Fifth Street Lofts TIF Request

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Project Overview

- Co-Developers (Rebound Enterprises & Stencil Group)
 - Rebound Enterprises
 - Based in Northfield, significant investment in local economy
 - Stencil Group
 - Based in Sioux Falls, SD
 - Several urban residential projects in Rochester and Twin Cities
- Urban Housing Project Opportunity
 - Identified the demand for market rate housing in Northfield
 - Approached City regarding infill lots available in or near the downtown district
 - Acquiring property at Washington Street and Fifth Street
 - Request for Tax Increment Financing
 - Required by primary financer for "Community Investment" (i.e. TIF)
 - Site Improvements
 - Cash shortfall in Net Operating Income (NOI)

Site Location



PROJECT AREA:

ID #: 22.06.2.25.081

LOI with Premier Bank (Vacant lot on SW corner of 5th & Washington)

ID #: 22.06.2.25.082

LOI with Premier Bank (Current bank building and parking lot)

ID #: 22.06.2.26.097 Owned by Northfield EDA (510 Washington Street)

*Property ownership between Lot 5 Crossings project and Fifth Street Lofts does overlap. However, projects do have different partnership entities involved with project development.

Type of Housing

- Market Rate Urban Housing
 - 79 apartment units to be constructed
 - 33 Studio; 38 1-Bedroom; 8 2-bedroom units
 - Enclosed parking for tenants on first floor
 - Additional active space on first floor balcony and sky deck
 - Buildings constructed for optimal energy efficiency
 - Conducting energy audit with Xcel Energy
 - Reducing environmental impacts
 - High efficiency HVAC Systems
 - Energy efficient appliances

City Strategic Planning Goals

- Housing Needs & Downtown Revitalization
 - Current rental vacancy rate in Northfield <1%
 - Vacancy rates of 5% indicate healthy rental market
 - Low vacancy rates can inflate rental prices due to high demand
 - City Strategic Plan increase square footage in downtown
 - 79 housing units in the downtown will achieve goals
 - Increasing density without adding public infrastructure costs
 - Land Use efficiency
 - Increased economic activity in downtown spurs revitalization and reinvestment
 - EDA supports TIF

Project Renderings



NORTH FACADE



SOUTH FACADE

Project Renderings



Tax Increment Financing

- Project need for assistance
 - For project to occur in Northfield, lot consolidation is needed and relocation of Premier Bank to Crossings
 - Significant costs related to demolition, site preparation and foundation
 - Project could occur elsewhere (Developer has worked in other communities)
 - \$13.66 million project
- Tax Increment Financing
 - Redevelopment TIF District (25-year duration)
 - Current request set up for a "Pay-as-you-go;" no up-front financing requested, assistance with cash flow over the duration of the TIF
 - Project assistance with site improvements and annual cash shortfall

Schedule of Events

- Developer presented to Council on July 23
- Staff and Ehlers Review
 - Recommended approval of the Subsidy (TIF)
- EDA Board met August 22
 - Approved Resolution recommending Council approval of Subsidy (Redevelopment TIF District)
 - Approved contribution of EDA owned land and a \$250,000 loan contingent upon TIF approval
- City Council to hold Public Hearing on October 1
 - Public Hearing for TIF Plan
- City Council Meeting on October 1
 - Approve the TIF District
 - Approve the TIF Agreement