Department April 6, 2015



## Purpose

- Provide background information regarding the Oak Glen Apartments
  - ▶ Located at 2120 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, along the Lancaster corridor
  - ► Council District 3
  - ► 64 apartment units
  - ▶ Built in 1971
- Provide options for the development or disposition of the property

# History

- February 7, 2011 The Housing Committee was briefed on the Oak Glen Apartments located at 2120 52<sup>nd</sup> Street and the development partner, Ecological Community Builders (ECB)
  - The property was vacant and owned by a lender who had foreclosed on it
  - ▶ The City would provide for the acquisition, related soft costs
  - ECB would provide private financing to rehabilitate the property and operate it
- February 23, 2011 City Council approved the project
  - The developer would have 3 years from the approval to complete rehabilitation on the apartment complex
  - The City would have first liens and deed restrictions on the property, which would prevent sale or transfer
  - Liens and deed restrictions would be released upon occupancy of 51% occupancy with low-income families at 80% AMFI
- June 29, 2011 ECB purchased the property from foreclosure and prepared for rehabilitation of the property with private financing

# History (continued)

- July 2011- June 2012 ECB continued to negotiate financing for the rehabilitation with several lenders
  - They secured and maintained the property
  - They started clean up on a few units
  - They provided the City several Term Sheets for financing the rehabilitation
- July 2012 ECB notified the City of their financial situation
  - ▶ They had another project in Louisiana that was in litigation
  - ► The financing for the Oak Glen property was not approved as a result of the litigation
  - They requested a rework of the project with the possibility of returning the property to the City
- August 2012 The City received the property back in Lieu of Foreclosure

# History (continued)

- Since the time of City ownership
  - City secured the property
  - City Code Compliance maintained the property
  - City sought any interested parties for the purchase of the property
    - VA did due diligence but could not pay the amount needed to extinguish the debt on the property
  - ► A fire occurred at the property damaging four units
- In 2014, City submitted request to HUD to allow demolition and redevelopment of property for new construction
- ► Following the response from HUD, the City set out a Request for Applications (RFA) in early 2015 which sought applicants to complete the project as originally proposed
  - The RFA would provide options for the City in lieu of repayments to HUD

# 2120 52<sup>nd</sup> Street





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# Options for consideration

- Repayment to HUD of approximately \$781,691 with additional stipulations
- Repayment to HUD of \$859,231 which are total costs to date
- Transfer to nonprofit developer to rehabilitate and operate as originally intended

# Option #1

- Repayment to HUD of approximately \$781,691 with additional stipulations
  - ► HUD would allow City to demolish the property and change the intent of the project if the City:
    - repaid the CDBG investment in excess of the fair market value of the cleared site
      - ► Total expenditure \$859,231 minus DCAD land value of \$77,540
    - ▶ Replace the 64 housing units elsewhere in the community
    - Agree to an end use of the property which meets federal rules and approved by HUD
    - ▶ Would demolish the property with non-federal funds
      - Estimate of \$100,000

# Option #2

- ▶ Repayment to HUD of \$859,231 with nonfederal funds
  - ► HUD would release all conditions with full repayment
  - City would demolish the property with non-federal funds
    - ► Estimate of \$100,000
  - ► End use would be at the City's option

# Option #3

- Approve the transfer to nonprofit developer to rehabilitate and operate as originally intended
  - The Project would meet the original intent and the City would not repay any HUD funds
  - ► The project would have mixed income tenants with 51% affordable and 49% market rate
  - ► The project would be a Transit Oriented Development

# Request for Applications

- In order to explore this option, the Housing/Community Services Department posted a Request for Applications (RFA) for nonprofit developers to rehabilitate the 64 unit complex as originally intended
- The timeline was as follows:
  - ▶ January 16, 2015 Application packets were available
  - ▶ January 22, 2015 Property walk thru was conducted
  - ▶ January 30, 2015 Application conference was held
  - ► February 16, 2015 Applications due
- Proposals were evaluated based on who could best achieve the original intent of the project with minimal additional assistance

