

Minneapolis Community Development Agency

Request for City Council Action

Date: July 15, 2003

To: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Community Development Committee
Council Member Barbara Johnson, Ways and Means/Budget Committee

Refer to: MCDA Board of Commissioners

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Subject: Award of construction bid for the Chicago Plaza

Previous Directives: West Side Milling District TIF Plan approved February 6, 1998. Modification No. 1 to the West Side Milling District TIF Plan, Modification No. 16 to the Industry Square Redevelopment Plan and Modification No.81 to the Common Plan approved February 2, 2001. Modification No. 2 to West Side Milling TIF Plan, Bonding and Pledge Agreements and Appropriations approved June 6, 2003.

Ward: 2

Neighborhood Group Notification: Industry Square Project Committee and Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association.

Consistency with *Building a City That Works*: Goal 4: Preserve and enhance the historic structures, urban institutions, environments and amenities that define Minneapolis. Objective A: Assure that downtown Minneapolis remains the retail, employment and entertainment center of the region, as well as home to a mix of residents who choose downtown as their neighborhood.

Comprehensive Plan Compliance: Complies with the Update to the Historic Mills District Master Plan.

Zoning Code Compliance: Complies

Impact on MCDA Budget: (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the MCDA Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves

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___ Other financial impact (Explain):

Living Wage / Business Subsidy: Not Applicable

Job Linkage: Not Applicable

Affirmative Action Compliance: Contractor will comply.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council Recommendation: Depends on the outcome of the bidding process.

MCDA Board Recommendation: The Board will be asked to award the construction contract for the Chicago Plaza to the lowest responsible bidder.

Background/Supporting Information

The MCDA is presently advertising for bids for the construction of the Chicago Plaza located on Chicago Avenue South (2nd Street S. – West River Parkway). Bids are due at 10:00 AM on July 15th, the same day the Community Development / Operating Committee meets. We intend to present a revised report with the bid results for consideration by the appropriate Committees.

The Chicago Plaza provides the main pedestrian access to the Minnesta Historical Society's Mill City Museum. The MCDA is attempting to complete the Chicago Plaza construction prior to the grand opening of the Mill City Museum, scheduled for September 13, 2003. Your expedited consideration of the contract award will assist us in meeting that goal.