



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Council Session

## Item E-5

### Public Hearing for Phase II Comprehensive Revitalization Community Block Grant Application

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# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Tonja Carey, Community Development Administrator

**Meeting:** June 24, 2014

**Subject:** Public Hearing Phase II Comprehensive Revitalization  
Community Block Grant Application

**Item #'s:** E-5 & G-13

**Presenter(s):** Jaye Monter, Finance Director

## Background

In 2005, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED) developed a Comprehensive Revitalization program to utilize Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in non-entitlement communities. This program allocates grant funds over a multi-year period to meet locally identified needs that are CDBG eligible.

Eligible communities interested in the 2014 Phase II Comprehensive Revitalization category must submit an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development by June 30, 2014. A public hearing is required prior to submission of an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to solicit public comment and input into the proposed project and grant application. A legal notice was published on June 17th, 2014 in the *Grand Island Independent* with notice of this council meeting and contact information for written comments.

In 2012 the City completed a Comprehensive Needs Assessment as a preface to applying for this multi-year program grant to determine qualifying needs in the low to moderate income neighborhoods of our community. The CDBG Phase I and Supplemental Comprehensive Revitalization grants were applied for and awarded on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 for \$220,000 and October 9, 2013 for \$295,000, respectively with approved project activities of sidewalk, street, sewer repair and rental housing improvements.

An amendment was completed on March 25, 2014 to combine and change the scope of the Phase I and Supplemental grants to focus on street revitalization to the low to moderate neighborhoods from South Front Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Street, and from Broadwell Avenue to Plum Street. Within this neighborhood, the immediate target within the Public Works department will consist of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets from Eddy to Sycamore, including Lion's Club Park. Improvements will include installing handicap accessible crosswalk

ramps at each intersection and moving sewer inlets if necessary. Concentration on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> streets will create a more pedestrian friendly corridor. An irrigation system is planned to be installed in Lion's Club Park as part of qualified matching funds.

### **Discussion**

The City of Grand Island is now requesting a 2014 Phase II Comprehensive Revitalization Grant for \$220,000 plus \$5,000 in General Administration to assist in funding the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Street improvement project. After reassessing the needs and future direction of the qualifying neighborhoods, the City felt top priority was to focus on continuing the improvement efforts of ADA accessibility along the pedestrian corridor of 4th & 5th streets. Housing is still a very important issue and we are looking at housing assistance in the future. These grant dollars will allow more work in this area along with possibly even more safety enhancements at Lion's Club park such as lighting and handicap accessible playground equipment.

The City will provide the required local match of \$220,000. The required match will be more than adequately funded through projects in the 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Projects 400 Fund.

### **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

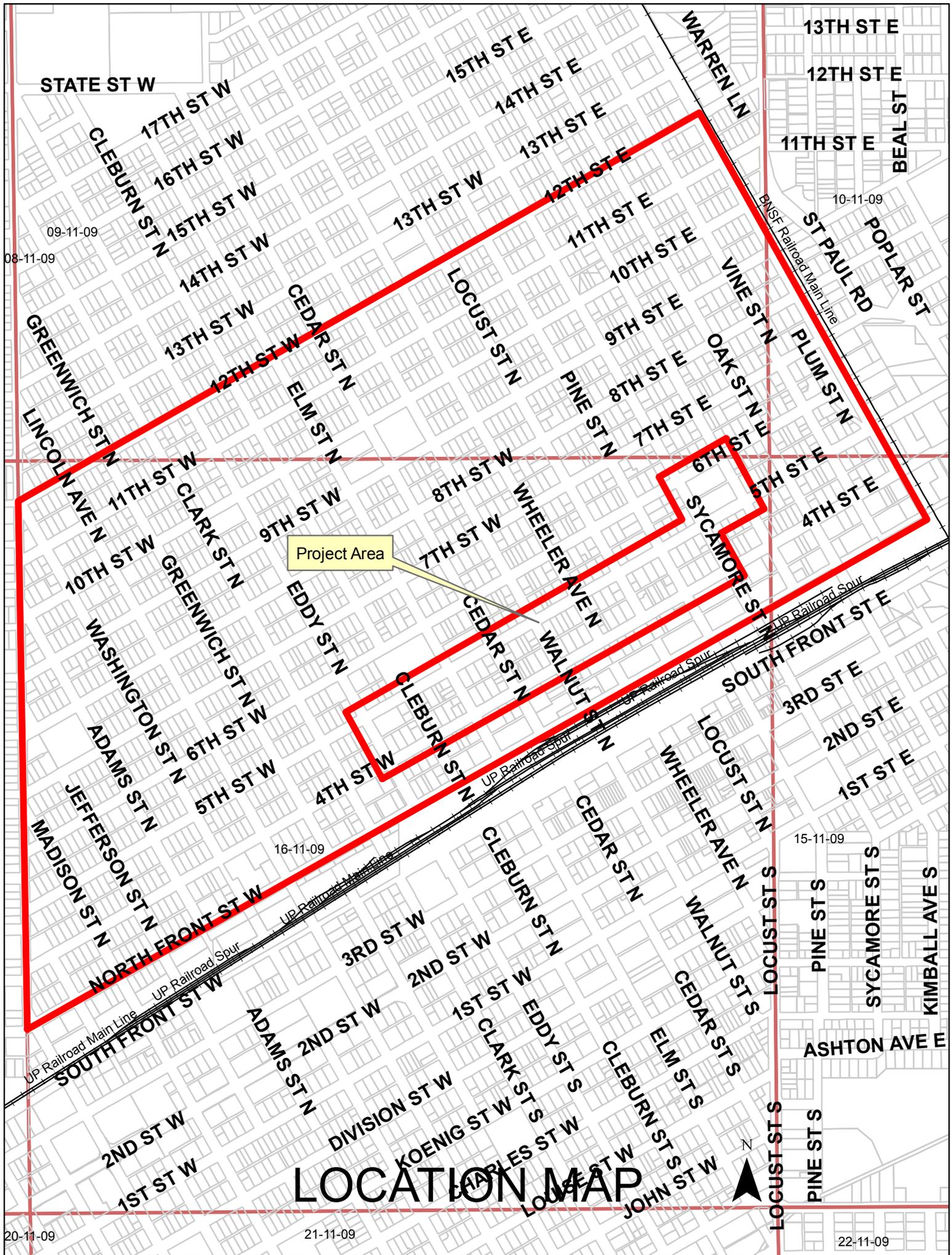
1. Move to approve the 2014 Phase II Comprehensive Revitalization application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

