### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

# 121 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois in Room 201A Regular Meeting July 8, 2025 at 1:00 PM

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

### I. ROLL CALL

The Community Development Commission (CDC) Chairperson Hatten-Butler called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and then undertook a call of the roll to establish the presence of a quorum.

#### Present (6)

Gwendolyn Hatten-Butler, Chair Latasha Thomas, Vice Chair Ciere Boatright, DPD Commissioner Dwight Curtis Terrance Johnson Ronald Milsap

#### *Late (1)*

Grace Chan-McKibben, Secretary

### Absent (5)

Robert Buford Leslie Davis Jacqueline Gomez Cornelius Griggs John Zayas

### II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The CDC provided an opportunity for members of the public to submit written statements up to twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting through the CDC email; written public statements are on kept file with the Department of Planning and Development. The CDC provided a period for members of the public to provide verbal statements limited to 3 minutes per person.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 2025 MEETING

Chair Hatten-Butler moved passage of this item by the same roll call vote previously used to establish quorum.

## <u>Approved 6-0-1</u>

Yay: Hatten-Butler, Thomas, Chan-McKibben, Boatright, Curtis, Milsap

No: None

Abstain: Johnson

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

### A. 35TH/HALSTED REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (WARD 12)

Request for the Commission to grant authority to the Department of Planning and Development to negotiate a redevelopment agreement with Pershing 1769, LLC for the redevelopment of the property located at 1717-1769 West Pershing Road in the 35th/Halsted Redevelopment Project Area, and for the Commission to grant authority for the Department of Planning and Development to negotiate a land sale agreement with Pershing 1769, LLC for the disposition of the property located at 1717-1769 West Pershing Road within the 35th/Halsted Redevelopment Project Area, and for the Commission to recommend to the City Council the designation of Pershing 1769, LLC as Developer.

Jeffery Cohen 25-CDC-06

Chair Hatten-Butler moved passage of this item by the same roll call vote previously used to establish quorum.

## *Approved* 7-0-0

Yay: Hatten-Butler, Thomas, Chan-McKibben, Boatright, Curtis, Johnson, Milsap

No: None Abstain: None

### B. NEAR NORTH REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (WARD 27)

Request for the Commission to grant authority to the Department of Planning and Development to negotiate a redevelopment agreement with After School Matters Inc. for the redevelopment of the property located at 1065 N Orleans St, Chicago, IL 60610 in the Near North Redevelopment Project Area, and for the Commission to recommend to the City Council the designation of After School Matters Inc. as Developer.

Michael Carey 25-CDC-07

Chair Hatten-Butler moved passage of this item by the same roll call vote previously used to establish quorum.

#### Approved 7-0-0

Yay: Hatten-Butler, Thomas, Chan-McKibben, Boatright, Curtis, Johnson, Milsap

No: None Abstain: None

## C. 47TH/STATE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (WARD 3)

Request for the Commission to grant authority to the Department of Housing to negotiate a redevelopment agreement with The Renaissance Collaborative for the redevelopment of the property located at 5300-5318 S. Calumet in the 47th / State Redevelopment Project Area, and for the Commission to grant authority for the Department of Housing to negotiate a land sale agreement with The Renaissance Collaborative for the disposition of the property located at 5300-5318 S. Calumet within the 47th / State Redevelopment Project Area, and for the Commission to recommend to the City Council the designation of The Renaissance Collaborative as Developer.

Vonetta Jones 25-CDC-08

Chair Hatten-Butler moved passage of this item by the same roll call vote previously used to establish quorum.

# <u>Approved 6-1-0</u>

Yay: Hatten-Butler, Thomas, Chan-McKibben, Boatright, Johnson, Milsap

No: Curtis Abstain: None

## D. PULASKI REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (WARD 26)

Request for the Commission to grant authority to the Department of Housing to negotiate a redevelopment agreement with The Hispanic Housing Development Corporation (HHDC) for the redevelopment of the property located at 1539 N. Pulaski in the Pulaski Corridor Redevelopment Project Area, and for the Commission to recommend to the City Council the designation of The Hispanic Housing Development Corporation (HHDC) as Developer.

Rameez Bhimji 25-CDC-09

Chair Hatten-Butler moved passage of this item by the same roll call vote previously used to establish quorum.

### Approved 6-1-0

Yay: Hatten-Butler, Thomas, Chan-McKibben, Boatright, Johnson, Milsap

No: Curtis Abstain: None

## E. HOMAN/ARTHINGTON REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (WARD 24)

Request for the Commission to grant authority to the Department of Housing to negotiate a redevelopment agreement with Homan Square Apartments Phase IV, LP for the redevelopment of the property located at 3607, 3621, 3645 West Polk Street; 906, 908 South Central Park Avenue; 921 South Lawndale Avenue in the Homan-Arthington Redevelopment Project Area, and for the Commission to recommend to the City Council the designation Homan Square Apartments Phase IV, LP as Developer.

