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**Land Sale Would Support Development of New St. Anthony Hospital Campus**

A \$435 million health and community services campus including a 151-bed hospital would be developed in South Lawndale through a City-owned land sale introduced to City Council today by Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

The 940,000-square-foot Focal Point complex would be constructed on 11-acres of land previously occupied by Washburne Trade School on the southwest corner of 31<sup>st</sup> Street and Kedzie Avenue. Acquired by the City from the Board of Education in 2012 and currently valued at \$2 million, the land would be sold for \$1 to the development arm of St. Anthony Ministries, which operates St. Anthony Hospital.

St. Anthony Hospital would relocate from its current 151-bed facility two miles north of the site to serve as the main tenant of the campus, which would include three main buildings connected by pedestrian bridges and a parking garage. An outpatient clinic, retail space, community center, and outdoor recreational amenities would also be located on site.

Founded in 1897, St. Anthony Hospital is a faith based, non-profit community teaching hospital dedicated to serving the health needs of Chicago's near southwest side.

The new facility would retain 1,000 jobs and create approximately 500 new jobs.

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**Parkside of Old Town Proposed for New Construction**

More than 100 mixed-income housing units would be added to the Parkside of Old Town housing complex on the Near North Side through financial measures introduced to City Council today by Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

The measures, including \$27 million in bonds, \$10 million in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) assistance, a \$1.9 million loan, and \$3.6 million in tax credit equity would help Parkside Phase IIB LP build 106 apartments on the southeast corner of Division and Cleveland streets. The \$41 million project would consist of a nine-story, 94-unit building and a three-story, 12-unit building.

Parkside of Old Town is replacing the Chicago Housing Authority's (CHA) former Cabrini Green public housing complex. Phase IIB is planned to include 36 units of replacement housing for former Cabrini residents, 27 affordable units, and 43 market-rate units.

Other funding sources are proposed to include a \$12.4 million CHA grant and a private mortgage loan.

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### **Repair Grants Proposed for West Englewood Homeowners**

The City of Chicago's Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) would be expanded to a portion of West Englewood through a proposal introduced today to City Council by Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Alderman JoAnn Thompson and Alderman Toni Foulkes

"These Neighborhood Improvement Program grants will provide important resources to help families and homeowners throughout West Englewood," said Alderman JoAnn Thompson, co-sponsor of the ordinance. "Expanding NIP opportunities will help our neighborhood to grow and thrive in the coming years."

The NIP program provides grants to help owners of one- to four-unit properties in select areas of the City make exterior repairs and limited interior improvements. More than \$970,000 would be made available in West Englewood through a special fund created in 1998 by CSX Intermodal as part of a rail yard expansion project.

Qualifying owners would be eligible to receive a one-time grant of \$10,000 to cover repair work involving roofs, gutters, windows, entryways, porches and masonry. Up to 30 percent of each grant could be used for interior health and safety needs.

The NIP eligibility area is generally bounded by Hamilton Avenue, Garfield Boulevard, Damen Avenue and 64<sup>rd</sup> Street.

Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago Inc. would administer the program.

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### **Park, Community Garden Improvements Proposed for Northwest, South Sides**

Improvements to two Northwest Side parks and a South Side community garden would move forward through financial measures introduced to City Council today by Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

#### **Kilbourn Park, 3501 N. Kilbourn Ave.**

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) in the amount of \$350,000 would support renovations to the Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse in the Irving Park community. The project would replace the roof and sides of the 6,900-square-foot structure with polycarbonate panels that provide weather-tight closures, improved light infiltration, and more efficient environmental control. Opened in 1928 as a small conservatory, the facility today contains raised plant beds, a fruit free orchard and other vegetation used for educational programming.

#### **Clark Park, 3400 N. Rockwell Ave.**

TIF assistance in the amount of \$3.5 million would support the construction of a baseball stadium, soccer field, and javelin field at Clark Park in the North Center community. Planned by the City of Chicago, Chicago Park District, Chicago Public Schools, and the Chicago Cubs, project costs recently increased from \$5 million to \$8.5 million to address environmental conditions and enhanced recreational amenities. City Council previously approved \$1.5 million in TIF assistance for the project in May 2012.

#### **62<sup>nd</sup> & Dorchester Community Garden, 1364 E. 62<sup>nd</sup> St.**

City-owned land being used for a .72-acre community garden at 62<sup>nd</sup> Street and Dorchester Avenue in Woodlawn would be sold for \$1 to the NeighborSpace land trust, which would own and insure the property for continued use by local residents. The site features 103 gardening plots for individuals and families to grow flowers, fruits, and vegetables.

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### **Land Sale Would Support New South Side Retail and Car Wash**

A small retail building and car wash would be built in the Fuller Park community through a City-owned land sale introduced today to City Council by Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

Three vacant parcels at the northwest corner of 43<sup>rd</sup> and Wells streets would be sold to Ultimate Gas & Mini Mart Inc., which operates a gas station and retail complex directly east

of the site. The nearly quarter-acre of land would be used to construct a 6,100-square-foot commercial building and an automated car wash. The proposed sale price is the appraised value of \$33,000.

The \$822,000 project would create 19 full- and part-time positions.

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