

Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of

Date: October 20, 2009

To: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Chair, Community Development Committee

Subject: Authorize CPED Staff to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding to Transfer an existing Emergency Shelter Facility at Secure Waiting Space located at 1000 Currie Avenue to the new J. Jerome Boxleitner Project at 165 Glenwood Avenue North

Recommendation: **CPED staff is authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding to Transfer an existing Emergency Shelter Facility at Secure Waiting Space located at 1000 Currie Avenue to the new J. Jerome Boxleitner Project at 165 Glenwood Avenue North**

Previous Directives: On January 23, 2009 the Minneapolis City Council authorized the sale of 165 Glenwood Avenue to Community Housing Development Corporation or an affiliate for \$835,000 for the development of the J. Jerome Boxleitner Project.

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Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ___ Date _____
- Civil Rights Approval Approval ___ Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ___ Date _____

Financial Impact *(delete all lines not applicable to your request)*

- No financial impact

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification: The North Loop Neighborhood Association reviewed the land sale proposal and recommended it be approved.
- City Goals: A SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME in five years all Minneapolis residents will have a better quality of life and access to housing and services; residents will live in a healthy environment and benefit from healthy lifestyles; the City's infrastructure will be well-maintained and people will feel safe in the City.
- Comprehensive Plan: On January 5, 2009, the Planning Commission deemed the sale of 165 Glenwood Avenue for the proposed development of permanent supportive housing as consistent with the housing policies and not inconsistent with the land use policies in the Comprehensive Plan.
- Zoning Code: DP/I-2

- Other:

Supporting Information

The J. Jerome Boxleitner Project is proposed as an emergency shelter facility that will provide replacement emergency shelter (120 units), pay for stay transitional housing (80 units) and permanent supportive housing (74 units) owned and operated by Catholic Charities at the new 165 Glenwood Avenue site. These units/services are currently being provided through a Catholic Charities owned and operated Secure Waiting Facility currently located at 1000 Currie Avenue since the mid 1990's offering emergency shelter for up to 251 men a night.

Catholic Charities proposed to develop this new facility at 165 Glenwood because it would be cost prohibitive to improve 1000 Currie to provide humane and appropriate shelter for 251 men per night. Also, it is Catholic Charities' goal to stabilize some of the long-term users of the shelter in permanent supportive housing; 1000 Currie would not allow for this option.

Due to the deteriorated condition of the 1000 Currie facility, Catholic Charities approached Community Housing Development Corporation (CHDC) to act as developer to relocate the facilities and its services to the J. Jerome Boxleitner site at 165 Glenwood Avenue. The Glenwood site is City owned land and is currently occupied by the City's Public Works Dept. for vehicle storage and maintenance.

On January 23, 2009 the Minneapolis City Council approved and authorized the sale of 165 Glenwood Avenue to Community Housing Development Corporation or an affiliate for \$835,000 for the development of the J. Jerome Boxleitner Project. The developer is now requesting that the City join them in executing a tri-party Memorandum of Understanding with HUD that will allow them to relocate the units and services to the new Boxleitner Project site at 165 Glenwood Avenue. CPED staff supports the developers request and encourages the City Council to authorize staff to execute the appropriate agreements to facilitate the relocation of the Secure Waiting Facility to the 165 Glenwood Avenue site.