



City of Grand Island

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Council Session

Item C3

Presentation of Downtown Revitalization Plan by Alley Poyner Macchietto

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Marco Floreani, Community Development Administrator

Meeting: March 12, 2013

Subject: Downtown Revitalization Plan

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Presenter(s): Marco Floreani, Community Development Administrator
Alley Poyner Macchietto Architecture, Lead Consultants

Background

The City of Grand Island received a Downtown Revitalization Phase 1 Pre-Development Planning Grant for the amount of \$30,000 from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a planning project that meets the CDBG national objective of aiding in the elimination conditions related to slum and blight. A combination of matching funds and in-kind services of were committed from City of Grand Island Program Income Reuse Funds and from Business Improvement District #8 for a project cost of \$50,000, including general administration.

The developed Downtown Revitalization Plan has been prepared by lead consultants Alley Poyner Macchietto, an architecture firm from Omaha. In addition to the consultant's expertise, the plan incorporates information gathered during a November 14, 2012 public forum and several focus group discussions. The Downtown Revitalization Plan will be used as a resource for future downtown development and includes suggestions for funding Community Development Block Grant projects within the boundaries of Business Improvement District # 8.

On March 29, 2013, the City of Grand Island will be submitting a Community Development Block Grant Application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for Downtown Revitalization Phase II funds. The anticipated award is \$350,000 with a local match of 25%. A public hearing will be held on March 26, 2013 to approve the Phase II CDBG grant application.