



Legislation Text

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Authorization to designate Neighborhood Development Alliance (“NeDA”), as tentative developer of 605 & 617 Stryker Avenue and 604, 610 & 612 Winslow Avenue, Saint Paul, MN and waiver of the 45 day early notification under the Disposition Policy, District 3, Ward 2

WHEREAS, the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota (the “HRA”) is a public body corporate and politic established pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.001, et seq. (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, HRA owns land located at 605 & 617 Stryker Avenue and 604, 610 & 612 Winslow Avenue (the “Properties”); and

WHEREAS, the HRA issued a Request for Offers for Purchase and Development 617 Stryker Avenue and 604, 610 & 612 Winslow Avenue on June 15, 2018, with initial review starting August 15, 2018 in compliance with the HRA’s disposition policy; and

WHEREAS, the HRA subsequently purchased the adjoining parcel located at 605 Stryker Avenue on March 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, by December 2018 HRA staff received five offers to purchase the HRA owned Property and some offers included 605 Stryker Avenue; and

WHEREAS, HRA staff would like to include 605 Stryker Avenue with the Properties under consideration for Tentative Developer Status, and is requesting a waiver of the disposition policy’s 45 day early notification requirement; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the five proposals, HRA staff is recommending that the HRA accept the proposal of Neighborhood Development Alliance (“NeDA”) to construct a 57 unit affordable senior housing development on the Property (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, of the five proposals received, the Project proposed by NeDA best accomplishes the objectives and goals of the HRA Land Disposition Policy and best complies with the strategies set forth in the Citywide Comprehensive Plan /Redevelopment Plan now legally in effect in the City of Saint Paul, including particularly those related to preserving and promoting established neighborhoods and ensuring the availability of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the HRA is empowered by law, including Minnesota Statutes chapter 469, to adopt and enforce this Resolution in pursuit of its mandate to engage in appropriate housing and development projects; to remove or prevent the spread of conditions of blight or deterioration; to bring substandard buildings and improvements into compliance with public standards; to dispose of land for private development; and to improve the tax base and the financial stability of the community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota, that Neighborhood Development Alliance, is designated as Tentative Developer for the Property until December 31, 2020 on the terms and conditions set forth in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tentative Developer shall complete the following tasks, at its expense, before December 31, 2020:

1. Complete and obtain HRA approval for a formal scope of work with architectural/engineering plans and specifications, which shall be suitable for submission to the Department of Safety and Inspections to obtain the proper building permits, shall incorporate Green/Sustainable Development guidelines, and shall include a site plan, elevations, exterior treatments/materials, and interior schematics.
2. Submit evidence of availability of construction financing for review by HRA staff for acceptability.
3. Finalize a detailed development budget and business plan for approval by HRA staff.
4. Receive all approvals for zoning, licenses and any other required City or State approval for the Project.
5. Negotiate final terms and conditions of a development agreement, which will include all compliance requirements, details of the bidding process, and a sworn construction cost statement from the selected contractor for the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the terms and conditions of a development agreement between the HRA and the Tentative Developer shall include the following terms and restrictions:

1. All pre-development costs are the sole responsibility of the Tentative Developer.
2. The Tentative Developer must work with affected community groups.
3. The Property will be sold "as is."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Tentative Developer does not timely complete the specified tasks or otherwise abide by the terms of this Resolution, its Tentative Developer Status shall terminate without further action by this Board upon notification of termination by the HRA Executive Director or the Executive Director may grant an extension of the Tentative Developer status for a period not exceeding six months upon a showing of significant progress of the tasks defined above by the Tentative Developer.