COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

121 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois Regular Meeting, 1:00 PM January 10, 2023

MEETING MINUTES

I. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Gwendolyn Hatten Butler called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and then undertook call of the roll to establish the presence of a quorum.

Present

Chris Wheat, Secretary
Robert Buford
Grace Chan McKibben
Maurice Cox
Leslie Davis
Jaqueline Gomez
Latasha Thomas
Ivette Trevino
Gwendolyn Hatten Butler, Chairwoman

Late

Cornelius Griggs

Not Present

Dwight Curtis

II. On January 6th, 2023,in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, Governor Priztker renewed his Executive Order proclaiming that all counties in the State of Illinois were in a disaster area. Section 7 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act allows the CDC – along with other City boards and commissions – to host virtual meetings during this COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, provided that certain conditions are met.

One of those conditions is that the Chair of this Commission determines that an in-person meeting, on the scheduled meeting date, would not be practical or prudent. To ensure that the January10th, 2023 virtual meeting meets all conditions of the Open Meetings Act, Chairwoman Gwendolyn Hatten Butler, made the determination pursuant to Section 7(e)(2) of the Act – that, due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, an <u>in-person meeting would</u> NOT have been practical or prudent as scheduled.

Therefore, in accordance with the Commission's Emergency Rules, the meeting was held virtually on Zoom and could be viewed live via the Commission's website. A court reporter was also present to record the proceedings, and members of the public were allowed to participate in the virtual meeting.

The agenda for the January 10^{th} CDC meeting was posted on January 3rd, both online at the CDC's website, and physically in City Hall.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13th, 2022, MEETING

Motioned by Thomas, seconded by Trevino

Approved 9-0-2: Wheat, Buford, Chan McKibben, Cox, Davis, Gomez, Thomas,

Trevino, Butler. Abstain or Not Present: Curtis, Griggs, Wheat.

IV. NEW BUSINES

A. 47TH/ASHLAND TIF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (WARD 20)

Request authority for the Department of Planning and Development to negotiate a redevelopment agreement with Celadon Construction Corporation NFP, Celadon Partners LLC, Blackwood Development Partners, LLC and to-be-formed affiliates for redevelopment of the properties located at 4700 S. Ashland Avenue, 4707 S. Marshfield Avenue and 1635-1643 W. 47th Street in the 47th/Ashland Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area, and to recommend to the City Council of the City of Chicago the designation of Celadon Construction Corporation NFP, Celadon Partners LLC, Blackwood Development Partners, LLC and to-be-formed affiliates as Developer.

Motioned by Wheat, seconded by Thomas Approved 8-0-3: Wheat, Buford, Chan McKibben, Cox, Davis, Thomas, Trevino, Butler. Abstain or Not Present: Curtis, Gomez, Griggs William Grams 23-CDC-01

B. PILSEN INDUSTRIAL TIF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (WARD 25)

Request authority to acquire the property located at 902 W. 18th Street and 947 W. 16th Street in the Pilsen Industrial Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area.

Motioned by Davis, seconded by Chan McKibben
Approved 8-0-3: Wheat, Buford, Chan McKibben, Cox, Davis, Griggs Thomas,
Trevino, Butler. Abstain or Not Present: Curtis, Gomez
Ernest Bellamy
23-CDC-02

C. MADISON/AUSTIN CORRIDOR TIF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (WARD 28)

Request authority to acquire the property located at 3801-09 W. Madison Street, 3843 W. Madison Street, and 3849-51 W. Madison Street in the Madison/Austin Corridor Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area.

Motioned by Thomas, seconded by Chan McKibben Approved 8-0-3: Wheat, Buford, Chan McKibben, Cox, Davis, Griggs Thomas, Trevino, Butler. Abstain or Not Present: Curtis, Gomez Ernest Bellamy 23-CDC-03

D. CHICAGO/CENTRAL PARK TIF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (WARD 28), MIDWEST TIF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (WARD 28), KINZIE INDUSTRIAL TIF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (WARD 27)

Request authority to acquire the property located at 3200 W. Lake Street in the Chicago/Central Park Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area, 100 N. Kedzie Avenue in the Midwest Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area, and 3148 W. Washington Boulevard and 107-111 N. Kedzie Avenue in the Kinzie Industrial Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area.

Ernest Bellamy 23-CDC-04

Motioned by Chan McKibben, seconded by Wheat Approved 9-0-2: Wheat, Buford, Chan McKibben, Cox, Davis, Griggs, Thomas, Trevino, Butler. Abstain or Not Present: Curtis, Gomez

E. MIDWEST TIF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (WARD 24)

Request authority to acquire the property located at 3407-09 W. Harrison Street in the Midwest Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area.

Ernest Bellamy 23-CDC-05

Motioned by Thomas, seconded by Cox Approved 9-0-2: Wheat, Buford, Chan McKibben, Cox, Griggs, Thomas, Trevino, Butler. Abstain or Not Present: Curtis, Davis, Gomez

V. ADJOURNMENT

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14	GWENDOLYN HATTEN BUTLER, CHRIS WHEAT, Secretary	Chairperson
15	ROBERT BUFORD MAURICE COX	
16	LESLIE DAVIS JACQUELINE GOMEZ	
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1 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Good afternoon, and

- 2 welcome to the January 10th, 2023 regular meeting
- 3 of the Community Development Commission of Chicago,
- 4 which, of course, is our first meeting of 2023. So
- 5 Happy New Year, everyone.
- 6 I am Gwendolyn Hatten Butler,
- 7 Chairwoman of the CDC and host of today's virtual
- 8 meeting.
- 9 I will now call to order the
- 10 January 10th, 2023 meeting of the Community
- 11 Development Commission.
- 12 On December 8, 2022, Governor
- 13 Pritzker renewed his executive order proclaiming
- 14 that all counties in the state of Illinois as a
- 15 disaster area. Section 7 of the Illinois Open
- 16 Meetings Act allows the CDC, along with other City
- 17 boards and commissions, to host virtual meetings
- 18 during this COVID-19 public health emergency
- 19 provided that certain conditions are met.
- 20 One of those conditions is that the
- 21 Chair of this Commission determines that an in-
- 22 person meeting on the scheduled meeting date would
- 23 not be practical or prudent. To ensure that
- 24 today's virtual meeting meets all conditions of the

1 Vice Chair Shirley Newsome.

2 As some of you may know, Vice Chair

- 3 Newsome passed away on December 25th, 2022. It's
- 4 with very heavy heart that I make this announcement.
- 5 And I apologize if members of the Commission staff
- 5 And rapologize if members of the Commission star
- 6 were not aware of her passing.
- 7 Vice Chair Newsome was appointed to
- 8 the CDC in 2012 and appointed Vice Chair in 2015.
- 9 Shirley -- and I'm just going to call her Shirley.
- 10 She had an extraordinary life, made so many
- 11 contributions to this community. And in addition
- 12 to leaving a legacy that can be celebrated by her
- 13 family and friends, we can all celebrate Shirley's
- 14 substantial contributions to the City through her
- 15 civic engagement. She has provided the Community
- 16 Development Commission over her almost 11 years
- 17 on the Commission extraordinary insights and
- 18 observations, asked penetrating questions always to
- 19 the heart of the matter. And for me, as a newbie
- 20 Chair, was so gracious with her time and provided
- 21 me with significant advice and counsel.
- 22 It's very hard for me to get through
- 23 this. So I will just say that we celebrate her
- 24 life, we celebrate her contributions, and we want

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- 1 Open Meetings Act, I'm hereby making the
- 2 determination, pursuant to Section 7(e)(2) of
- 3 the act, that due to the COVID-19 public health
- 4 emergency an in-person meeting would not have been
- 5 practical or prudent today.
- 6 Therefore, in accordance with the
- 7 Commission's emergency rules, this meeting is being
- 8 held virtually on Zoom and can be viewed live via
- 9 the Commission's website.
- 10 A court reporter is present today to
- 11 record the proceedings.
- 12 Commissioners, you have all been
- 13 designated as panelists, which allows you to
- 14 control your microphone. Please remember to place
- 15 your microphone on mute unless you wish to speak.
- 16 If you would like to be recognized by the Chair,
- 17 please activate the raise-your-hand feature, and
- 18 you will be called in order.
- The agenda for today's meeting was
- 20 posted on January 3rd both online at the CDC's
- 21 website and physically in City Hall.
- 22 Before we begin the meeting with
- 23 a call of the roll, we must acknowledge very
- 24 unfortunate news regarding one of our colleagues,

Page 5 1 to make sure that the public is aware of Vice Chair

- 2 Shirley Newsome's substantial contribution to this
- 3 Citv.
- 4 Commissioner Cox.
- 5 COMMISSIONER COX: Thank you. Thank you so
- 6 much for sharing -- sharing the news.
- 7 I also want to express my
- 8 condolences to Shirley's family, to her friends and
- 9 associates who really have been blessed by her life
- 10 and the legacy that she is leaving. Ten years --
- 11 over ten years' presence on this CDC board was
- 12 really just a snapshot of a public service career
- 13 that spanned decades. Multiple volunteer and
- 14 professional roles, especially an incredibly
- 15 tireless advocate for her North Kenwood and Oakland
- 16 and Bronzeville, Hyde Park, Woodlawn -- I mean,
- 17 it's incredible. And her kind of enduring
- 18 commitment to Chicago was in many ways kind of
- 19 ahead of her time. I mean, most notably I think
- 20 through her support of pubic engagement, of equity,
- 21 of sustainable growth, which I think today are kind
- 22 of fundamental components of virtually every city
- 23 planning and development effort. And she kind of
- 24 blazed the path. So she was a leader.

