

PAYNE PHALEN DISTRICT FIVE PLANNING COUNCIL

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April 4, 2012

City of Saint Paul, Housing Redevelopment Authority (HRA)
City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor
City Hall and Court House
15 West Kellogg Boulevard
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Re: Recommendation to the HRA to grant preferred developer status to Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity (TCHFH) for the rehab of 736 Rose and new construction at 803 Lawson and 585 Cook.

Dear Chair and Members of the HRA:

The Payne Phalen District Five Planning Council voices its strong support for the HRA to award preferred developer status to Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity to rehab the house at 736 Rose and provide new construction at 803 Lawson and 585 Cook.

The District Five Planning Councils' Community Planning & Economic Development Committee (CPED) met on April 3, 2012. This issue appeared on the action agenda. Mike Nelson (TCHFH) presented the proposed rehab plans to CPED members. He presented plans for 736 Rose that will invest in excess of \$60,000 in upgrades and improvements. The proposed floor plans and housing models for new home construction were reviewed and approved. In addition, TCHFH has vetted its proposal with the East Side Neighborhood Development Company Housing Subcommittee. That group includes at least four members who also serve on District Five's CPED Committee. Between both groups, the project received positive, vocal community input and approval of both the site selection and the plans for development and rehab.

District Five supports this proposal. The motion passed by unanimous vote stated strong support for these development projects. The Committee also expressed thanks to TCHFH for their excellent past and ongoing work in the Payne Phalen neighborhood. We appreciate this community partnership and the good work that has been completed to date. These welcomed housing projects create assets in our neighborhood and support stable, quality housing for new neighbors.

We thank you for your support of their proposal. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns at 651-774-5234.

Sincerely,

 Joshi McMurray, Executive Director

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