Amicie Crayton 25-CDC-10

Chair Hatten-Butler moved passage of this item by the same roll call vote previously used to establish quorum.

## *Approved* 6-0-1

Yay: Hatten-Butler, Thomas, Chan-McKibben, Boatright, Curtis, Johnson

No: None

Abstain: Milsap

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hatten-Butler moved to adjourn by the same roll call vote previously used to establish quorum.

Meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

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3	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
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10	City Hall - Room 201-A 121 North LaSalle Street
11	Chicago, Illinois
12	Tuesday, July 8, 2025 1:05 p.m.
13	1.03 p.m.
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15	PRESENT:
16	GWENDOLYN HATTEN BUTLER, CHAIRWOMAN LATASHA THOMAS, VICE CHAIR
17	GRACE CHAN McKIBBEN, SECRETARY CIERE BOATRIGHT
18	DWIGHT CURTIS TERRENCE JOHNSON
19	RONALD MILSAP
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23	Reported by: Nick D. Bowen
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MEETING, 07/08/2025 Page 2 Page 4 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Good afternoon. And 1 public received by the Department of Planning and 2 welcome to the July 8, 2025 regular meeting of the 2 Development prior to the established deadline of 24 3 Community Development Commission of Chicago. I am 3 hours prior to the scheduled start of the meeting. 4 Gwendolyn Hatten Butler, Chairwoman of the CDC. At this time we will begin the 5 Today's meeting is being held at 5 verbal public comment period of today's meeting. 6 City Hall, Room 201-A, and it's also being streamed 6 Speakers were able to sign up to speak prior to the 7 by the Department of Planning and Development. 7 meeting and will be called in the order they The agenda for today's meeting was 8 arrived. During this public comment period, each 9 posted on July 3rd, 2025 both on the CDC website 9 speaker is limited to three minutes to allow time 10 and physically at City Hall. 10 for as many speakers as possible. We would ask 11 I will now call to order the July 8th 11 that you keep your comments relevant to items on 12 meeting of the Community Development Commission 12 today's agenda. 13 with a call of the roll. Commissioners, when your 13 Bailey, is there a signup sheet? 14 name is called, please respond by saying "present." 14 MR. MITCHELL: I didn't get any signups. 15 Please note this vote will be used to establish the 15 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: All right. I'm sorry, 16 roll call for subsequent items on our agenda today. 16 sir. 17 Vice Chair Thomas. 17 Mr. Blakemore. 18 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Present. 18 MR. BLAKEMORE: Thank you. 19 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Secretary Chan McKibben. 19 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Thank you. 20 20 (No response.) MR. BLAKEMORE: Hi. I signed up for A and B. 21 DPD Commissioner Ciere Boatright. 21 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Can we turn up his mic, 22 COMMISSIONER BOATRIGHT: Present. 22 please. 23 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Commissioner Buford. 23 MR. BLAKEMORE: Thank you. I signed up for A 24 24 and B. So I won't combine these two because I'm (No response.) Page 3 1 Commissioner Curtis. 1 going to get information about the 31st and 2 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: Present. 2 Halsted, and I will be getting other information 3 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Commissioner Davis. 3 as the meeting progress on the second item. 4 (No response.) So the first thing, I'm going to 5 Commissioner Gomez. 5 make a general statement dealing with economic 6 (No response.) 6 development in these private areas. It's very 7 Commissioner Griggs. 7 important that our people are working when they get

8 (No response.) 9 Commissioner Johnson. 10 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Present. 11 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Commissioner Milsap. 12 COMMISSIONER MILSAP: Present. 13 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Commissioner Zayas. 14 (No response.) 15 And Chair Hatten Butler is present. 16 We have a quorum. 17 At this time we will begin the 18 verbal public comment period of the meeting. 19 Members of the public were able to submit written 20 statements to the Commission via email. A written 21 letter of support for the second item under New 22 Business on today's agenda was received and is on 23 file with the Department of Planning and Development.

24 There were no other written statements from the

Page 5 8 these jobs. 9 What do you mean, Mr. Blakemore? 10 Black men working on this development not with 11 these union jobs. It's very important. And the 12 developers most of the time are mostly white 13 developers. And they come in and they get these 14 contracts. 15 Number one, I want to be very 16 critical of the Commission because I have seen this 17 go on for many a year when the aldermen will have 18 the last word. I'm making a general statement now, 19 and that -- then they have these -- they should 20 have a sign-in sheet when the people from the 21 community comes in. They should also have a record 22 how the people in the community voted. And it's 23 not necessary that you should just have a letter

24 from the alderman because it could be pay to play.