Page 6 Page 8 1 We considered her a partner in our 1 Commissioner Thomas. 2 efforts and an incredible listener. And I think 2 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Present. And I can 3 hear you. 3 her commitment to public service is really only 4 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Trevino. 4 surpassed by her kindness and her goodwill. COMMISSIONER TREVINO: Present. And I can 5 So I think she led an incredible 5 6 life with incredible grace that I think we all 6 hear you as well. 7 learn from. And I think she will never ever be 7 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: And Chair Butler is 8 forgotten. 8 present. We have a quorum. So I just wanted to share from the The first item on our agenda 10 perspective of the planning department who worked 10 requests approval of the minutes from our previous 11 very, very closely with her for this administration, 11 meeting held on December 13th, 2022. The 12 we very much send our condolences to her family and 12 Commissioners have had an opportunity to review the 13 friends and associates. We will -- we will all 13 minutes. If there are no corrections, I am looking 14 miss her. 14 for a motion to approve. 15 15 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Yes, indeed, Commissioner Do I have a motion? 16 Cox. We will all miss Vice Chair Newsome. Thank 16 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: So move. Commissioner 17 you so much for your comments. 17 Thomas. 18 I will now call to order the 18 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Do I have a second? 19 January 10th, 2023 meeting of the Community 19 COMMISSIONER COX: I'll second. 20 Development Commission with a call of the roll. 20 COMMISSIONER TREVINO: Second by Trevino. 21 21 Commissioners, when your name is CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: I'm sorry. Who second? 22 COMMISSIONER COX: I defer to Trevino. 22 called, please turn your microphone on, respond by 23 saying "present," and please also indicate that you 23 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Okay. Thank you, 24 can hear me. 24 Commissioner Trevino. Page 7 Page 9 1 Secretary Wheat. In accordance with the Open Meetings 2 COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Present. And I can hear 2 Act, all votes are to be conducted by roll call 3 you. 3 so that each member's vote on each issue can be 4 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Buford. 4 identified and recorded. 5 COMMISSIONER BUFORD: Present. And I can Commissioners, if you were not in 6 hear you. 6 attendance during the December 13th meeting, please 7 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Chan McKibben. abstain from this vote. 8 (No response.) 8 Secretary Wheat. 9 9 Commissioner Cox. COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Yes. 10 COMMISSIONER COX: Present. I can hear you 10 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Buford. 11 and see you. 11 COMMISSIONER BUFORD: Yes. 12 12 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Curtis. CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Chan McKibben. 13 (No response.) 13 COMMISSIONER CHAN McKIBBEN: Yes. 14 14 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Cox. Commissioner Davis. 15 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Here. I can hear you. 15 COMMISSIONER COX: Yes. 16 And I'm saddened by Commissioner Newsome's passing. 16 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Curtis. 17 17 Thank you for alerting us, and thank you for your (No response.) 18 18 words about it. I am sobered by it. Commissioner Davis. 19 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Indeed. Very sobered 19 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. 20 indeed. 20 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Gomez. 21 Commissioner Gomez. 21 COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: Yes. 22 COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: Present. I can hear you. 22 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Griggs. 23 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Griggs. 23 (No response.) 24 24 Commissioner Thomas. (No response.)

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1 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Yes.

- 2 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Trevino.
- 3 COMMISSIONER TREVINO: Yes.
- 4 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: And Chair Butler votes yes.
- 5 The motion passes.
- 6 The public was given an opportunity
- 7 to provide written comments up to 24 hours prior to
- 8 the start of this meeting through the CDC email
- 9 address cdc@cityofchicago.org.
- 10 Bob, can you confirm if we received
- 11 or have not received written comments?
- 12 MR. McKENNA: We have not received written
- 13 comments.
- 14 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you. So we are
- 15 stating for the record that there were no written
- 16 comments in the CDC mailbox for today's meeting.
- 17 Commissioners, for our first item
- 18 of new business, the Department of Planning and
- 19 Development is seeking approval to negotiate a
- 20 redevelopment agreement with Celadon Construction
- 21 Corporation, NFP, Celadon Partners, LLC, Blackwood
- 22 Development Partners, LLC, and a to-be-formed
- 23 affiliate for the redevelopment of the properties
- 24 located at 4700 South Ashland Avenue, 4707 South

- 1 from the development team.
- 2 The develop- -- the resolution
- 3 before you requests a recommendation to the City
- 4 Council to designate Celadon Construction
- 5 Corporation, NFP, Celadon Partners, LLC, Blackwood
- 6 Development Partners, LLC, and to-be-formed
- 7 affiliates as developer for the United Yards 1B
- 8 project.
- 9 It also requests authority for the
- 10 Department of Planning and Development to negotiate
- 11 a redevelopment agreement with the developer.
- 12 The United Yards 1B project is
- 13 located at 4700 South Ashland Avenue, 4707 South
- 14 Marshfield Avenue, and 1635 to 1643 West 47th
- 15 Street, which is in the 20th Ward, the New City
- 16 community area, and the 47th and Ashland TIF
- 17 District and the Southwest Planning Area. The
- 18 alderwoman in Jeanette Taylor.
- 19 This district was established in
- 20 2002 to foster improvements along Ashland Avenue
- 21 and 47th Street in the Back of the Yards community.
- 22 United Yards 1B involves the
- 23 substantial rehabilitation of the showroom floor of
- 24 the Goldblatt's -- former Goldblatt's Department

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- 1 Marshfield Avenue, and 1635 through 1643 West 47th
- 2 Street in the 47th/Ashland Tax Increment Financing
- 3 Redevelopment Project Area, and to recommend to the
- 4 City Council of the City of Chicago the designation
- 5 of Celadon Construction Corporation, NFP, Celadon
- 6 Partners, LLC, Blackwood Development Partners, LLC,
- 7 and a to-be-formed affiliate as developer.
- 8 William Grams will present this
- 9 item on behalf of the Department of Planning and
- 10 Development.
- 11 William, you may begin.
- William, you're on mute.
- 13 MR. GRAMS: All right.
- 14 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: We can hear you now.
- 15 MR. GRAMS: All right. Is my screen -- is my
- 16 screen appearing?
- 17 MR. McKENNA: Yes.
- 18 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Yes.
- 19 MR. GRAMS: All right. Great. Thank you.
- 20 Good afternoon, Chairwoman Butler
- 21 and members of the Commission. For the record, my
- 22 name is William Grams with the Department of
- 23 Planning and Development. With me today I have Tim
- 24 Jeffries with DPD and Aron Weisner and Jose Duarte

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- 1 Store into an approximately 15,000 square foot
- 2 federally qualified health center as well as 7200
- 3 square foot -- feet of retail space for local
- 4 minority-owned small businesses.
- 5 The project will also include the
- 6 new construction of a 6,000 square foot retail
- 7 building immediately adjacent to the Goldblatt's
- 8 building intended to include community space and
- 9 retail space for another local small business.
- 10 The total project cost is \$17.4
- 11 million, and the TIF request is for \$4 million.
- 12 The estimated timeline to complete is 12 months.
- 13 Here's an overhead view of the
- 14 neighborhood. The project site is located on the
- 15 southwest corner of 47th Street and Ashland Avenue
- 13 Southwest content of 47 th Street and Ashiana Aveni
- 16 and the southwest corner of 47th Street and
- 17 Marshfield Avenue and is served by the No. 9
- 18 Ashland Avenue bus and the No. 47 47th Street bus.
- 19 Here is a view showing the current
- 20 condition of the former Goldblatt's building.
- 21 While the -- while the ground floor is vacant, the
- 22 New City Supportive Living apartments are on the
- 23 upper floors.

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Here is a view showing the current

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1 condition of 1635 to 1647 West 47th Street.

2 The United Yards 1B project is the

- 3 commercial portion of the larger United Yards
- 4 proposal which came about through a request for
- 4 proposal which came about through a request for
- 5 proposals issued by -- issued by the Department of
- 6 Planning and Development for the INVEST South/West
- 7 47th Street corridor.
- 8 This slide shows the southern
- 9 view -- looking view of the master plan for the
- 10 United Yards proposal. United Yards 1B is
- 11 contained within the outlined red rectangle on the
- 12 right-hand side.
- Here is a rendering of the newly
- 14 constructed commercial building to be located at
- 15 1635 to 1647 West 47th Street on the southwest
- 16 corner of 47th Street and Marshfield.
- 17 Celadon Partners, LLC, Blackwood
- 18 Development Partners, LLC, and their affiliates are
- 19 the developer entities leading this project.
- 20 Celadon is led by Scott Henry and
- 21 Aron Weisner and focuses on affordable housing
- 22 development. They were also involved in the New
- 23 City Supportive Living project which is in the
- 24 upper floors of the Goldblatt's building that is

