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**Subject:** Re: 1941 University Ave W.Eritrean Community Center of MN R-R Ltr.1-14-22  
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Hi Joanna,

I just want to follow up and let you know to rehabilitate the building at 1941 University Avenue West, a few months ago, we had applied for the Neighborhood STAR Program grant. This morning, we had a hearing/presentation before Neighborhood STAR Board members, our presentation was well received and we expect the STAR Board Members along with the City Council will make a decision soon and we are optimistic we will receive the grant. Attached, please see agenda item 3, ,b of the Neighborhood STAR Board Meeting schedule where we did our presentation during the hearing. For consideration as a resource, before our meeting on Tuesday, I will try to get a decision day from the Neighborhood STAR program.

Thank you for your help.  
Dawit

On Wed, Jan 19, 2022 at 1:25 PM Zimny, Joanna (CI-StPaul) <[joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us)> wrote:

Mr. Solomon,

Thank you, I will forward to staff for review before Tuesday.

As far as financial information, typically people send in a bank account statement (with account info redacted of course) showing the funds. Typically this is in one account, as you will eventually need to do an affidavit dedicating the funds to the project and stating they won't be diverted until the project is completed, but you can discuss this with Ms. Moermond if you would like. As my letter indicates, people have also used lines of credit, or construction loans as proof of financing as well.

Please let me know if you have further questions,

Joanna

Attached please find a Contractor bid from D & J Steele Construction, INC. Please note I have attached one proposal with a new concrete floor for \$27,000.00 and one without concrete floor. The existing concrete floor is in a good condition and we will be able to rebuild on the existing floor.

Please let us know how we can present the financial information, which we have both in business and personal accounts.

Thank you,

Dawit

On Fri, Jan 14, 2022 at 9:00 AM Zimny, Joanna (CI-StPaul)  
<[joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us)> wrote:

Attached please find a letter regarding the above matter.

Thank you,

Joanna



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**Neighborhood STAR Board Meeting**  
**Friday, January 21, 2022**  
**8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**  
*(Invitation via MS Teams)*

**Amended Agenda:**

1. Welcome to our newest STAR Board Members: Jessica Nickrand (Ward 2), Nate Nins (Ward 5) and Lamah Bility (Ward 5);
2. Approval of Minutes from the December 17, 2021 Neighborhood STAR Board Meeting;
3. 2021 Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Proposals:
  - a. \$15,000 Grant (Ward 6), Arlington Hills Community Center Soccer Field  
Match: \$20,000  
Applicant: Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Department  
Presenter: Trenton Henspeter, Recreation Supervisor;
  - b. \$60,000 Grant (Ward 4) Eritrean Community Center's Storage Building  
Match: \$0  
Applicant: Eritrean Community Center  
Presenter: Essey Asbu, Secretary;
4. Discussion on the 2022 Neighborhood STAR Program:
  - Proposed Guideline Revisions;
  - Scoring Matrix;
  - Application Form;
  - Marketing Ideas;
  - Tentative Neighborhood STAR Schedule;
5. Other Business;
6. Adjourn.