So I want to thank you for

- 2 recognizing me, Chairman, because the truth will
- 3 set you free. Some people want silence, and when
- 4 you silent, moves to injustice. When you silent,
- 5 that means you're a part of the problem and not the
- 6 solution.

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- 7 So, again, thank you for greeting me
- 8 with a smile. I'm not the enemy. And I'm able to
- 9 say things that other people probably can't because
- 10 they work for the Commission. I don't. And the
- 11 golden rule is -- see you as a golden rule. And
- 12 our people are poor. And we got to pool our money
- 13 and develop these sites. So number one, thank you.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Thank you, Mr. Blakemore.
- 15 Are there any other members of the
- 16 public who would care to address the Commission at
- 17 the time?
- 18 (No response.)
- 19 So thank you. The public comment
- 20 period of today's meeting is now over.
- 21 The first item on our agenda
- 22 requests approval of the minutes from our previous
- 23 meeting held on June 10th, 2025. The Commissioners
- 24 have had an opportunity to review the minutes, and

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  1 Development to negotiate a land sale agreement with
- 2 Pershing 1769, LLC for the disposition of the
- 3 property located at 1717 through 1769 West Pershing
- 4 Road within the 35th/Halsted Redevelopment Project
- 5 Area, and for the Commission to recommend to the
- 6 City Council the designation of Pershing 1769, LLC
- 7 as developer.
- 8 Jeffrey Cohen will provide a brief
- 9 description of this request on behalf of the
- 10 Department of Planning and Development.
- 11 MR. COHEN: Thank you. Good afternoon, Chair
- 12 Butler and esteemed Commissioners of the Community
- 13 Development Commission.
- 14 For the record, my name is Jeffrey
- 15 Cohen, Deputy Commissioner in the Department of
- 16 Planning and Development's Bureau of Economic
- 17 Development.
- 18 I'm here today to request the CDC to
- 19 grant DPD the authority to negotiate both a land
- 20 sale and a redevelopment agreement with Pershing
- 21 1769, LLC and recommend the designation of Pershing
- 22 1769, LLC as developer to City Council for the
- 23 purposes of disposing and redeveloping the
- 24 properties located at 1717 and 1769 West Pershing

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- 1 if there are no corrections, I move passage of this
- 2 item by the same roll call vote previously used to
- 3 establish quorum.
- 4 But before we do that, I'd like the
- 5 record to show that Secretary Chan McKibben has
- 6 joined the meeting. Thank you.
- 7 Are there any abstentions or
- 8 corrections to the minutes?
- 9 (No response.)
- 10 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Abstain.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Okay. Let the record
- 12 reflect that Commissioner Johnson is abstaining.
- 13 Hearing no additional corrections or
- 14 objections, the motion is approved.
- 15 Commissioners, for the first item of
- 16 new business on today's agenda, the Department of
- 17 Planning is requesting the Commission to grant
- 18 authority to the Department of Planning and
- 19 Development to negotiate a redevelopment agreement
- 20 with Pershing 1769, LLC for the redevelopment of
- 21 the property located at 1717 through 1769 West
- 22 Pershing Road in the 35th/Halsted Redevelopment
- 23 Project Area, and for the Commission to grant
- 24 authority for the Department of Planning and

1 Road within the 35th/Halsted Redevelopment Project

- 2 Area.
- 3 The properties and project under
- 4 consideration today are located at 1717 and 1769
- 5 West Pershing Road. These are located in the New
- 6 City community area, Southwest Planning Region, and
- 7 in the 12th Ward represented by Alderwoman Julia
- 8 Ramirez, who is in support of this project. The
- 9 property is also situated within Enterprise Zone 2
- 10 and within the 35th/Halsted Redevelopment Project
- 11 Area, also known as the Tax Increment Financing
- 12 District, or TIF District.
- 13 A little history on this project.
- 14 These properties were originally built in 1918 as
- 15 the Quartermaster Depot for the U.S. Army as part
- 16 of the Central Manufacturing District to assist
- 17 with the warehousing, distribution, and
- 18 transportation of critical supplies, munitions, and
- 19 material for the U.S. Army.