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- 1 Celadon Construction Corporation, NFP, Celadon
- 2 Partners, LLC, Blackwood Development Partners, LLC,
- 3 and to-be-formed affiliates as developer for the
- 4 United Yards 1B project so that the project can
- 5 advance to City Council.
- 6 Thank you for your time. And as I
- 7 mentioned, I have members of the development team
- 8 that are also here available to answer any
- 9 questions you may have.
- 10 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, William.
- 11 I don't know. Kamal, can you help
- 12 me? Is Alderman Jeanette Taylor of the 20th Ward
- 13 or anyone from her staff on this Zoom meeting call?
- 14 MR. KAMAL: I don't know the staff names.
- 15 If someone is here from Alderman
- 16 Taylor's office, if you can please raise your hand.
- 17 I don't see any hands raised.
- 18 MR. GRAMS: I know the alderwoman was not
- 19 able to join today. But she has provided letters
- 20 of support for the project.
- 21 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you for that
- 22 clarification, William.
- 23 Commissioners, if you have any
- 24 questions regarding the agenda item, please use the

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- 1 part of this project.
- 2 Blackwood is led by Rafael Hernandez
- 3 and Jose Duarte. Blackwood was founded in 2006 and
- 4 acts as a general contractor, construction manager,
- 5 design builder, and developer with experience in
- 6 commercial, residential, retail, and office projects.
- 7 In addition to the TIF, the project
- 8 will be financed through a mix of debt, donation
- 9 tax credits, New Markets Tax Credits, and other
- 10 grants.
- 11 The City intends to provide the
- 12 developer with TIF assistance in an amount not to
- 13 equal -- or not to exceed \$4 million. The City
- 14 funds will be provided from the 47th and Ashland
- 15 TIF District's areawide increment. The first
- 16 \$2 million will be paid out on the issuance of a
- 17 certificate of completion. The second 2 million
- 18 will be paid out at the one-year anniversary of the
- 19 certificate.
- 20 DPD has thoroughly reviewed the
- 21 proposed project, the qualifications of the
- 22 development team, and the need for public
- 23 assistance. DPD recommends that the Community
- 24 Development Commissioner approve the designation of

- 1 raise-your-hand function to be recognized.
- Secretary Wheat.
 - COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 4 A couple of questions. First
- 5 starting with the sources and uses. Can you
- 6 provide more detail on -- there's a pretty hefty
- 7 line on donation tax credits, and provide more
- 8 detail about what that all entails?
- 9 COMMISSIONER COX: William, can you go back
- 10 to that page so that we can see that item?
- 11 MR. GRAMS: Sure.
- 12 If I may invite Aron Weisner to
- 13 speak on this question.
- 14 MR. WEISNER: Thank you, William. Thank you,
- 15 everyone, for your consideration today.
- 16 So we are --
- 17 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Can you please -- for
- 18 purposes of this public meeting, can you please
- 19 introduce yourself?
- 20 MR. WEISNER: Oh. Excuse me. Yes. Thank
- 21 you, Chairwoman.
- 22 Yes. My name is Aron Weisner. I'm
- 23 a principal with Celadon Partners, which is half of
- 24 the development team for United Yards.

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And the donation tax credits, that's

- 2 a shorthand for the Illinois Affordable Housing Tax
- 3 Credit program. It's a program that we've used on
- 4 previous transactions. And the reason it's such a
- 5 substantial number, Mr. Wheat, is that we're using
- 6 a pretty large portion of the ground floor, the
- 7 showroom space of the Goldblatt's building and a
- 8 previously negotiated acquisition price for that
- 9 space.
- 10 The -- there's a -- the appraised
- 11 value of that space will be much higher. So it's
- 12 a -- the portion -- that generates a substantial
- 13 amount of base. It's more than you would normally
- 14 see for a transaction like this. So about 80
- 15 percent of this value is based just on that -- on
- 16 that bargain sale value that we're generating
- 17 there.
- This is -- already have -- we 18
- 19 already have a commitment from US Bank and are
- 20 working with the Department of Housing for that
- 21 transaction because we're using this on our broader
- 22 development for United Yards, which includes the
- 23 residential portion of this development as well.
- 24 And that's kind of what is the basis for that

- 1 the lion's share of the answers. I'm the one

 - 2 responsible for this portion of our -- of our
 - 3 development. And as I mentioned -- as Billy
 - 4 mentioned, the Blackwood group is on this team and
 - 5 on this call as well.
 - But to answer that question, we do
 - 7 have one of those org charts that looks like a call
 - 8 sheet for the Chicago Bears. But in this
 - 9 situation, it's -- the only reason this works to
 - 10 use donation tax credits on what is primarily
 - 11 really entirely a phase that is a commercial/retail
 - 12 development is for two reasons. And we are working
 - 13 with -- we worked with counsel on this to confirm
 - 14 and working with the Department of Housing as they
 - 15 actually -- not IHDA, but the Department of Housing
 - 16 will be the conduit for these credits because they
 - 17 have their own allocation of Illinois Affordable
 - 18 Housing Tax Credit. Because this is a part of the
 - 19 development that has a residential purpose -- for
 - 20 example, on that Marshfield site, there's two
 - 21 three-flat affordable developed buildings that are
 - 22 going in right next to the new building construct- --
 - 23 the new construction retail space. But also as a
 - 24 part of this, we're developing another 86 units at

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- 1 figure.
- COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Madam Chair, if I can 3 ask a couple more questions.
- 4 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Yes, please.
- 5 COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Thank you.
- 6 So I think it makes sense -- allow
- 7 me to ask a question wrapped in stupidity. Can you
- 8 use IHDA Tax Credits on a commercial property, or
- 9 does that go to the -- like we -- in our -- in our
- 10 materials, there's a very kind of complicated
- 11 ownership chart that looks like someone designing
- 12 an offensive football play. And so I don't know if
- 13 it -- if that's a part of the structure as well.
- 14 MR. WEISNER: We have one of those org charts 15 that looks --
- 16 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: I'm sorry. I need you to 17 identify --
- 18 MR. WEISNER: Oh, excuse me. I'm sorry.
- 19 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: -- yourself every time 20 you speak.
- 21 MR. WEISNER: I did it again. Sorry.
- 22 This is Aron Weisner, Celadon
- 23 Partners, of the development team. Excuse me.
- 24 And, yes -- and I'm sorry I'm taking

- 1 least of affordable housing as part of this overall 2 development. So that's one of the two reasons.
- And the other one is that this is
- 4 being done to enhance a building that has a hundred
- 5 units of affordable housing above it. So all the
- 6 floors above this ground floor are supportive
- 7 living facility with affordable units up there. So
- 8 that's how we're able to do that here.
- 9 COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Got it. That's --
- 10 that's helpful.
- 11 One more question on sources and
- 12 uses, and then a general question. The 1.5 million
- 13 from the Community Trust, is that money -- has that
- 14 money already been committed, and are there
- 15 stipulations around -- around its use?
- 16 MR. WEISNER: This is Aron Weisner one last 17 time, Celadon Partners.
- 18 And, yes, this has been -- we've
- 19 been approved. We've actually drawn the first of
- 20 the three installments of this, about 25 percent of
- 21 those funds. We were selected because one of the
- 22 elements of this development that the Chicago
- 23 Community Trust was interested in is the fact that
- 24 we're have -- we have a focus on not just local

- 1 minority-owned business development with this, but
- 2 actually transitioning these properties, their
- 3 portion of this development, to ownership by these
- 4 local small businesses. So approximately 9,000
- 5 square feet of the approximately 24,000 square feet
- 6 that are in the ground floor of the Goldblatt's
- 7 building ultimately is intended to go to those
- 8 local businesses at the end of the New Markets Tax
- 9 Credit compliance period, which is a seven-year
- 10 period. We're unable to do it sooner than that,
- 11 but we have -- at least it gives them full and
- 12 complete control really from day one. And a lot
- 13 of small business training services that were
- 14 already -- we started doing earlier this -- or last
- 15 year now with those groups.
- 16 So Chicago Community Trust has --
- 17 the only stipulation is that we use it for the
- 18 development of the retail space that is a part of
- 19 the United Yards.
- 20 COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Thank you.
- 21 And one final question. I know that
- 22 in documents it mentioned using part of the space
- 23 for a federally qualified health center. Has that
- 24 center been -- been determined? And is there a

- Page 24 1 have a really reduced per square foot rent for them
- 2 to use that portion of the facility. So, you know,
- 3 roughly fall of 2024 they'll be moving into that
- 4 space and from their old space at a significant
- 5 savings from what they would have had to pay if
- 6 they were recapitalizing.
- COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Got it. Thank you very
- 8 much.
- 9 No other questions from me, Madam
- 10 Chair.
- 11 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Secretary
- 12 Wheat.
- 13 Do other members of the Commission
- 14 have questions? If you do, please raise your hand.
- 15 Kamal, can you confirm for me that
- 16 no members of the Commission raised their hand?
- 17 MR. KAMAL: No hands raised.
- 18 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: All right. Kamal, can
- 19 you confirm if anyone from the public has signed up
- 20 to speak?
- 21 MR. KAMAL: I don't if anyone has signed up,
- 22 and I don't see any hands raised in Zoom for any
- 23 public speakers.
- 24 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: All right. If anyone

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- 1 timeline? I ask that question because I know a
- 2 variety of health centers around the country
- 3 actually are facing some fiscal issues due to
- 4 reduced revenue associated with less pandemic
- 5 funding, et cetera, et cetera, and that's creating
- 6 some stressors across the community health clinic
- 7 network. So what's -- what's the status of the
- 8 FQHC in question?
- 9 MR. WEISNER: Thank you. This is Aron
- 10 Weisner with Celadon Partners.
- 11 We have a commitment, and we're
- 12 finalizing a fully detailed letter of intent, which
- 13 would be basically our lease agreement, with Friend
- 14 Health. They are an FQHC locally based. Actually
- 15 have a facility that is about a block south of this
- 16 on Ashland that is deteriorated, and they've been
- 17 feeling a significant amount of financial stress
- Tr rooming a digrimoant amount of infarious office
- 18 because of the need to recapitalize that facility.
- 19 So actually the introduction of
- 20 Alderwoman Taylor. We've been working with them.
- 21 So the benefit to them is that we are -- part of
- 22 our budget is to fully build out not just the core
- 23 and shell, but the tenant improvements of this
- 24 facility for them, and we've worked with them to

