



HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Work Session

March 20, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The work session was called to order by Acting Chair Vrieze Daniels at 5:45 p.m. in the Bartholomew Room.

HRA Members Present: Erin Vrieze Daniels, Acting Chair; Mary Supple, Lee Ohnesorge, Gordon Hanson; and Sean Hayford Oleary

Staff Present: Melissa Poehlman, Executive Director; Julie Urban, Assistant Community Development Director; and LaTonia DuBois, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Dani Jimenez, Maricela Genao, Mariela Jimenez, Laura Pena; Deli, Bakery and Café representatives; and Tim Pabst, Mathwig Trust

Item #1	DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE THE HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY LOT AT 1430 - 66TH ST EAST TO CONSTRUCT A DELI AND BAKERY. (STAFF REPORT NO. 8)
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Executive Director Poehlman presented staff report No. 8 and introduced Dani Jimenez and her family.

Dani Jimenez and family provided the commissioners with their Deli, Bakery and Café concept and shared a presentation of their business plans. They explained why they want to open this location in Richfield and the benefits that would be offered to the community.

Executive Director Poehlman asked the commissioners to decide if this is the path the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) wants to take with this property.

Commissioner Hayford Oleary inquired about why the past practice has been to seek larger developments for HRA owned land.

Executive Director Poehlman explained.

Commissioners offered support for the development of a small business on the lot, and the desire for flexibility with HRA owned land so that vacant land was not held on to.

Executive Director Poehlman informed the HRA that another inquiry into this land had recently been made.

Commissioners agreed that they would like to see development in this location.

Executive Director Poehlman and the HRA thanked the presenters.

Item #2	CONSIDER NEXT STEPS REGARDING HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND MATHWIG TRUST PROPERTIES. (STAFF REPORT NO. 9)
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Executive Director Poehlman presented staff report No. 9 and asked the commissioners to share their thoughts on the property.


Commissioners discussed possible options for the parcel and shared that they would not be interested in purchasing the parcel but would like to work with the Estate for possible solutions around the current holding costs.

Commissioners and the Estate agreed to table the discussion until June, when the Expo location is awarded. If the Expo is awarded to Bloomington assessment of the land would begin.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:27 p.m.

Date Approved: April 17, 2023



LaTonia DuBois
Administrative Assistant



Erin Vrieze Daniels
Acting HRA Chair



Melissa Poehlman
Executive Director