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- At the time of construction, the
- 21 Quartermaster Depot was among the largest concrete
- 22 warehouse buildings in the world with floor load
- 23 capacities of around 300 pounds per square foot.
  - The three-building, 1.5 million

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- 1 square foot facility has changed missions over the
- 2 years with the westernmost buildings now supporting
- 3 the Board of Elections and Fleet and Facilities
- 4 Management, while 1769 West Pershing, the eastern-
- 5 most building, has remained largely unutilized
- 6 since the Board of Education departed the facility
- 7 in the early 2000s.
- 8 1717 West Pershing was acquired by
- 9 the City in 1985 from the Fruehauf Corporation.
- 10 The existing one-story, 55,000 square foot
- 11 industrial facility and associated 85,000 square
- 12 feet of land currently support operations for the
- 13 Department of Streets and Sanitation and the
- 14 Chicago Department of Transportation and used for
- 15 general warehousing and fleet logistics.
- 16 This current effort to sell and
- 17 redevelop these properties commenced nearly three
- 18 years ago almost to the day; however, the City has
- 19 been seeking to redevelop these assets for nearly a
- 20 decade.
- 21 A little bit of the timeline here.
- 22 In July of 2022, this body approved and authorized
- 23 DPD to develop and release a request for proposals
- 24 to redevelop the properties proposed in this

- 1 authority to bring this to our City Council and
- 2 able to negotiate a redevelopment agreement.
- B Depicted on this is the two sites.
- 4 1769 West Pershing is one of the three massive,
- 5 connected industrial buildings formerly known as
- 6 the Quartermaster Depot. Each building measures
- 7 approximately 263 feet wide by 325 deep and
- 8 contains more than 570,000 square feet of space.
- 9 The building also features 13-foot floor-to-
- 10 ceiling heights.
- 11 In 2016, the entire property was
- 12 incorporated into the National Register of Historic
- 13 Places as part of the Central Manufacturing
- 14 District/Pershing Road Development Historic
- 15 District, and as such, all efforts must be made to
- 16 preserve and restore the historic facade of the
- 17 building.

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- To the east of this property is 1717
- 19 West Pershing, which contains a 55,000 square foot
- 20 warehouse facility and 85,000 square feet of land.
- 21 Again, this is being currently utilized by
- 22 Department of Streets and Sanitation and Chicago
- 23 Department of Transit.
- 24 Planning is currently underway to

- 1 presentation. The RFP was released specifically on
- 2 July 18th and was open to the public. DPD received
- 3 five proposals and were submitted prior to the
- 4 October 21, 2022 deadline.
- 5 These proposals were first reviewed
- 6 in November 2022 through the work of an evaluation
- 7 committee comprising representatives from the
- 8 Department of Planning and Development, Department
- 9 of Public Health, Department of Housing, Fleet and
- 10 Facilities Management as well as the Mayor's
- 11 office. In addition, this included reviewers from
- 12 the community and community groups such as McKinley
- 13 Park Development Council and Neighbors for
- 14 Environmental Justice.
- 15 In the spring of 2023, the five
- 16 proposals were also subject to a community
- 17 engagement process that required development teams
- 18 to present their proposals to the public, answer
- 19 questions, and receive feedback.
- 20 After thorough review by both the
- 21 City, community representatives, and community
- 22 members themselves, IBT Group's Pershing Terminal
- 23 proposal was selected as the successful respondent
- 24 to the RFP and brings us today requesting your

- 1 identify other locations for the existing
- 2 operations as these facilities will be vacated and
- 3 demolished as part of the current redevelopment
- 4 plan.
- 5 Here is another aerial kind of
- 6 depicting the frontages from varying points. As
- 7 you can see here, the two main properties are the
- 8 easternmost buildings of the Central Manufacturing
- 9 District.
- 10 Here are interiors of the existing
- 11 facility. On the left -- from left to right is the
- 12 basement floor, a middle level, and then the fifth
- 13 floor, which has a sunroof.
- 14 The lead developer for the project
- 15 will be Pershing 1769, LLC, a special purpose
- 16 entity created for this project controlled by IBT
- 17 Group, which is a Chicago-based development firm
- 18 led by Gary Pachucki.
- 19 The rehabilitation and adaptive
- 20 reuse of this project will consist of three
- 21 components. The 1769 West Pershing building will
- 22 be repurposed for two main components; a 232,000
- 23 square foot of new commercial office and high-tech
- 24 laboratory uses from the basement through level 2;