- Page 25 1 from members of the public would like to speak
- 2 regarding this matter, you have three minutes. And
- 3 you can identify yourself by using the raise-your-
- 4 hand function. So we'll just wait a moment to see
- 5 if anyone raises their hand.
- 6 MR. KAMAL: And also the people who are on
- 7 the phone can press star 9 in Zoom to raise their
- 8 hand. I mean, star 9 on their phone to raise their
- 9 hand in Zoom.
- 10 (No response.)
- 11 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Great.
- 12 Commissioner Cox.
- 13 COMMISSIONER COX: Madam Chair, just a point
- 14 of clarification. Are we taking the item of the
- 15 commercial space of the Goldblatt's separately from
- 16 the new construction project? Are those two
- 17 separate things?
- 18 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: I'm going to ask -- I
- 19 just have one resolution here. So I'm going to ask
- 20 William Grams from the department to answer that
- 21 question.
- 22 MR. GRAMS: Those are all together.
- 23 COMMISSIONER COX: Okay.
- MR. GRAMS: You'll be voting on both of them.

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COMMISSIONER COX: All right. So thank you.

2 So I would like -- thank you,

3 Mr. Weisner, for your description particularly of

4 the local ownership. Very innovative model of

5 having local entrepreneurs own a portion, almost

6 like a co-op or a condo of the building. So I

7 think we're breaking some new ground here. And

8 thank you for engaging in that, that kind of

9 innovation, as well as obviously, you know, the

10 public health -- access to good public health.

11 That's been pretty much a constant that we've been

12 seeing over the past year post COVID. And once

13 people recognize that this is not a nice to have,

14 it's an absolute necessity. So thank you for the

15 partnership and the role, I guess, that Alderwoman

16 Taylor played in making that connection because

17 Friend Health has opened up a facility in Woodlawn.

18 I did want you to talk a little bit

19 about the innovation with the new construction

20 because I know the partnership that you forged to

21 make that happen is, again, lifting up Latino

22 entrepreneurship in Back of the Yards. And, you

23 know, I was going to hold my question and thinking

24 it was a separate thing, but if it's all part of

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1 you'll see -- that you can see in the distance

2 there past the brewery building were facing 47th,

3 and there was a parking lot here. The suggestion

4 was came -- was given from several fronts going

5 through design review to reorient this site to have

6 the residential facing Marshfield and to add an

7 additional commercial use here.

8 Our partner on this development is 9 a group called Back of the Yards Works. It was

10 actually one of the other appli- -- one of the

11 other respondents to this RFP. And we, through

12 that process and really with the support of the 13 department, started collaborating and brought in

14 the majority of the small businesses that were a

15 part of another development team into this.

16 And so in the Goldblatt's building,

17 you will have a small -- the -- a couple small

18 businesses, Back of the Yards Copy, La Selva

19 T-shirt Shop, a local bakery as well as a

20 barbershop cooperative that are all right now

21 operating for the most part out of homes and

22 apartments in Back of the Yards, but have been

23 looking at options, finding them extremely

24 expensive for a start-up business in this time.

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1 one, I think it would be helpful if you describe a

2 little bit what you're doing with that portion of

3 the block.

19 47th.

MR. WEISNER: Sure. Thank you, Commissioner. 4

5 And this is Aron Weisner with

6 Celadon Partners.

7 And to the Commissioner, being

8 honest, it was partially his input -- really he and

9 his team's input in the RFP process that helped us

10 kind of come to this concept as we were going

11 through the selection post -- selection process for

12 INVEST South/West.

13 We had two residential three-flats

14 that were facing 47th Street and needed clear -- a

15 waiver to have residential on the -- on the retail

16 strip there on 47th Street, which would have

17 required a zoning change and was somewhat

18 discordant for the rest of the corridor there along

20 COMMISSIONER COX: And, William, can you show

21 us the image that we're talking about? Thank you.

22 MR. WEISNER: That one's perfect. So along

23 the -- to the right side is 47th Street. And

24 originally those two three-flat buildings that

1 They'll all be moving into those shops.

This space here is proposed as a 3 brewery because one of the other members of the

4 team was the Somos Monos Brewing Company, another

5 locally owned, Latinx-owned brewery. They're a

6 brewer that was, again, working for the most part

7 from home, has a business plan to use this space to

8 create not just a brewery, but also a community

9 gathering space. You can see the upstairs is

10 really meant to be a community gathering space.

11 There's not much of those type of spaces in Back of

12 the Yards at the moment. Frankly, even to have our

13 community meetings, we had to use the basement of a

14 local elementary school just to have a meeting for,

15 you know, the proposal of this development.

16 And so the idea being that we would 17 be giving this ground floor space -- developing

18 this ground floor space for Somos Monos. And other

19 than their triple net expenses of real estate taxes

20 and insurance and utilities, they would be paying

21 no commercial lease payment to our development

22 team, and they'd be able to operate there as they

23 get launched as a new start-up business.

24 And as I mentioned, for the

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Page 30 1 identified and recorded. Please signify your vote 1 Goldblatt's space, the idea is at the end that they 2 would have the opportunity to take over ownership 2 on approval of the motion by saying yes, no, or 3 abstain. I will now call the -- call the vote. 3 at no cost and continue after -- you know, beyond Secretary Wheat. 4 this as owners of the business. COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Yes. COMMISSIONER COX: That's great. Thank you CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Buford. 6 6 for that explanation. 7 COMMISSIONER BUFORD: Yes. Just there's a level of innovation 8 going on here that I just did not want to be missed 8 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Chan McKibben. 9 COMMISSIONER CHAN McKIBBEN: Yes. 9 by the Commissioners. So thank you for the further 10 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Cox. 10 explanation. 11 COMMISSIONER COX: Yes. 11 MR. WEISNER: Thank you for the inspiration 12 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Curtis. 12 to -- to try. We've definitely learned a lot over 13 (No response.) 13 the past year. So thank you for helping us to come 14 Commissioner Davis. 14 to this idea. 15 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. 15 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Well, thank you both. 16 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Gomez. 16 Commissioner Cox, any additional 17 COMMISSIONER GOMEZ: Abstain. 17 questions or comments? 18 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Griggs. 18 COMMISSIONER COX: No. Thank you. 19 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you. 19 (No response.) 20 20 Commissioners, if there are no Commissioner Thomas. 21 further questions or comments, I will now call the 21 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Yes. 22 item to a vote. 22 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Trevino. In the matter before us, the 23 COMMISSIONER TREVINO: Yes. 24 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: And Chair Butler votes yes. 24 Department of Planning and Development is seeking Page 31 1 approval to negotiate a redevelopment agreement 1 The motion passes. 2 2 with Celadon Construction Corporation, NFP, Celadon New Business item B, for our next 3 Partners, LLC, Blackwood Development Partners, LLC, 3 agenda item, the Department of Planning and 4 and a to-be-formed affiliate for the redevelopment 4 Development requests authority to acquire the 5 of the properties located at 4700 South Ashland 5 property located at 902 West 18th Street and 947 6 Avenue, 4707 South Marshfield Avenue, and 1635 6 West 16th Street in the Pilsen Industrial Tax 7 through 1643 West 47th Street in the 47th/Ashland 7 Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area. Ernest Bellamy will provide the 8 Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area, 9 and to recommend to the City Council of the City of 9 staff report on behalf of the Department of 10 Planning and Development. 10 Chicago the designation of Celadon Construction 11 Corporation, NFP, Celadon Partners, LLC, Blackwood 11 Ernest, you may begin. 12 Development Partners, LLC, and a to-be-formed 12 MR. BELLAMY: Thank you. Good afternoon, 13 affiliate as developer. 13 Chairwoman and members of the Commission. For the 14 Do I have a motion? 14 record, my name is Ernest Bellamy, City Planner 15 COMMISSIONER WHEAT: So moved. Wheat. 15 with the Department of Planning and Development. 16 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: So moved by Secretary 16 The resolution before you requests 17 Wheat. 17 acquisition for -- the City to acquire acquisition 18 18 authority for properties roughly located at 902 Do I have a second? 19 19 West 18th Street and 947 West 16th Street so that COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Second. Thomas.

24 that each member's vote on each issue can be 24 located in the Lower West Side community area in

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20 the City can purchase those properties from LMA

21 Properties, LLC as part of a larger commitment to

22 deliver a redevelopment for the Pilsen neighborhood.

The proposed land acquisition is

CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Second by Commissioner

In accordance with the Open Meetings

23 Act, all votes are to be conducted by roll call so

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21 Thomas.

