

	<h1 style="margin: 0;">Council</h1> <h1 style="margin: 0;">Communication</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">Office of the City Manager</p>	<b>Date</b>	March 26, 2007
		<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 17 <b>Roll Call No.</b> 07- <b>Communication No.</b> 07-159 <b>Submitted by:</b> Dale Patch, Acting Police Chief	

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Authorizing Voluntary Purchase of the Property Located at 2025 East Grand Avenue for the Eastside Boxing Club.

**SYNOPSIS:**

The Police Department requests approval for the purchase of the building located at 2025 East Grand Avenue as the location for the Eastside Boxing Club.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$127,900

This amount includes the acquisition of the building (\$102,900) and total renovation costs (\$25,000).

Funding Source: Eastside Boxing Club, BLD120 (new project), with funding to be provided by transfer of \$15,000, 2007-08 CIP, Page Municipal Buildings-18, Police Station Remodeling (BLD062); transfer of \$21,425, 2007-08 CIP, Page Park-13, Neighborhood Park Improvements (PKS137), 2007-08 CIP; transfer of \$28,575, 2007-08 CIP, Page Park-28, Swimming Pools and Aquatic Infrastructure, (PKS153), G.O. Bonds; remaining balance, estimated to be \$62,900, to be transferred from Economic Development Enterprise, 2007-08 Operating, Page 85, SP743, CMO980717.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The City of Des Moines, in conjunction with Urban Dreams, has developed and managed a successful Westside Boxing Club. This program is highly effective in providing youth the opportunity to participate in a program that promotes physical fitness and individual discipline – skills that participants can utilize throughout their lifetime. The boxing club requires the participants to attend school and maintain a satisfactory grade point average. Through the program, youth from various neighborhoods work together to develop skills. This interaction allows participants to better understand and respect diversity among club members as well within the community. This program also creates an opportunity for the Police Department to interact directly with youth and other community stakeholders in order to develop a positive working partnership.

Due to the success of the Westside Boxing Club and the securing of private funding, the City would like to expand this program and create the Eastside Boxing Club. This additional program would offer the opportunities to youth living in the eastern areas of the City of Des Moines. The purchase of a building to house the Eastside Boxing club is essential to afford permanency and stability to the program and the community. The working relationship between the Police Department and the community would be strengthened both in the present and in the future.

The Eastside Boxing Club has received financial support in the form of a \$100,000 donation from the William C. Knapp Charitable Foundation. The donated funds are intended to cover the operating costs of the boxing program, including the purchase of boxing equipment and related items. The City has been asked to provide a building. Once the building has been acquired, there will be additional renovation and remodeling costs estimated to be approximately \$25,000.

The City's search for a building included four other buildings within the same general area of Des Moines' east side. The building at 2025 East Grand Avenue is considered to be the best alternative to meet the needs of the boxing club, at the most affordable price.

Midwestern Properties, LLC, Lou Anne Barnes, 1515 Crenshaw Court, Des Moines, Iowa, is the owner of the property located at 2025 East Grand Avenue and has agreed to sell the property on a voluntary basis at the City's estimated fair market value of \$102,900. The seller also has agreed to remove several interior walls and other improvements, at the seller's sole expense, which will reduce the City's renovation costs. The total renovation costs are estimated to be \$25,000, for a total project cost of \$127,900. The purchase agreement is subject to City Council approval of a rezoning of the property to C-2, which is required for the property's change in use to a boxing club.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION (S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

The purchase agreement is subject to rezoning of the property from C-1, R1-60 to C-2, which is necessary to accommodate the reuse of the property as a boxing club.