

Date June 25, 2018

RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT TITLED NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLANNING PROGRAM REVIEW PREPARED BY CZBLLC; REFER FINDINGS TO WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON NEXT STEPS

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) was created by the City of Des Moines and the Polk County Board of Supervisors in 1990 to help stabilize and improve Des Moines' neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, in or around 2005, the NRP program was evaluated by The Wisconsin Housing Partnership and Stockard Engler Brigham LLC, and recommendations were made to expand the concept of "revitalization" to include investing in Des Moines' residents as well as in housing and infrastructure, resulting in applicable changes to the NRP at that time; and

WHEREAS, City Council and City staff have determined that an updated evaluation and recommendations for the NRP program are necessary to incorporate and reflect the recent adoption and implementation of the Des Moines Strategic Plan 2015-2030 (GuideDSM), the comprehensive plan PlanDSM: Creating Our Tomorrow, the Capital Crossroads and Capital Crossroads 2.0 vision plans, and Des Moines neighborhood programs including but not limited to the Viva East Bank! and Friends of SW 9th programs; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2017, a Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional services was issued to 47 proposers to identify a qualified consultant to provide an updated framework for the NRP, including data analysis and evaluation of the existing program and detailed recommendations and strategies to direct future efforts of the program; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2017, by Roll Call No. 17-1600, the City Council accepted the proposal from czbLLC and approved the Agreement for Professional Services by and between the City of Des Moines, Iowa and czbLLC; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2017, by Roll Call No. 17-1572, the City Council approved the first amendment to said Agreement to provide for a citywide field survey of all residential property conditions to be conducted by czbLLC to improve the quality of the data available for the analysis of the NRP program, with the cost to complete such survey not exceed \$14,975, and total contract price increased from \$131,750.00 to \$146,725.00, with no extension in project timing; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2018, by Roll Call No. 18-0703, the City Council approved the second amendment to said Agreement to provide for an additional visit to Des Moines to make presentations to the City Council, the Polk County Board of Supervisors if appropriate, and the Neighborhood Revitalization Board if appropriate, and to meet with senior City staff and partners to plan implementation steps; and

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WHEREAS, czbLLC has prepared its final report, entitled "Neighborhood Revitalization Planning Program Review" (Attachment A) and on file in the office of the City Clerk, which contains findings of an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, an analysis of current conditions in Des Moines' neighborhoods, tools to assist the City with effective strategy development, and recommendations for next steps related to policy, funding, allocation of scarce resources, and organizational structure; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board, which is an advisory body to City Council on issues relating to housing and neighborhood revitalization, has on June 13, 2018, received and filed the report and submitted a set of comments to City Council (Attachment B).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the report prepared by czbLLC, regarding strategies for neighborhood work, as on file in the office of the City Clerk, is hereby received and filed; and the City Manager and his appointed working group are directed to develop and return to Council with recommendations for how to proceed, including: timeline, funding strategy and budget recommendations, partner needs, system organizational structure, and strategies for policy updates.

(Council Comm. No. 18-322)

MOVED BY _____ to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:



 Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GATTO				
GRAY				
HENSLEY				
MOORE				
WESTERGAARD				
TOTAL				

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

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



**Community Development Department
Neighborhood Revitalization Board**

June 25, 2018

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

RE: Neighborhood Revitalization Board Recommendation on czb report "Analysis of Des Moines Neighborhoods Executive Summary"

On June 13th, the Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) reviewed the "Analysis of Des Moines Neighborhoods Executive Summary" (dated June 2018) and received a presentation by City staff.

The NRB voted to receive the report as presented with the following concerns:

- The report does not address how people who might be displaced will be assisted;
- The report is not addressing the problem of not supporting low-income families
 - Concern that the report continues to marginalize them
 - Strongly encourages an ongoing commitment to Human Capital;
- The Board feels there is an ongoing need for the NRB. The Board is recommending to restructure/revamp their purpose.

The vote passed 9-1. Furthermore, the NRB unanimously approved the chair to sign a letter drafted by staff for the City Council.

Sincerely,

Marge Ramsey

Marge Ramsey, Chair
Neighborhood Revitalization Board