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1 the Pilsen Industrial TIF and the 25th Ward led by

- 2 Alderman Sigcho-Lopez.
- 3 The site consists of two PINs
- 4 comprising roughly 1.95 acres of land. This
- 5 property represents one of the last and certainly
- 6 largest -- one of the larger parcels of vacant land
- 7 in the dense and diverse culturally rich Pilsen
- 8 neighborhood. The neighborhood itself has been
- 9 undergoing significant development pressures that
- 10 have upset the socioeconomic balance of the
- 11 community. This gentrification has raised the cost
- 12 of housing and forced many long-term residents from
- 13 their homes.
- 14 Zooming in, the parcels in question
- 15 are, as highlighted on the screen, roughly bound by
- 16 18th Street to the south and 16th Street to the
- 17 north and roughly just west of a prior CDC
- 18 acquisition authority request that was completed
- 19 towards the latter part of 2021.
- 20 Overall this is seen as a greater
- 21 part of combining the land in efforts we have
- 22 started to accomplish within the community,
- 23 starting from a vision of the El Paseo Trail
- 24 started through prior work in 2006 as well as --

- 1 contribute more positively to the health, safety,
- 2 and general welfare of the project area and
- 3 surrounding community. And the parcels fit within
- 4 the assembling land to encourage -- well, encourage
- 5 land assembly of parcels of appropriate shape and
- 6 sufficient size for redevelopment.
- 7 Overall the project is in
- 8 conformance with the Pilsen Industrial TIF
- 9 redevelopment plan and has Alderman Sigcho-Lopez's
- 10 support.
- 11 Therefore, the Department of
- 12 Planning and Development recommends that the CDC
- 13 recommend approval of acquisition authority for
- 14 902 West 18th Street and 947 West 16th Street.
- 15 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Ernest, for
- 16 that presentation of the staff report.
- 17 Is Alderman Sigcho-Lopez of the 25th
- 18 Ward or anyone from his staff on this meeting
- 19 today?
- 20 Kamal, can you let me know if you
- 21 see the alderman?
- 22 MR. KAMAL: We have someone from 25th Ward.
- 23 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Okay. I see -- is it
- 24 Ruben Franco? I see "raise your hand."

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- 1 and currently ongoing 18th and Peoria Development
- 2 Framework, which seeks to revitalize -- redevelop
- 3 and revitalize the site just east of the target
- 4 parcels here today for a mixed-use development.
- 5 Again, showing that difference
- 6 between the two parcels, the 902 West 18th and the
- 7 947 West 16th Street parcels are just to the west
- 8 of the 18th and Peoria Development Framework parcel
- 9 sites, which equally all of these sites at the
- 10 northern trail head of the El Paseo Trail, which
- 11 will be developed.
- So, again, approving the acquisition
- 13 authority will allow us to -- the City to purchase
- 14 and remediate the vacant land and deliver, again, a
- 15 new affordable mixed-use development to the site.
- 16 No specific plans have been
- 17 developed for the site as of yet. But the City is
- 18 currently engaged in a robust community engagement
- 19 effort to develop a plan for the land.
- 20 Equally the redevelopment of the
- 21 land we're targeting for acquisition aligns with
- 22 the TIF redevelopment so that it improves the
- 23 quality of life in the project area and surrounding
- 24 community. It is an environment which will

- Page 37 MR. FRANCO: Yes. Hello. Good afternoon.
- 2 This is Ruben Franco, director of legislative
- 3 affairs for the 25th Ward.
- 4 We did submit a letter of support to
- 5 Commissioner Cox this morning. The alderman is in
- 6 full support of this. We don't have any questions.
- 7 It is a part of the ongoing development site for
- 8 18th and Peoria that was previously approved. So
- 9 we're all on board.
- 10 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Great. Thank you so much
- 11 for participating in today's meeting and signifying
- 12 the alderman's support of this recommendation to
- 13 the CDC.
- 14 Commissioners, if you have any
- 15 questions regarding the agenda item, please use
- 16 the raise-your-hand function to be recognized.
- 17 I don't see any hands raised.
- 18 Kamal, can you confirm?
- 19 MR. KAMAL: No hands raised.
- 20 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: All right. Thank you,
- 21 Commissioners.
- 22 Kamal, has anyone signed up to
- 23 speak?
- 24 MR. KAMAL: Not that I know of.

Page 38 Page 40 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Any member of the COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. 1 2 public -- if any member of the public is on and 2 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Gomez. 3 would like to speak, please utilize the raise-3 (No response.) 4 your-hand function if you are on video; if you're 4 Commissioner Gomez. 5 on your phone, I believe you press star 9. 5 (No response.) Is that correct, Kamal? 6 Commissioner Griggs. 7 MR. KAMAL: That's correct, star 9. 7 (No response.) 8 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you. 8 I can see Commissioner Griggs on the 9 MR. KAMAL: I don't see any hands raised 9 screen. If he's on, can he be unmuted? 10 under the Attendees. 10 (No response.) 11 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Great. Thank you so much 11 Commissioner Thomas. 12 for that confirmation, Kamal. 12 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Yes. 13 Commissioners, if there are no 13 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Trevino. 14 further questions or comments from members of the 14 COMMISSIONER TREVINO: Yes. 15 CDC, I will now call the item to a vote. 15 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: And Chairwoman Butler 16 votes yes. 16 In the matter before us, the 17 Department of Planning and Development requests 17 The motion passes. 18 authority to acquire the property located at 902 18 For our third item of business --19 West 18th Street and 947 West 16th Street in the 19 COMMISSIONER COX: Chairwoman Butler, I too 20 Pilsen Industrial Tax Increment Financing 20 noted that Cornelius Griggs is present, but we did 21 Redevelopment Project Area. 21 not acknowledge him in the roll call when he came 22 22 on. I would just ask the DPD staff if they could Do I have a motion? 23 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So moved. 23 reach out to him by cellphone and then if he is 24 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Commissioner 24 there and would like to be registering his vote. Page 41 Page 39 1 Davis. Moved by Commissioner Davis. 1 I mean, I can't do it, but we cannot -- that might 2 Do I have a second? 2 be something you could do to just understand if 3 COMMISSIONER CHAN McKIBBEN: Second. Grace 3 Commissioner Griggs is going to be voting on any of 4 Chan McKibben. 4 these items. Thank you. CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Commissioner 5 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Commissioner 6 Chan McKibben. 6 Cox. In accordance with the Open Meetings 7 7 MR. McKENNA: We'll work on that. 8 Act, all votes are to be conducted by roll call so 8 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Great. And I don't know 9 that each member's vote on each issue can be 9 if tech support can unmute Commissioner Griggs. 10 identified and recorded. Please signify your vote 10 MR. KAMAL: I just -- I've requested several 11 on approval of the motion by saying yes, no, or 11 times if he can unmute, but ... CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Okay. Well, we will 12 abstain. 12 13 I will now call the vote. 13 see -- we will proceed. And hopefully Commissioner 14 Secretary Wheat. 14 Griggs will be able to actively participate in the 15 COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Yes. 15 meeting. 16 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Buford. 16 For our third item of business, the 17 COMMISSIONER BUFORD: Yes. 17 Department of Planning and Development requests 18 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Chan McKibben. 18 authority to acquire the property located at 3801 19 COMMISSIONER CHAN McKIBBEN: Yes. 19 through 3809 West Madison Street, 3843 West Madison 20 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Cox. 20 Street, and 3849 through 3851 West Madison Street 21 COMMISSIONER COX: Yes. 21 in the Madison/Austin Corridor Tax Increment 22 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Curtis. 22 Financing Redevelopment Project Area. 23 (No response.) 23 Ernest Bellamy will provide the 24 Commissioner Davis. 24 staff report on behalf of the Department of

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1 Planning and Development.

2 Ernest, you may begin.

3 MR. BELLAMY: Thank you, Chairwoman. And

4 good afternoon to you all again. For the record,

- 5 my name is Ernest Bellamy, City Planner with the
- 6 Department of Planning and Development.
- 7 The resolution before you requests
- 8 acquisition -- authorization for the City to
- 9 acquire acquisition authority for properties
- 10 located roughly at 3801 through 09 West Madison
- 11 Street and 3843 through 59 West Madison Street so
- 12 that the City can purchase those properties
- 13 from four private owners, which I will show in the
- 14 subsequent screen, as part of a larger redevelopment
- 15 to deliver a mixed-use development to the East
- 16 Garfield --
- 17 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Ernest, if I can
- 18 interrupt you.
- 19 MR. BELLAMY: Yes.
- 20 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: The page -- this cover
- 21 page -- if you go back to your cover page, please.
- 22 It says 3843 through 59 West Madison Street. Is
- 23 that correct?
- 24 MR. BELLAMY: Correct. There's -- it's a

1 As a general rough location in

- 2 context, the parcels are located just at the
- 3 western edge of Garfield Park along Madison Street
- 4 at the -- roughly at the southwest intersection of
- 5 Madison Street and Hamlin Boulevard.
- Zoomed in, the seven parcels are as
- 7 seen here. The parcel in between the two, which
- 8 will be later -- covered later, is a prior
- 9 acquisition that the City acquired of the former
- 10 West Garfield Park Aldi site.
- 11 As I alluded to, the acquisition
- 12 overview -- well, the related development project
- 13 is the West Garfield Park Aldi, which we acquired
- 14 in the West Garfield Park Madison and Hamlin RFQ,
- 15 which the City -- which DPD has issued. Key dates
- 16 are -- as you see on the right of your screen as
- 17 we're currently working through the RFQ and
- 18 selecting a team to go forward with development
- 19 of the site and the -- the overall site.
- The two parcels -- or, pardon. The
- 21 seven parcels which we are seeking acquisition
- 22 authority on are as you see here on the screen
- 23 where it's zoomed in. The four parcels at 3801
- 24 through 09 West Madison Street and the condo'd --

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1 condo'd commercial building.