- 1 and the residential uses from levels 3 to 6, which
- 2 comprise 172 residential units, 20 percent of them
- 3 being affordable. This will also include amenities
- 4 such as a rooftop garden and additional residential
- 5 amenities that will benefit the residents.
- The third component entails
- 7 demolishing the existing improvements at 1717 West
- 8 Pershing for the purposes of constructing a new
- 9 42,000 square foot retail center with 144 parking 10 spaces.
- 11 This project is receiving
- 12 approximately 30 million -- actually \$30,175,000 in
- 13 TIF proceeds and is also subject to approximately
- 14 \$6.7 million land write-down.
- The project is anticipated to start
- 16 in July of 2026 through -- and complete in March of
- 17 2028. In total, the project will be \$186 million.
- 18 Today I'm also joined by members of
- 19 the development team. This includes Gary Pachucki,
- 20 Armina Shakiba from IBT Group. We are also joined
- 21 by representatives from Arco/Murray, the general
- 22 contractor, their counsel, Ezgur/Acosta, and as
- 23 well as representatives from their capital team,
- 24 including Chris Carroll from Bellwether for their
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- 1 debt financing and Dan Charleston from Larchstone,
- 2 who is responsible for their equity placement.
- 3 Additional members of the team include Epstein, who
- 4 is the lead architect, and will be engaging
- 5 Englewood Construction for the development of the
- 6 retail component.
- 7 I thought it was important to
- 8 mention that this team and specifically the lead
- 9 developer has experience in adaptively reusing old.
- 10 obsolete industrial facilities. On the screen
- 11 right now is the example of the Terminal, which is
- 12 a new state-of-the-art facility that is -- cater to
- 13 science and high technology. It consists of around
- 14 250,000 square feet in the Humboldt Park
- 15 neighborhood and has been and is currently in
- 16 lease-up. The total project here was around \$80
- 17 million. This is also an example of the
- 18 developer's ability to source outside capital where
- 19 they were able to obtain a partner in the Mansueto
- 20 Family Office.
- 21 Shown here is the proposed site plan
- 22 for the redevelopment. We propose ingress and
- 23 egress as well as identifying bus route No. 35.
- 24 For reference, the 35th and Archer Orange Line

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- 1 station is located approximately one mile to the
- 2 northwest.
- 3 As you can see here, the retail
- 4 portion will consist of primary in-line suites as
- 5 well as an out lot typically reserved for quick-
- 6 serve establishments.
- 7 You'll also notice that there is --
- 8 the plan also includes a cut-in through the roof as
- 9 a light well that will help to -- of the non-
- 10 historical interior of the property to provide
- 11 sufficient natural light to residential units. The
- 12 light well will go from the roof to the second
- 13 floor.
- 14 Here's a rendering of the property
- 15 looking southwest. And another rendering looking
- 16 south. As you can see here, the light well is in
- 17 the non-historical features and provides abundant
- 18 light for the interior of the property.
- 19 And here's a rendering of the
- 20 proposed retail development.
- As previously mentioned, the budget
- 22 for this project is approximately \$186 million.
- 23 This will be facilitated by approximately 22.2
- 24 million of developer equity and \$93-1/2 million
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- 1 senior loan, 16.5 million of C-PACE financing, 23.8
- 2 million of Federal Historic Tax Credits, and the
- 3 remainder being TIF funding in the amount of 30.175
- 4 million.
- 5 I'd like to bring to the attention
- 6 that the developer will be seeking outside limited
- 7 partner equity in the amount of around 80 to 90
- 8 percent of that proposed amount. So the developer
- 9 will be bringing around 2.2 to 4-1/2 million of
- 10 their own invested equity.
- The majority of these funds will be
- 12 used to restore and reestablish the existing 1769
- 13 West Pershing Road. 60 percent of that will be in
- 14 terms of hard costs. There will also be an
- 15 allocation of 26.2 in tenant improvements for the
- 16 offices and tech space, and the remainder will
- 17 consist of soft cost contingencies, interest
- 18 reserve as well as financing costs.
- 19 Here's the proposed unit mix for the
- 20 residential component. As mentioned before, it
- 21 will consist of 172 units, 20 percent, or 34, will
- 22 be deemed as ARO units blended to a 60 percent AMI.
- 23 And this slide depicts the breakdown of average
- 24 unit sizes and market rental rates for both the

1 market rent and affordable. MR is market rate, and 2 A is affordable.

3 As you can see from this slide, as 4 you get to the larger bedrooms, the deeper the 5 affordability becomes, and we hope that this will 6 attract additional household formation in the area.

The structure and requirements of 8 the City funds, this is something that I also want

9 to point out that DPD has been expressly concerned

10 with in terms of providing economically feasible

11 structures that relate to the current economic

12 environment with higher interest rates, increased

13 hard costs as well as uncertainty in the market.

14 DPD wants to make sure that they balance the

15 benefits of the public as well as the developer in

16 creating marketable and economically feasible

17 projects.

18 With that said, the City has

19 proposed a structure that will disburse 30 percent

20 of TIF funds at 30 percent of construction

21 completion, an additional 30 percent at 60 percent.

22 20 percent of funds will be achieved upon leasing

23 up all 34 ARO units, receiving 50 percent leasing

24 of the retail space, and delivering the commercial

Again, community organizations have

23 24 endorsed this project, and we do have letters of

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1 space in what we call make-ready condition. The

2 20 percent that remains will be disbursed upon the 3 issuance of the certificate of completion.

