



## **BOARD MEMORANDUM**

TO: Community Redevelopment Agency, Board Members

CC: Ashton J. Hayward, III, Mayor

FROM: Larry Johnson, Board Member

**DATE:** September 14, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Disposition of Hawkshaw Property

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) reconsider the action taken on August 17, 2015, and continue its previously approved action of pursuing consideration of the proposals submitted by the two highest-ranked proposers, in the event that the proposing firms are still interested in acquiring the Hawkshaw property.

#### **SUMMARY:**

The CRA has attempted to secure an acceptable purchaser and developer of the Hawkshaw property on several prior occasions. Earlier this year, an RFP has produced several proposals, two of which were selected by the CRA for participation in a continued RFP process. Yet on August 17, 2015, in the absence of any appropriate agenda item and without warning to the public or the firms invested in their proposals, the CRA voted to discontinue and abandon the RFP process without having established a clearly defined course of action for future consideration. As a result, the public has lost confidence in the CRA's ability to responsibly manage its assets and a powerful disincentive has been created for any entity to express interest in doing business with the CRA in the future.

The only course of action available to restore confidence and act responsibly is for the CRA to reconsider its prior decision and put the development process back on track.

## PRIOR ACTION:

An RFP process was terminated on August 17, 2015.

**FUNDING:** N/A

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## **STAFF CONTACT:**

M. Helen Gibson, Neighborhood Revitalization Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS: None

**PRESENTATION**: None





## **BOARD MEMORANDUM**

# **For Discussion Only**

TO:

Community Redevelopment Agency, Board Members

CC:

Ashton J. Hayward, III, Mayor

FROM:

Andy Terhaar, Board Member

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DATE:

September 14, 2015

**SUBJECT:** 

Sale of Hawkshaw Property

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

As an alternative to starting a new RFP process or taking any similar action, that the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) take all necessary and appropriate steps to sell the Hawkshaw property to the highest bidder willing to develop the property in conformity with the development requirements of the Gateway Redevelopment District.

#### **SUMMARY:**

At its meeting on August 17, 2015, the CRA voted to terminate an on-going RFP process that had produced several responsible bidders, and to pursue another unspecified course of action to secure a developer. In order to put this valuable property to use, the most efficient course of action in the public interest appears to be to obtain one or more current appraisals, establish an appropriate reserve (minimum bid) amount, and sell the property through a sealed bid process, retaining only the current restriction that any development must conform to the requirements of the Gateway Redevelopment District.

## PRIOR ACTION:

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**FUNDING:** 

N/A

**STAFF CONTACT:** 

None

**ATTACHMENTS:** 

None

PRESENTATION:

None