- 2 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Okay. I just wanted to
- 3 make sure. The resolution has 3843 West Madison
- 4 Street as a separate request, and in the minutes it
- 5 reads 3849 through 51. So I just want to make sure 6 that we're consistent with what -- that the
- 7 information in the request as it appears here is
- 8 consistent with what the resolution that I've been
- 9 provided states.
- 10 MR. BELLAMY: Correct. Apologies, Chairwoman.
- 11 I'll see if I could fix it on the fly as we proceed
- 12 through these slides. Apologies. You're muted.
- 13 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Clarification is all
- 14 that's needed at this point. Thank you. No need
- 15 to fix on the fly, this slide. Please proceed.
- 16 MR. BELLAMY: Okay. Thank you.
- 17 The proposed land acquisition,
- 18 again, is located in West Garfield Park community
- 19 area, in the Madison/Austin TIF, and the 28th Ward
- 20 led by Alderman Jason Irvin.
- 21 The site consists of seven PINs
- 22 comprising roughly .59 acres of land, and the
- 23 ownership is -- of the -- is spread across four
- 24 private owners as seen on the screen.

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- 1 commercial condo'd building roughly at 3843 through2 59 West Madison can be seen below.
- 3 And equally on the left of the
- 4 screen, the site as a total of what we're looking
- 5 to combine with the formerly acquired West Garfield
- 6 Park Aldi site.
- 7 Overall within the RFQ -- through
- 8 the RFQ process, we're looking to facilitate a
- 9 redevelopment of the block for a new neighborhood
- 10 grocery store within a mixed-use development.
- 1 The redevelopment overall aligns
- 10 The redevelopment everall aligne
- 12 with the larger TIF redevelopment agreement in that
- 13 it will facilitate assembly, preparation, and
- 14 marketing of vacant land, vacant and underutilized
- 15 sites for retail, commercial, and residential
- 16 development and encourages the development of
- 17 retail and commercial activities along Madison
- 18 Street between Keeler Avenue and Hamlin Avenue.
- 19 And it preserves the pedestrian orientation of
- 20 appropriate retail nodes by encouraging pedestrian-
- 21 friendly uses and design among other -- among other
- 22 alignments with the RDA.

- Subsequently the project, as
- 24 previously stated, falls in conformance with the

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Page 46 1 Madison/Austin TIF redevelopment plan and has the 1 previous comment regarding the recommendation. 2 support of Alderman Jason Ervin. The Department of Planning and Therefore, the Department of 3 Development requests authority to acquire the 4 Planning and Development recommends the Community 4 property located at 3801 through 3809 West Madison 5 Development Commission recommend approval of the 5 Street and 3843 through 3859 West Madison Street in 6 acquisition authority for 3801 through 09 West 6 the Madison/Austin Corridor Tax Increment Financing 7 Madison and 3843 through 59 West Madison. 7 Redevelopment Project Area. CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Ernest. 8 Do I have a motion? I'd like to recognize Alderman Jason 9 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: So move. Thomas. 10 Ervin of the 28th Ward if he or anyone from his 10 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you. Commissioner 11 Thomas. 11 staff are on. 12 12 Kamal, can you confirm that the --Do I have a second? COMMISSIONER CHAN McKIBBEN: Second. Grace ALDERMAN ERVIN: How you doing? This is 13 13 14 Alderman Ervin. I am here. 14 Chan McKibben. 15 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you. Thank you. 15 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Commissioner 16 Chan McKibben. 16 ALDERMAN ERVIN: No. No problem at all. 17 17 In accordance with the Open Meetings So I just wanted to let you know I 18 Act, all votes are to be conducted by roll call so 18 do support this acquisition in the 3800 block of 19 Madison. We've already acquired the Aldi's. And 19 that each member's vote on each issue can be 20 I think this would bookend the project for that 20 identified and recorded. 21 21 whole 3800 block on the south side of the street. Please signify your vote on approval 22 of the motion by saying yes, no, or abstain. I 22 And so I do support this and look forward from a 23 favorable recommendation by the CDC. 23 will now call the vote. 24 Secretary Wheat. CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Alderman Page 47 1 Ervin, for joining us today and signifying your 1 COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Yes. 2 strong support of this project. 2 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Buford. 3 Commissioners, if you have any COMMISSIONER BUFORD: Yes. 4 questions regarding the agenda item, please use 4 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Chan McKibben. 5 the raise-your-hand function to be recognized. 5 COMMISSIONER CHAN McKIBBEN: Yes. I don't see any hands raised. 6 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Cox. 7 Kamal, can you confirm? 7 COMMISSIONER COX: Yes. R MR. KAMAL: No hands raised. 8 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Curtis. 9 9 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Great. Thank you so much. (No response.) 10 10 Kamal, has anyone signed up to speak? Commissioner Davis. MR. KAMAL: Not that I know of. 11 11 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. 12 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Gomez. 12 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Okay. If any members of 13 the public would like to speak on this matter, 13 (No response.) 14 please utilize the raise-your-hand function so you 14 Commissioner Griggs. 15 15 can be acknowledged. If you are on the phone, you COMMISSIONER GRIGGS: Yes. 16 can use that functionality by pressing star 9. 16 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Thomas. 17 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Yes. 17 Kamal, can you confirm if anyone 18 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Trevino. 18 has -- if any member of the public has indicated 19 COMMISSIONER TREVINO: Yes. 19 they would like to speak? 20 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: And Chair Butler votes yes. 20 MR. KAMAL: No hands raised. 21 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you so much. 21 The motion passes.

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For our fourth item of business, the

23 Department of Planning and Development requests

24 authority to acquire the property located at 3200

Commissioners, if there are no

23 further questions or comments, I will call the item

24 to a vote. And this is a clarification of my

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- 1 West Lake Street, 100 Kedzie Avenue, 3148 West
- 2 Washington Boulevard, and 107 through 111 North
- 3 Kedzie Avenue in the Chicago/Central Park Tax
- 4 Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area, the
- 5 Midwest Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment
- 6 Project Area, and the Kinzie Industrial Tax
- 7 Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area.
- 8 Ernest Bellamy will provide the
- 9 staff report on behalf of the Department of
- 10 Planning and Development.
- 11 Ernest, you may begin.
- 12 MR. BELLAMY: Good afternoon again,
- 13 Chairwoman and members of the Commission. For
- 14 the record, my name is Ernest Bellamy, City Planner
- 15 for the West Planning Region, the Department of
- 16 Planning and Development.
- 17 The resolution before you requests
- 18 authorization for the City to acquire acquisition
- 19 authority for the properties located roughly at
- 20 3200 West Lake, 100 North Kedzie Avenue, and 107
- 21 through 11 North Kedzie Avenue, which -- apologies
- 22 for clarification to what the Chairwoman has said
- 23 also encompasses 32- -- 3201 West Washington
- 24 Boulevard within that address range of 107 through

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- 1 Park, Kinzie Industrial, and Midwest TIFs, and the 2 27th Ward led by Alderman Walter Burnett, Jr. and
- 3 28th Ward led by Alderman Jason Ervin.
- - The site consists of five PINs
- 5 comprised of roughly 1.08 acres of land, and the
- 6 four private owners are -- and/or their entities
- 7 are listed on the screen in the lower portion of
- 8 the screen.
- The five parcels are located roughly
- 10 on -- straddling the east and west sides of Kedzie
- 11 Avenue within the East Garfield Park. Zoomed in,
- 12 their site adjacencies are near to the Kedzie
- 13 Avenue Green Line station as well as The Hatchery.
- 14 The properties represent an
- 15 opportunity for further develop- -- further
- 16 development opportunity on underused and vacant
- 17 land in the diverse and culturally rich East
- 18 Garfield Park community area of which the
- 19 neighborhood itself has been at the cusp of
- 20 undergoing significant development pressures that
- 21 can upset the economic -- the social and economic
- 22 balance of the community.
- 23 Related to the acquisition of these
- 24 parcels, these private parcels, is a request for

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- 1 11 North Kedzie.
- CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: So for clarification,
- 3 3848 West Washington, which is the address that
- 4 appears --
- 5 MR. BELLAMY: My apologies.
- 6 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: -- in the reso- -- in
- 7 the -- on the agenda, is this part of the request
- 8 or not, 3841 West Washington Boulevard?
- MR. BELLAMY: My apologies, Chairwoman. 3841
- 10 West Washington Boulevard, that appears to be a
- 11 typo. 3841 would register in West Garfield Park as
- 12 opposed to these parcels in East Garfield Park.
- CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Okay. Thank you. So
- 14 the -- what we see on the screen is correct, is
- 15 that --

- 16 MR. BELLAMY: Correct.
- 17 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Okay. Great. Thank you
- 18 for the clarification.
- 19 MR. BELLAMY: Overall we are looking to
- 20 purchase those properties from four private owners
- 21 as part of a larger development strategy in East
- 22 Garfield Park. The proposed land acquisition is
- 23 located in East Garfield Park -- in the East
- 24 Garfield Park community area in the Chicago/Central