Additional protections that the City

5 has required of this revolve around occupancy

6 covenants. There will be a residential occupancy

7 covenant to maintain ARO units at 85 percent

8 capacity, 50 percent occupancy minimum for the

9 retail, and a 50 percent minimum occupancy for the

10 commercial component through the compliance period,

11 which is ten years.

12 In addition, the ARO units will be

13 subject to a 30-year inclusionary housing agreement

14 providing for long-term affordability over a

15 30-year period.

16 In addition to these, there will

17 be typical construction compliance metrics for

18 prevailing wage, M/WBE compliance as well as city

19 residency. And additional protections, the City

20 has layered in RA flip provisions, subordinate

21 recapture mortgage as well as profit-sharing

22 arrangement.

23 The public benefits for this project

24 are vast. Specifically this proposed project will

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1 reactivate a long vacant City piece of land

2 returning it to the tax rolls. It will also

3 feature sustainable features such as solar panels,

4 water reclamation, water conservation, and

5 permeable pavers. And additionally this will have

6 an economic and social impact by increasing density

7 in this area, and it will assist to continue

8 viability of the retail and commercial corridor

9 along Pershing.

10 We also think that this project will

11 maintain the neighborhood's diversity and provide a

12 wide range of housing options to support local

13 businesses and continue to celebrate and welcome

14 culturally, ethnically, and linguistically diverse

15 residents.

16 As previously mentioned, this

17 project also has significant community support

18 having gone through a robust selection process.

19 This has also been upheld by the current

20 alderwoman, Julia Ramirez, who has taken over for

21 Alderman George Cardenas, who originally started

22 this process.

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1 support from the McKinley Park Development Council.

In addition to some of these public

3 benefits, the developer projects that approximately

4 300 construction jobs will be created and up to an

5 additional 300 jobs for the commercial and retail

6 spaces.

7 Also significant for this project,

8 it is in conformance with the redevelopment plan

9 for the 35th and Halsted Redevelopment Area and was

10 part of the reasons for selecting this project.

With that said, the request for this

12 Commission is to grant the authority for the

13 Department of Planning and Development to negotiate

14 a redevelopment agreement with Pershing 1769, LLC

15 for the redevelopment of the property located at

16 1717 through 1769 West Pershing Road in the 35th/

17 Halsted Redevelopment Project Area, and to

18 recommend to City Council the designation of

19 Pershing 1769, LLC as developer.

20 We also request to grant authority

21 for the Department of Planning and Development to

22 negotiate a land sale agreement with Pershing 1769,

23 LLC for the disposition of the properties located

24 at 1717-1769 West Pershing Road within the

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1 35th/Halsted Redevelopment Project Area.

- 2 That concludes my presentation. We
- 3 appreciate your attention. And I have two members
- 4 from the development team here as well to answer
- 5 any questions that you may have.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Thank you so much,
- 7 Jeffrey.
- 8 The Commission has received a letter
- 9 of support from Alderman Ramirez. And if present,
- 10 I would like to recognize Alderman Ramirez or
- 11 anyone from their office to make a statement on the
- 12 project.
- 13 Jeffrey, is anyone from the
- 14 alderman's office here?
- 15 MR. COHEN: They are not in attendance, no.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Okay. That's fine.
- 17 Thank you.
- 18 Commissioners, do you have any
- 19 questions for Jeffrey Cohen regarding this request
- 20 by the Department of Planning?
- 21 Yes, Commissioner -- Vice Chair
- 22 Thomas.
- 23 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 24 How old is the TIF?

1 MR. COHEN: No.

2 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Okay. Thank you, Madam

3 Chairman.

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- 4 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Other questions?
- 5 Yes, Commissioner Curtis.
- 6 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: Yes. Thank you.
  - I just wanted to confirm. You used
- 8 the phrase "return to tax rolls," and I just wanted
- 9 to make sure that this is, in fact, taxable and
- 10 will generate real estate taxes.
- 11 MR. COHEN: Well, it is currently exempt from
- 12 real estate taxes as it is owned by the City. So
- 13 once it is returned to private hands it will be a
- 14 taxable property.
- 15 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: That's all I was
- 16 looking for. Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Commissioner Johnson.
- 18 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair.
- 19 Is there anything that you can share
- 20 in terms of if there's any current -- can you hear
- 21 me? Yeah. Is there anything that you can share in
- 22 terms of current leasing of the spaces?
- 23 MR. COHEN: I would have to defer that to the
- 24 development team.

