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Date July 28, 2008

Communication from Indianola Hills Neighborhood Association.

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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.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

Mayor

City Clerk

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Rauh, Diane I.

From: Meyer, Brian J.
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2008 9:47 PM
To: Rauh, Diane I.
Subject: FW: Celsi letter to City about 4315 SE 14th

Diane, this item will be on the agenda for Monday. please include this letter in the packet.

Brian

From: ECelsi@aol.com [ECelsi@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2008 8:35 PM
To: Meyer, Brian J.; melpins@prodigy.net
Subject: Celsi letter to City about 4315 SE 14th

July 22, 2008

**City of Des Moines
400 Robert Ray Drive
Des Moines, Iowa 50309**

Re: City of Des Moines Neighborhood Development Corporation Grant Money

The Indianola Hills Neighborhood Association members are interested in redeveloping areas in distress within the south side of Des Moines and see a great opportunity for city grant money to be put to good use.

Our city councilman representative Brian Meyer brought in to the attention of the Coalition of South Side Neighborhoods (CSSNA) of which there are now eleven, that the owner of the mobile home park at 4315 SE 14th Street expressed an interest in selling the park.

There are over a dozen Manufactured Housing locations on the south side of Des Moines and with a few exceptions, most of them are in terrible shape, creating a blight in the areas in which they reside and also, not a good place for families to raise children.

Since the City of Des Moines gives grant money to the Neighborhood Development Corporation to work on redeveloping areas in distress, our association would like to recommend that grant money be used for the following things:

- 1. That the Neighborhood Development Corporation purchase the Mobile Home Park at 4315 SE 14th from the current owner.**
- 2. That the Neighborhood Development Corporation would work with the city on Transitional Housing.**
- 3. That the Neighborhood Development Corporation would help find a developer/investor.**

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It has been a goal for CSSNA to work with the city on the mobile home parks, but we have always run into obstacles since the owners didn't want to sell their parks or because they were protected by grandfather type clauses with the city. Since we now have an owner who would like to sell, this should be a great time to implement a mobile home park remediation plan.

Please give consideration to our request as we continue to try and redevelop the blighted areas on the south side.

Please feel free to call for additional information.

**Ellen Celsi – 288-3917
Chair of Indianola Hills Neighborhood Association.**

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