### **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the 2014 Phase II Comprehensive Revitalization application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

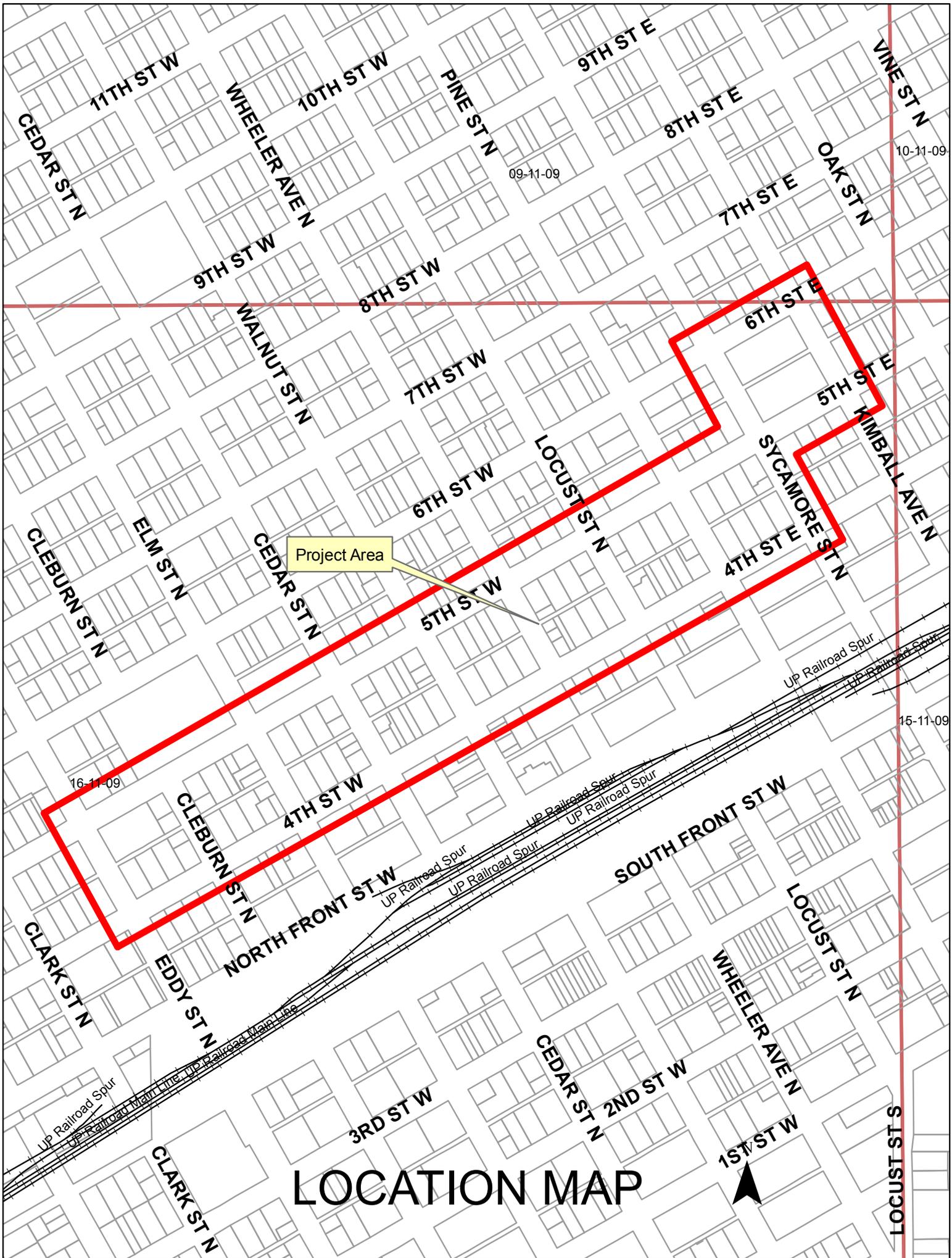
### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the 2014 Phase II Comprehensive Revitalization application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.



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