

HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONERS

DATE: December 11, 2013

REGARDING: AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL FOR GRANT OF EASEMENT TO H.F.S. PROPERTIES FOR ROBERT STREET PARKING RAMP LOCATED AT 95 E. 7th STREET, DISTRICT 17, WARD 2.

Requested Board Action

Authorization to grant an easement for a connection corridor between the office building at 81 East Seventh Street and the HRA-owned parking ramp at 95 East Seventh Street to provide access between the two buildings.

Background

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota (“HRA”) owns the parking ramp at 95 East 7th Street in St. Paul (“Robert Street Parking Ramp”). H.F.S Properties (“HFS”) owns the adjacent office building at 81 East 7th Street (“HFS Building”). HFS has requested that the HRA grant an easement to establish an at-grade connection corridor between the two buildings to increase HFS employee, visitor, contractor, agent, and guest access to the Robert Street Parking ramp. HFS will be responsible for all costs of construction, operation, and maintenance of the connection corridor. Two parking spaces will be lost as a result of construction of the easement. Because PED staff concur that this easement will increase safety and accessibility, we have negotiated a discounted annual rate for the two parking spots that will be lost, for which HFS will make annual payments.

Budget Action

N/A

Future Action

N/A.

Financing Structure

N/A

PED Credit Committee Review

N/A

Compliance

N/A

Green/Sustainable Development

N/A

Environmental Impact Disclosure

N/A

Historic Preservation

N/A

Public Purpose/Comprehensive Plan Conformance

Public Purpose for granting the easement is increased accessibility and safety.

Recommendation:

Executive Director recommends approval.

Sponsored by: Commissioner Dave Thune

Staff: Gary Grabko, Parking Ramp Manager 266-6709
Cynthia Carlson Heins, Project Services 266-6608

Attachments

- **Attachment A – Resolution**
- **Attachment B -- Map**
- **Attachment C – Census Facts**