

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ORIGINATOR:
Community Development

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: October 11, 2012

REGULAR BOARD MEETING: October 15, 2012

TITLE/DESCRIPTION: DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT GRANT, 143 S. CASS

AVENUE: Board to consider an ordinance approving a downtown development grant request from Bob Cynowa.

BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER:

The Downtown Development Grant Committee met on September 19, 2012 to consider an application from Bob Cynowa for the property that he owns at 143 S. Cass. The building has been vacant for a number of years. The last tenants included an adult daycare facility and a Montessori school.

Mr. Cynowa plans to remove the cedar siding and stucco finishes and replace them with vinyl siding with a cedar look. He also plans to replace several windows and the front door. The Downtown Development Grant Committee considered the scope of work with regard to what would be visible from the public right of way on the Cass Avenue facade. The value of the qualifying siding, windows, and door totals approximately \$6,580. The total estimated budget for all work is approximately \$21,172. The Committee recommended a grant award in the amount of \$3,290 the maximum monetary award for exterior work.

There was some discussion pertaining to the color selection of the new siding, with the Committee stating that the off white/ivory color would be more in keeping with the character of the building. Changing the color was not a contingency of the Committee's favorable recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

- The Committee and staff recommend approval of a grant in the amount of \$3,290.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

- Downtown Development Grant Application.
- Draft Minutes to be provided at a later date.

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