

★ **Roll Call Number**

Agenda Item Number

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Date March 24, 2008

RESOLUTION CONTINUING HEARING ON APPEAL FROM
THE DENIAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF A
BUILDING AT 901 19th STREET
(Kingsway Cathedral building)

WHEREAS, Kingsway Cathedral seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for the demolition of the building at 901 19th Street locally known as the Kingsway Cathedral building; and,

WHEREAS, on November 28, 2007, the Historic Preservation Commission voted 8-0 in support of a motion to deny the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness; and,

WHEREAS, Kingsway Cathedral has appealed the Commission's decision to the City Council pursuant to §58-31(f) of the Des Moines Municipal Code; and,

WHEREAS, Regency Properties, represented by Marcus Pitts (officer), has recently been designated by Kingsway Cathedral as its representative in this matter, and Regency Properties requests that the hearing on this matter be continued indefinitely, to allow time to prepare and consider the economic feasibility of a proposal for the redevelopment of the property.

(Council Communication No. 08- **161**)

MOVED by _____ to continue the public hearing for an indefinite period, not to exceed six months. If within six months Kingsway Cathedral does not request that a hearing be scheduled on the appeal, then the appeal shall be considered denied.

FORM APPROVED:

Roger K. Brown, Assistant City Attorney

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Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

City Clerk

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March 19, 2008

Honorable Mayor, Frank Cownie
Members of Des Moines City Council
Roger Brown, Assistant City Attorney
City Hall
400 Robert D. Ray Drive
Des Moines, IA 50309

Re: Kingsway Cathedral

Dear Honorable Mayor, Council Members and Roger Brown:

In reply to your e-mail dated March 13, 2008, please be advised that I am in the process of finalizing the purchase of the above property and am still working with the developer, neighborhood association and the city to create a feasible project for all parties.

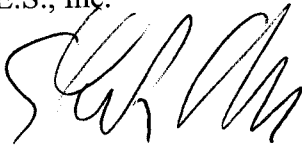
I have no timetable set as talks between these parties are in the initial stages. I am therefore requesting that the hearing scheduled by the Des Moines City Council on March 24th regarding Certificates of Appropriateness for the demolition of the Kingsway Cathedral church building and the adjoining two story brick office, be continued indefinitely to allow additional time for H.E.S., Inc. to explore the feasibility of its proposed redevelopment of the property.

H.E.S., Inc. desires to present a specific redevelopment proposal for consideration, however, additional time is needed to finalize that proposal and to consult with the neighborhood. That way we could consult the neighborhood association and consider their comments before finalizing the design of the redevelopment project. These steps may take a long time so we are therefore requesting an indefinite continuance of the hearing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

H.E.S., Inc.



Steven R. Smith
President