- MR. COHEN: The TIF district was -- I do not
- 2 know that off the top of my head. I apologize.
- 3 But we can make sure that you know that.
- 4 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Is the property write-
- 5 down part of the financial structure?
- 6 MR. COHEN: Yes.
- 7 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Okay.
- 8 MR. COHEN: It will be --
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: On behalf of the
- 10 department -- yeah, we need his mic on. Thank you.
- 11 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Can you go to the
- 12 financial structure slide?
- 13 MR. COHEN: The City will be selling the
- 14 development to -- for \$10.
- 15 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: So is the write-down
- 16 amount part of the financial structure?
- 17 MR. COHEN: Meaning that --
- 18 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Is 6.5 million value
- 19 that they receive?
- 20 MR. COHEN: Yes, that is part of the
- 21 incentive that they're -- the total incentive that
- 22 they're receiving.
- 23 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: But it doesn't show on
- 24 your sources, right?

- Page 25 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: And so I would ask that
- 2 a member of the development team step to the mic to
- 3 answer any questions and also thank you for joining
- 4 us today.
- 5 Please introduce yourself before
- 6 your remarks.
- 7 MR. PACHUCKI: Hi. I'm Gary Pachucki with
- 8 IBT Group, and I'm thrilled to be here.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: And so there's a
- 10 question for the development team.
- MR. PACHUCKI: So we've started leasing at
- 12 the very early stages. So we've had some initial
- 13 conversations. We have a couple members from our
- 14 retail leasing team. And where we're at now is
- 15 we're starting to talk to some nationals. A
- 16 project like this takes a while to socialize within
- 17 the real estate community. So because there's
- 18 nothing there now, so we have to start to show them
- To flottling there flow, so we have to start to show ther
- 19 that we have progress. We have to start to verify,20 validate that it's a real project, that we're going
- 21 to actually have an agreement with the City to go
- 22 forward. We have leasing plans already as you saw.
- And so we've had some very general
- 24 discussions with some national tenants. But it's

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1 early in the process. But, yes, so we've gotten

- 2 some interest, but we're early.
- 3 MR. COHEN: To add to that, this is being
- 4 actively marketed as a retail location. Typically
- 5 from the office occupancy standpoint and office
- 6 users, they would want to see some additional
- 7 readiness. I think getting the approval at CDC and
- 8 being able to enter into a redevelopment agreement
- 9 negotiation will advance those conversations and
- 10 make this project more, quote, unquote, real for
- 11 some of these types of users.
- 12 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: If I could follow up.
- 13 The condition in terms of the third payment is
- 14 based on just leasing of the space, or is it
- 15 actually occupancy? Just for clarity.
- 16 MR. COHEN: It is based on occupancy of the
- 17 area and to leasing of the commercial.
- 18 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Leasing of the
- 19 customer. Okay.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Additional questions,
- 21 Commissioner Johnson?
- 22 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: No. Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Commissioner Milsap, any
- 24 questions?

- 1 current equity, as Jeff mentioned, in the Terminal
- 2 is private family office, the Mansueto Office.
- 3 So at this point we have both of our
- 4 debt and equity partners here, but they're just
- 5 really starting the process. We're -- we've been
- 6 working on this for about 20 months. We now are,
- 7 you know, relatively close to a draft -- final
- 8 draft of a development agreement. And in order for
- 9 really anything to happen, we need to be able to
- 10 prove to people that there's a real deal here. So
- 11 working with Jeff and his team, it takes time.
- 12 And so we've already started the
- 13 socializing process. You know, we are -- I'm going
- 14 to different marketing events for the retail. As
- 15 Jeff mentioned, for the commercial it's impossible
- 16 to pre-lease that space. The tenants -- because we
- 17 have experience working with high-science tenants,
- 18 quantum physics, nanotechnology, and those people
- 19 actually need to see the space in sort of a move-in
- 20 ready condition, meaning they're relatively -- they
- 21 have a relatively short horizon, so they want to
- 22 see space that they can move into in, you know,
- 23 three to six months. And we are a solid two years
- 24 away until we actually start getting to a point we

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- COMMISSIONER MILSAP: Yes. I have a question
- 2 for Gary. Actually two.
- 3 If you could speak to how the value
- 4 of asset factors into your raw equity. And then
- 5 what's your -- can you talk about the source of
- 6 your equity that -- I think it was approximately
- 7 2 to 4 million was stated will come from you as
- 8 developer?
- 9 My second question is related to how
- 10 you're going to partner with the community around
- 11 hiring efforts and what, if any, firms are you
- 12 currently working with to make sure that you're
- 13 going to meet those equity requirements through the
- 14 project?
- 15 MR. PACHUCKI: Okay. So with respect to the
- 16 cash equity, our equity will come from personal
- 17 resources and fees that will be paid as part of the
- 18 project. We'll have a third-party equity partner
- 19 who will be a limited partner, co-general partner
- 20 with us that will get on the mortgage. And
- 21 typically -- we've done this many times over the
- 22 years. It's frequently an institutional partner.
- 23 We've done a number of deals with Inland IRDRC,
- 24 which is a large multinational corporation. Our

1 can actually show that space.

