
MEMORANDUM
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

TO: Thomas Thomas, City Manager

SUBJECT: Old Lincoln School Tarp

DATE: 1/3/12

In November of last year, staff solicited bids to place a tarp on the roof of the Old Lincoln School property at 2125 7th Avenue. The purpose was to help impede water flow through several areas of roof leakage. The cost of this work was estimated at \$15,000 and staff was directed to solicit bids. Three companies were asked to provide pricing, however, only two choose to do so; Valley Construction at \$23,700 and White Roofing at \$21,000.

Since last November, staff has reevaluated this approach and does not feel that this is a cost effective way to address this issue. A milder than expected winter and the directive to bring a contract for demolition in July, suggests that this short term approach is not warranted. Any increased damage to the building will be incremental to that which has already occurred.

Although staff will soon begin the process of preparing demolition specifications, efforts to market the property will also continue. The Rock Island Preservation Commission has offered to cover the cost of an on-line and print ad in Preservation Magazine for the property. In addition, a representative from the Karpeles Museum toured the building and, although this organization has no interest in the school property, their contacts with others who have redeveloped historic properties may yield some interest. Per Council direction a sign was placed on the property last fall with contact information.

RECOMMENDATION

Council reject the bids for installation of a tarp on the property at 2125 7th Avenue.

SUBMITTED BY: Greg Champagne, Community and Economic Development Director

APPROVED: Thomas Thomas, City Manager