



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 24, 2006

Council Session

Item E8

Public Hearing Concerning Comprehensive Revitalization Block Grant

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Marsha Kaslon, Community Development Administrator

Council Meeting: January 24, 2006

Subject: Public Hearing for Comprehensive Revitalization Strategy Block Grant

Item #'s: E-8 & G-21

Presenter(s): Marsha Kaslon, Community Development Administrator

Background

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) has developed a program for investing CDBG funds into eight Nebraska municipalities from 20,000 to less than 50,000 populations. This Comprehensive Revitalization category was approved in the 2005 Department of Economic Development CDBG Action Plan and an application process established. The proposed program would provide funds to Grand Island over a multi-year period to meet locally identified housing and infrastructure needs that are CDBG eligible. The City may receive approximately \$290,000 per year for 2006, 2007 and 2008 to use for redevelopment projects in a specifically defined low-to moderate income neighborhood within city boundaries.

A Comprehensive Revitalization Strategy grant application may be submitted no later than January 31, 2006 to DED for these CDBG funds. 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 in the January 14, 2006 Grand Island Independent with notice of this council meeting and contact information for written comments.

Discussion

As an eligible community, the City submitted Comprehensive Revitalization Needs Assessment to the Department of Economic Development (DED) in April 2005 evaluating all DED identified areas of low and moderate- income concentrations and doing an inventory of all types and degree of housing and community development needs within each area. From this evaluation, one area was selected for Revitalization (map attached).

This Comprehensive Revitalization grant application will include a one, two and three year action plan and Revitalization Strategy which includes housing, infrastructure, economic and community development activities to meet the needs of the low- to moderate-income neighborhood.

The City of Grand Island is requesting a \$296,113 block grant to carry out Phase 1 of a Comprehensive Revitalization Strategy for a select low-to-moderate income area of Grand Island. The request includes grant funds up to \$275,385, plus \$20,728 for General Administration (7%) and a percentage not to exceed 7% for Housing Administration. The City will provide up to \$275,385 in matching funds for other eligible projects.

ALTERNATIVES

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

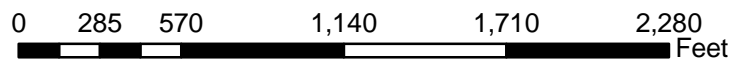
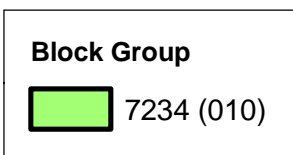
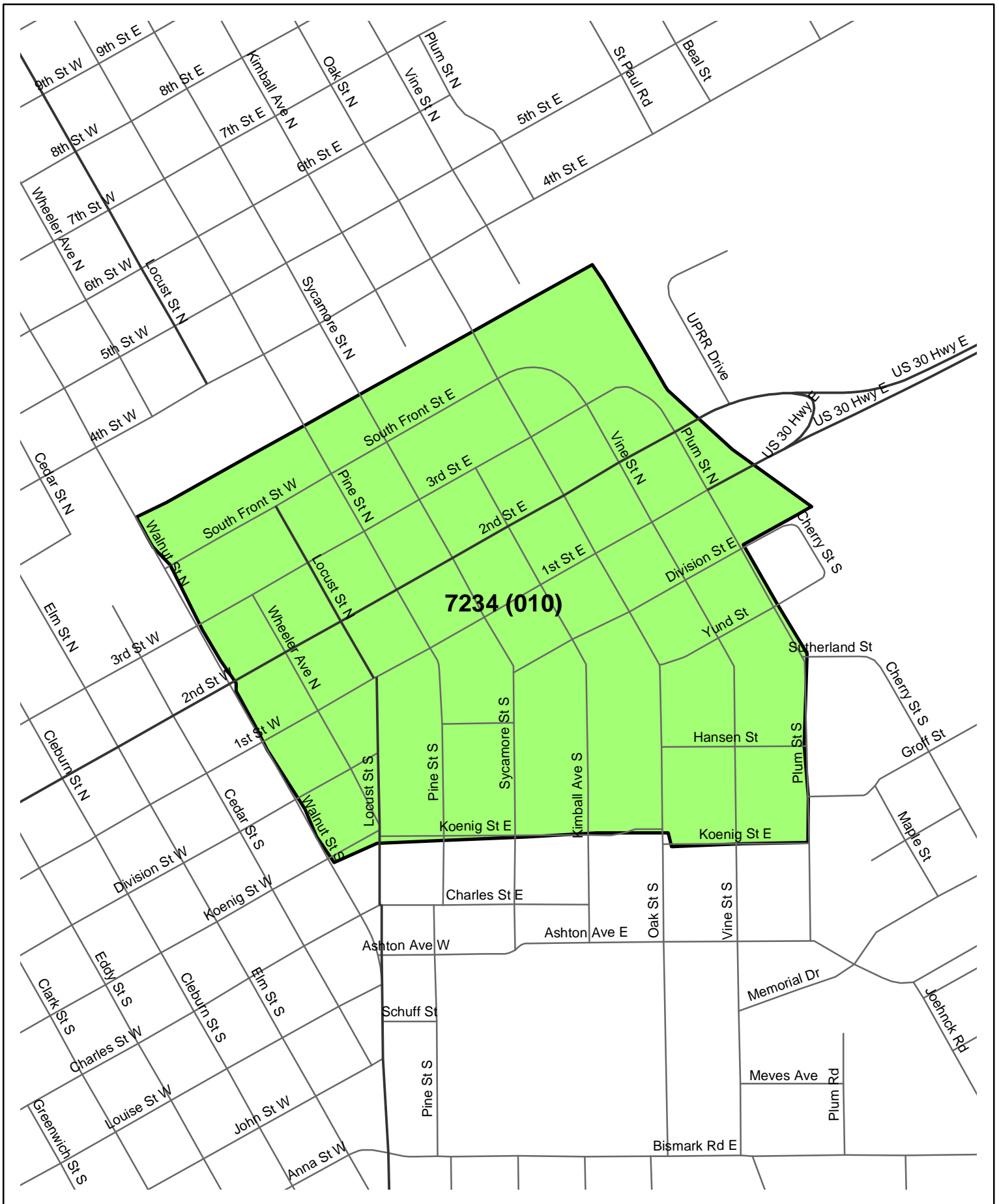
1. Approve the Comprehensive Revitalization Strategy application and give approval for the Mayor to sign all related documents
2. Refer the issue to a Committee.
3. Postpone the issue to a later date.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that public comment be solicited regarding the proposed application and that Council approves the Comprehensive Revitalization Strategy application and authorizes the Mayor to sign all related documents.

Sample Motion

Motion to approve submission of the proposed application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents



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