

**Memorandum
Community and Economic Development**



To: Randall Tweet, Interim City Manager

Subject: Property Exchange with D.A.R.I.

Date: November 1, 2016

Economic Development Staff is working with a developer on a national franchise development project for the out lot east of CVS Pharmacy on 18th Avenue. The acquisition of a small parcel of land (2711 18th Avenue) currently owned by the Development Association of Rock Island ("D.A.R.I.") is vital to assist the project moving forward. Staff has been in discussions with D.A.R.I. regarding a property transfer to allow the City to acquire the property in exchange for a property of same and similar value and use.

In order to ensure an equitable arrangement, the City proposes to transfer to D.A.R.I. the vacant parcel located at 1527 36th Street. This parcel was recently added to the H.O.M.E. program and therefore will need to be removed from the program to complete the transaction.

Upon Council's approval of the aforementioned property exchange, CED staff will work with legal counsel to draft the Agreements for the Sale of Real Estate between the two parties and draft the City Ordinance authorizing the transfer.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accept the donation of 2711 18th Avenue from D.A.R.I. and approve the removal of 1527 36th Street from the H.O.M.E. program and donation to D.A.R.I. of said parcel. Further, staff recommends that Council direct CED staff to work with legal counsel to draft the sale agreements and City ordinances, subject to minor attorney modifications, and authorize execution of the documents by the City Manager.

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