- 1 qualifications that was issued last year within
- 2 East Garfield Park for City-owned parcels along
- 3 Kedzie Avenue adjacent to these sites. How these
- 4 private parcels relate to that -- the current RFQ
- 5 is as seen in the plan on the left side of your
- 6 screen and on the right side of your screen in a
- 7 massing showing the balancing between the two
- 8 sites.
- 9 Overall acquiring the parcels listed
- 10 would assist in a secondary phase of the RFQ so
- 11 that we can strengthen the opportunity for
- 12 redevelopment that we are building up here in East
- 13 Garfield Park.
- 14 And, again, we're -- again, we're
- 15 looking to facilitate the redevelopment of a mixed-
- 16 use -- mixed-use developments along West Lake
- 17 Street and North Kedzie Avenue.
- 18 How acquiring these parcels align
- 19 with the various TIF redevelopment agreements, to
- 20 succinctly summarize, it allows us to create a
- 21 competitive, accessible, and safe and attractive
- 22 industrial environment or mixed-use industrial
- 23 environment that builds upon existing
- 24 infrastructure -- infrastructure assets, it allows

1 us to design and encourage improvements to

2 revitalize a commercial corridor -- corridors of

- 3 the area, and promote the area as a place to do
- 4 business as well as to help eliminate the blighted
- 5 conditions that cause the area to qualify for TIF.
- 6 From here, that -- the project is in
- 7 conformance with the Chicago/Central Park, Kedzie
- 8 Industrial, and the Midwest TIF.
- 9 The redevelopment -- oh, also, the
- 10 acquisition has the support of both Alderman Walter
- 11 Burnett, Jr. and Alderman Jason Ervin.
- 12 Therefore, the Department of
- 13 Planning and Development recommends that the
- 14 Community Development Commission recommend approval
- 15 and acquisition authority for 3200 West Lake
- 16 Street, 100 North Kedzie Avenue, and 107 through 11
- 17 North Kedzie Avenue.
- 18 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you Ernest.
- 19 I'd like to recognize Alderman
- 20 Walter Burnett of the 27th Ward and, if he's still
- 21 with us, Alderman Jason Ervin of the 28th Ward and
- 22 ask if you would like to make a statement.
- 23 ALDERMAN ERVIN: Yes. Alderman Ervin, 28th
- 24 Ward.

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Page 56 COMMISSIONER COX: Yes. Thank you.

2 I mean, obviously seeing these

- 3 presentations for acquisition authority back to
- 4 back to back, the Ernest Bellamy Show, reminded me
- 5 that perhaps I should stand back a bit and frame
- 6 what the Commissioners are seeing. Because this is
- 7 an evolution of the INVEST South/West strategy that
- 8 you have made -- you voted on all throughout 2022.
- 9 A big difference is in the INVEST
- 10 South/West corridors, they were chosen specifically
- 11 because there was like a missing tooth or a gap in
- 12 an otherwise well-functioning commercial corridor.
- 13 So we -- you saw projects that were a block long, a
- 14 single building a block long, or, you know, an in-
- 15 fill corner parcel like the one we saw in Back of
- 16 the Yards. But by and large, those commercial
- 17 corridors are all there. They just needed
- 18 reinvestment, whether it was adaptive reuse or
- 19 plugging a hole with a mixed-use, ground up
- 20 affordable housing development.
- 21 As we move outside of the ten INVEST
- 22 South/West communities like Pilsen or West Garfield
- 23 or East Garfield, we -- you know, we're finding
- 24 that the answer isn't a single building. It's

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- This area, we currently have some
- 2 things happening there right at Lake and Kedzie
- 3 part of that TOD for the area. These parcels that
- 4 are being acquired are pretty much blighted
- 5 parcels, have not produced anything of any good
- 6 tangibility for the community. I definitely
- 7 support the acquisition of all of the parcels, the
- 8 ones in 27 and the ones in 28, for a larger
- 9 development plan for that corridor of Kedzie pretty
- 10 much from Lake all the way to Washington.
- 11 So, again, look forward for a
- 12 favorable recommendation from the CDC. And if
- 13 anyone has any questions, I'm glad to answer.
- 14 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Alderman
- 15 Ervin.
- 16 Is Alderman Burnett on as well,
- 17 Kamal?
- 18 (No response.)
- 19 Okay. Commissioners -- and,
- 20 Commissioner Cox, I see you have your hand raised.
- 21 If you have any questions regarding the agenda
- 22 item, please use the raise-your-hand function to be
- 23 recognized.
- 24 Commissioner Cox.

1 multiple buildings and multiple blocks. We

- 2 literally have to reconstruct Main Street in
- 3 areas like East and West Garfield.
- 4 So you saw last year we came to the
- 5 Commission to purchase the Aldi, the shuttered Aldi
- 6 grocery store site. That was one of the first
- 7 times that we proactively went in and purchased a
- 8 piece of property on a commercial corridor to help
- 9 jumpstart a redevelopment proposal. And that is on
- 10 its way.
- 11 But as we began to study that, we
- 12 also realized that properties on the other ends
- 13 of that same block were important and vital to a
- 14 comprehensive and a catalytic transformation. And
- 15 so we sought the alderman's support in having a
- 16 larger acquisition strategy.
- 17 And you saw that same tendency in
- 18 Pilsen where the City purchased a multi-acre site
- 19 which is going to be critical for what will be a
- 20 significant affordable housing concentration. The
- 21 parcel that you acted on and you supported was a
- 22 storage yard for 18-wheelers. And so we realized
- 23 it would be an important opportunity to acquire the
- 24 entire thing.

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- 1 And now you are seeing in -- and
- 2 now, I guess, this is East Garfield, the need to
- 3 assemble a host of fragmented pieces of sites
- 4 which, as the alderman said, are noncontributing,
- 5 but would be absolutely critical for us having a
- 6 multi-block strategy that will be built out over
- 7 many years.
- 8 And we are just days away from
- 9 seeing the response, the development response to
- 10 the first parcel that the City does own.
- 11 So we're trying to be very, very
- 12 strategic here. We're moving from a single
- 13 building strategy to a micro district strategy.
- 14 And so it just became very, very apparent that
- 15 something is going on here, and I didn't want you
- 16 to think that it wasn't without great intention and
- 17 purposefulness and that we have been working hand
- 18 in hand with the alderman to pursue this strategy,
- 19 which is new for us.
- 20 And I look forward to us having even
- 21 a greater catalytic impact on neighborhoods on the
- 22 South and West Sides because of your support for
- 23 this type of strategy. Thank you.
- 24 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Well, thank you,

- 1 MR. KAMAL: No hands raised.
- 2 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you for that
- 3 clarification, Kamal.
 - Commissioners, if there are no
- 5 further questions or comments, I will call the item
- 6 to a vote. And once again I need to modify my
- 7 initial introduction of this item as well as note
- 8 that the agenda that was published was incorrect.
- 9 We will not be considering acquisition authority
- 10 for 3148 West Washington Boulevard.
- 11 In the matter before us, the
- 12 Department of Planning and Development requests
- 13 authority to acquire the property located at 3200
- 14 West Lake Street, 100 Kedzie Avenue, and 107
- 15 through 111 North Kedzie Avenue in the Chicago/
- 16 Central Park Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment
- 17 Project Area, the Midwest Tax Increment Financing
- 18 Redevelopment Project Area, and the Kinzie
- 19 Industrial Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment
- 20 Project Area.
- 21 Do I have a motion?
- 22 COMMISSIONER CHAN McKIBBEN: So move. Grace
- 23 Chan McKibben. Sorry.
 - CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Commissioner

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- 1 Commissioner Cox. Your comments are very
- 2 illuminating and very helpful in helping the
- 3 Commission and the public understand the department
- 4 and the City's strategies. So thank you so much
- 5 for your additional observations.
- 6 Commissioners, do you -- are there
- 7 any additional questions or comments regarding the
- 8 agenda item?
- 9 Kamal, I don't see any hands raised
- 10 by members of the Commission. Can you confirm
- 11 that's correct?
- 12 MR. KAMAL: No hands raised.
- 13 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: All right. Great.
- 14 Kamal, can you let me know if any
- 15 member of the public have signed up to speak or
- 16 have their hands raised?
- 17 MR. KAMAL: I don't see any hands raised from
- 18 the public.
- 19 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: L well, thank you so
- 20 much.
- 21 If there are members of the public
- 22 who would like to speak on this matter, please use
- 23 the raise-your-hand function or press star 9 if you
- 24 are on the phone.

- 1 Chan McKibben.
- 2 Do I have a second?
 - COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Second. Commissioner
- 4 Wheat.
- 5 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Great. Thank you,
- 6 Commissioner Wheat.
- 7 In accordance with the Open Meetings
- 8 Act, all votes are to be conducted by roll call so
- 9 that each member's vote on each issue can be
- 10 identified and recorded. Please signify your vote
- 11 on approval of the motion by saying yes, no, or
- 12 abstain.
- 13 I will now call the vote. And I
- 14 will also note that Commissioner Davis had a 2:00
- 15 p.m. commitment and so is no longer participating
- 16 in today's meeting.
- 17 Secretary Wheat.
- 18 COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Yes.
- 19 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Buford.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BUFORD: Yes.
- 21 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Chan McKibben.
- 22 COMMISSIONER CHAN McKIBBEN: Yes.
- 23 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Cox.
- 24 COMMISSIONER COX: Yes.