# **Proposals Received**

- ► The City received 4 proposals:
  - ▶ Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity
  - ► Grand Central Texas Development Corporation
  - ► Notre Dame Place, Inc.
  - ► NP Community Development Corporation dba Heroes House

### **Proposals**

- Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity
  - Proposed replacement of 64 units with 20 homeownership units for low-income families
  - Requested City to demolish, rezone, replat, and transfer ownership
  - Requested additional funding of \$600,000
- Grand Central Texas Development Corporation
  - Proposed rehabilitation of 64 units for mixed-income families
  - Requested City to waive City fees, provide tax abatement, and transfer ownership
  - ► Requested additional funding of \$1,700,000

# Proposals (continued)

- Notre Dame Place, Inc.
  - Proposed rehabilitation of 64 units for low-income seniors
  - Requested City transfer ownership
  - Request additional funding of \$2,600,000
- NP Community Development Corporation dba Heroes House
  - Proposed rehabilitation of 64 units for mixed-income families
  - Requested City transfer ownership
  - ► Request additional funding of \$450,000

#### Recommendation

Accept Option #3- Approve the transfer to nonprofit developer to rehabilitate and operate as originally intended

Support the selection of NP CDC dba Heroes House to complete the project

# Nonprofit developer

- Developer NP Community Development Corporation dba Heroes House
  - Gary Hasty, Chairman & Founder, has over 25 years experience in housing development
    - Prior experience with City rehabilitating a 30 unit complex on Highland Road, now occupied by Veterans
- Owner NP Community Development Corporation dba Heroes House
- General Contractor Karrington & Co.
  - Larry Hasty, Project Manager
- Property Manager Heroes House
  - ▶ Jim Blythe, Operations & Property Manager, has over 35 years experience in real estate, commercial development, and property management

# Oak Glen Development Plan Sources and Uses

#### **SOURCES**

Lender financing (Mid South Bank)	\$2,000,000
Private Grants	450,000
Investors	125,000
City Funding	450,000
TOTAL SOURCES	\$3,025,000

#### **USES**

Hard Construction Costs	\$2,209,899
Soft Costs	180,337
Overhead and Fees	634,764
TOTAL USES	\$3,025,000

# Developer Request

- ▶ Developer is requesting gap financing up to \$450,000
  - ► Funds would be used in conjunction with private financing with Mid South Bank to offset the total rehabilitation costs of the units
  - ► The City will subordinate the first lien position to the interim construction lender after City approval of the lender
- City would transfer the property to the developer
- Units will be 1 and 2 bedroom, 1 bath, approximately 760 sq.ft.
- Developer will market to Veterans

# Proposed renovation









# Interior view





**Typical Existing Interior** 

Typical Renovated Interior







#### Loan Terms

- City of Dallas will conditionally grant Developer up to \$450,000 from general obligation bond funds:
  - ► Term 1 year from construction start
    - ► Construction must begin prior to 06/30/2015
  - Conditional grant will pay for soft costs, construction costs, overhead and fees
  - NP Community Development Corp. dba Heroes House will sign a Conditional Grant Agreement, Deed of Trust, and Deed Restrictions with the City to ensure performance
  - Fifty-one percent or 33 units will be rented to low-moderate income families at or below 80% AMFI; the remaining 31 units will be market rate
  - City will subordinate to interim construction lender (i.e. MidSouth Bank)
  - Deed Restrictions for the affordable units for 5 years
  - Liens will be released upon certificate of occupancy

# Next Steps

- ► April 22, 2015 City Council consideration of:
  - conveyance of the property to the nonprofit developer
  - ▶ a conditional grant up to \$450,000 from general obligation bond funds to NP Community Development Corporation dba Heroes House for the rehabilitation of 64 rental units
- May 2015 contract execution and construction start