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Page 62 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Curtis. 1 1 PINs comprising roughly .04 acres of land. And the 2 (No response.) 2 private owner is as shown on the screen. The 3 Commissioner Davis. 3 overall -- the site has a billboard which has an 4 (No response.) 4 easement through an adjacent City-owned parcel of 5 Commissioner Gomez. 5 which the easement agreement calls for the vacation 6 (No response.) 6 once a development -- a development interested --7 Commissioner Griggs. 7 or developer interested in developing the site has 8 COMMISSIONER GRIGGS: Yes. 8 come forward. 9 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Thomas. A little bit of a verbiage trickery 10 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Yes. 10 here, not so much of a trickery, but kind of a 11 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Trevino. 11 little bit of a confusion. This is in the North 12 COMMISSIONER TREVINO: Yes. 12 Lawndale neighborhood although the sites sit within CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: And Chair Butler votes yes. 13 13 the East Garfield Park community area. The sites 14 The motion passes. 14 overall just sit south of I-290. 15 For our fifth and final item of 15 The history that I alluded to with 16 business, the Department of Planning and 16 regards to the billboard, which had an easement --17 Development requests authority to acquire the 17 that has an easement, a current easement through 18 property located at 3801 through 3809 West Harrison 18 City-owned parcels, has been roughly in place since 19 Street in the Midwest Tax Increment Financing 19 the early 2000s. A nonprofit has come forward 20 Redevelopment Project Area. 20 interested in redeveloping a City-owned lot along 21 Ernest Bellamy will provide the 21 the property for future redevelopment and has --22 staff report on behalf of the Department of 22 they have been currently engaged over the greater 23 Planning and Development. 23 part of last year with the community over what 24 MR. BELLAMY: Good afternoon again, 24 that look of the building should be as well as Page 63 1 Chairwoman. My apologies. There seems to be a 1 opportunities for community engagement as the 2 point of clarification with the address for this 3 one. This is for 3407 through 09 West Harrison. 4 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you for that

2 development gets further fleshed out.

Going to the site in question,

4 highlighted in red is the two parcels which has the

5 billboard with an easement running through the

6 City-owned lot. Acquiring the parcel would really

7 allow the City to kind of sell off in whole a more

8 true and proper developable site as opposed to have

9 kind of this hanging tooth or chad of a parcel that

10 cannot be developed or has the oddity of having

11 this staggered parcel outlined to it as well.

12 Overall how does this redevelopment 13 adhere to the RDA of the Midwest TIF, it helps to

14 promote business retention and new employment

15 development. It helps to encourage the clustering

16 of similar and supportive commercial uses to

17 promote -- culminate attraction, multi shop shopping

18 and business activity, and improve the quality of

19 life in the project area and surrounding community.

20 Subsequently, given that the project

21 is in conformance with the Midwest TIF

22 redevelopment plan and has the full support of 23 Alderwoman Monique Scott, therefore, the Department

24 of Planning and Development recommends that the

5 clarification.

6 MR. BELLAMY: No problem.

7 And for the record, my name is

8 Ernest Bellamy, City Planner for the West Planning

9 Region with the Department of Planning and

10 Development.

11 The resolution before you requests

12 authorization for the City to acquire acquisition

13 authority for the properties roughly located at

14 3407 through 09 West Harrison Street so that the

15 City can purchase those properties from one private

16 owner as part of a larger commitment to deliver a

17 new redevelopment for the North Lawndale

18 neighborhood within the East Garfield Park

19 community area.

20 The proposed land acquisition is

21 located in the East Garfield Park community area,

22 in the Midwest TIF, and the 24th Ward led by

23 Alderman Monique Scott.

24 The site consists of roughly two MEETING, 01/10/2023 Page 66 Page 68 1 Community Development Commission recommend approval 1 of the Commission is correct with respect to the 2 and acquisition authority for 3407 through 09 West 2 addresses. The resolution that I was given is not. 3 Harrison Street. 3 So I will restate the resolution and use the CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Ernest. 4 correct addresses. 5 I'd like to recognize Alderwoman 5 In the matter before us, the 6 Monique Scott of the 24th Ward if she or a member 6 Department of Planning and Development requests 7 of her staff are present with us today. 7 authority to acquire the property located at 3407 ALDERWOMAN SCOTT: This is Alderwoman Scott. 8 through 3409 West Harrison Street in the Midwest 9 How are you? Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area. 10 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Great. Alderwoman Scott, 10 Do I have a motion? COMMISSIONER THOMAS: So move. Thomas. 11 thank you so much for joining us this afternoon. 11 12 ALDERWOMAN SCOTT: Yes. I am in full support 12 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Commissioner 13 of this project. I guess it's a long awaited for 13 Thomas. 14 the six months that I've been here, but I am in 14 Do I have a second? 15 full support and -- I'm in full support. 15 COMMISSIONER COX: Seconded by Commissioner 16 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Well, thank you so much 16 Cox. 17 for joining us today and letting us know that you 17 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Okay. Thank you, 18 are in full support of the department's 18 Commissioner Cox. 19 recommendation. It's much appreciated. Thank you 19 In accordance with the Open Meetings 20 for taking the time. 20 Act, all votes are to be conducted by roll call so 21 ALDERWOMAN SCOTT: Thank you. 21 that each member's vote on each issue can be 22 22 identified and recorded. Please signify your vote CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you. 23 Commissioners, if you have any 23 on approval of the motion by saying yes, no, or 24 questions regarding the agenda item, please use the 24 abstain. I will now call the vote. Page 69

1	Page 67 raise-your-hand function to be recognized.	1	Page 69 Secretary Wheat.
2	Kamal, I don't see any hands raised.	2	COMMISSIONER WHEAT: Yes.
3	•	3	CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Buford.
4	MR. KAMAL: That is correct, no hands raised.	4	COMMISSIONER BUFORD: Yes.
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5	CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Thank you, Kamal.	5	CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Chan McKibben.
6	Has anyone signed up to speak?	6	COMMISSIONER CHAN McKIBBEN: Yes.
7	MR. KAMAL: Not that I know of.	7	CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Cox.
8	CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Great. And so if there	8	COMMISSIONER COX: Yes.
9	are members of the public on and would like to	9	CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Curtis.
10	speak for up to three minute, please raise use	10	(No response.)
11	the raise-your-hand function. If you are on the	11	Commissioner Davis.
12	phone, press star 9.	12	(No response.)
13	Kamal, can you confirm that there's	13	Commissioner Gomez.
14	anyone has responded?	14	(No response.)
15	MR. KAMAL: No hands raised.	15	Commissioner Griggs.
16	CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Great.	16	COMMISSIONER GRIGGS: Yes.
17	Are there any questions by members	17	CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Thomas.
18	of the Commission or comments?	18	COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Yes.
19	(No response.)	19	CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Commissioner Trevino.
20	So if there are no further questions	20	COMMISSIONER TREVINO: Yes.
21	or comments from the members of the Commission, I	21	CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: And Chair Butler votes yes.
22	will now call the item to a vote. However, I want	22	The motion passes.

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24 agenda as published and as provided to the members | 24 to adjourn. Anyone opposed to adjourning?

I will now like to request a motion

23 to just clarify my comments at the beginning. The

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1 (No response.) 2 Well, Maurice Cox has raised his 3 hand. 4 COMMISSIONER COX: Not to oppose the 5 adjournment. But I did I just wanted to thank 6 you all for your service and for showing up and 7 being present. You can tell this is very important 8 work that we're being asked to do. It's building 9 on your track record quite frankly of last year, 10 which was stellar. 11 We closed on and broke ground on a 12 number of INVEST South/West projects that you voted 13 on. So there are shovels in the ground, and, you 14 know, we are going to be more ambitious this year. 15 So we're going to be bringing you a lot of 16 projects, a lot of acquisition strategies that you 17 saw today. And I would be remiss if I didn't thank 18 you and acknowledge the work you did in 2022 which 19 allowed us to really launch INVEST South/West and 20 to bring you these projects which are going to be 21 even more ambitious. 22 So I know that your time is 23 extraordinarily valuable. Your expertise is very, 24 very very specific. And I will say that we are	1 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: All right. All right. I 2 think we're I think we're good. 3 COMMISSIONER COX: Okay. 4 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: I'd like to make 5 additional comments. I hope everybody's 2023 is 6 off to a fabulous and productive start. And we 7 will if not before, we'll see everyone next 8 month. Take care. 9 (The proceedings adjourned at 10 2:28 p.m.) 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24
1 going to try we won't able to fill the shoes of 2 Vice Chair Newsome, but we are going to try to 3 increase the number so that the pressure isn't 4 always as intense that you show up or we won't meet 5 a quorum. I might be reaching out to you to find 6 out if you have recommendations. Because the 7 expertise here is so specific, I suspect you 8 probably know more people who could lend voice than 9 I do. So if you get an email or call from me, 10 please do take it, and I will see you next month. 11 But thank you so much for showing up 12 and being so thoughtful and deliberate and helpful 13 with your comments and questions. This is one of 14 my favorite boards because it really feels like we 15 get to the you know, we tug it out and hard 16 questions are asked and good work is being done. 17 So thank you. 18 CHAIRWOMAN BUTLER: Well, thank you for 19 recognizing and acknowledging the work of the 20 members of the Commission. On behalf of the 21 members of the CDC, thank you, Commissioner Cox. 22 COMMISSIONER COX: My pleasure. My pleasure. 23 So motion to adjourn, were you 24 asking for one? So move.	Page 73 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE I, Nick D. Bowen, do hereby certify that I reported in shorthand the proceedings of said hearing as appears from my stenographic notes so taken and transcribed under my direction. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at Chicago, Illinois, this 20th day of January 2023. Lincola January 202

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