- So the first thing that will happen
- ${\tt 3}\,$  is we'll probably have some pre-leasing on the
- 4 retail, then the apartment leasing, and then last
- 5 will be the commercial space.
- 6 And so we have a representative from
- 7 Arco/Murray who is going to be our general
- 8 contractor here. And we'll comply with all of the
- 9 MBE/WBE requirements. At the Terminal, we've done
- 10 very well bringing -- disbursing our -- I don't
- 11 remember -- do you remember the exact numbers,
- 12 Paul? Like 25 percent?
- 13 A VOICE: Yeah.
- 14 MR. PACHUCKI: Yeah. So we've done that,
- 15 about 25 percent in the Terminal. And in that one,
- 16 to be honest, there's no City assistance, no public
- 17 money. We did that just on our own just to be
- 18 compliant and to support the neighborhood. And --
- 19 but we've done other projects in the past in the
- 20 city on 42nd and Pulaski as a matter of fact where
- 21 we received the TIF like ten years ago and worked
- 22 it through the WBE/MBE process.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Additional questions,
- 24 Commissioner?

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COMMISSIONER MILSAP: No. 1

- 2 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Yes, Secretary Chan 3 McKibben.
- COMMISSIONER CHAN McKIBBEN: Thank you, 4 5 Chair.
- 6 To piggyback on Commissioner 7 Johnson's question. Are there any plans in your
- 8 retail plan to include local businesses? And you
- 9 mentioned some national partners.
- 10 MR. PACHUCKI: Yeah. I think ultimately that
- 11 would be great. I can tell you that we've had
- 12 very, very, very, very early discussions with a
- 13 local grocer that has some interest. And we're
- 14 actually working with DPD now to schedule a tour
- 15 for them in the next week or so so they can
- 16 actually get on site and look at the building. So,
- 17 yeah, that is part of the plan.
- 18 COMMISSIONER CHAN McKIBBEN: Thank you.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: So I just had a couple
- 20 of questions. And actually the Commissioners have
- 21 asked most of the questions that I had. So just a
- 22 couple of cleanup from my perspective.
- On the structure of the GP in the
- 24 capital roles, and this is a question for the

- MR. COHEN: Sure. I guess there's
- 2 technically two forms of profit sharing. One is
- 3 through the flip provision, and then another is a
- 4 cash flow oriented hurdle. So within the
- 5 redevelopment agreement, we'll have target IRRs
- 6 that over which excess proceeds which will have a
- 7 specific definition within the RDA would be shared
- 8 on a percentage basis. And then within the actual
- 9 operations of the project itself, there will be a
- 10 threshold above which that the equity would return
- 11 a market rate type of return on an annual basis
- 12 where there would be participation from a cash flow
- 13 perspective.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Is that structure
- 15 typical in transactions such as this?
- MR. COHEN: I wouldn't necessarily say
- 17 typical. I think that a lot of the structure that
- 18 we've done where we have these types of provisions
- 19 are highly dependent on the economics and the
- 20 amount of the City subsidy that they're receiving.
- 21 So if you were to have a cash flow participation
- 22 in profit sharing with one of our medium grant
- 23 recipients, I don't necessarily think that that
- 24 would be an appropriate mechanism to use there.

- 1 developer, are you the only one in the GP? Is
- 2 that -- or will you have other partners in the GP?
- MR. PACHUCKI: I'll have a co-GP, which will 3
- 4 be an equity partner.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: And has that equity
- 6 partner been identified?
- 7 MR. PACHUCKI: It has not.
- CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: So will you have --
- 9 since there's kind of a joint venture and the GP --
- 10 MR. PACHUCKI: Right.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: -- you have the
- 12 standard -- will you be the managing member of the 13 GP?
- 14 MR. PACHUCKI: Yes.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Okay. And standard
- 16 provisions with respect to rights and
- 17 responsibilities in the venture?
- MR. PACHUCKI: Everything that goes wrong is 18
- 19 my fault, yes.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Okay. All right.
- 21 This is for the department. One of
- 22 the public benefits that you mentioned was profit
- 23 sharing. Could you go into a bit more detail as to
- 24 exactly what that is?

- Page 33 1 However, given the size and potential outcomes for
- 2 this project, we believe that having a long-term
- 3 upside essentially for the City was important.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: I agree. Thank you.
- 5 Just one last question. Given
- 6 the -- and this is for the developer. You've been
- 7 successful at raising limited partner equity. How
- 8 are you feeling about your prospects for capital
- 9 raising in this market?
- 10 MR. PACHUCKI: That's a good question. I
- 11 think -- I think the market's getting better. You
- 12 know, we have some hurdles in Chicago in terms of
- 13 people looking at the city. But I think that we
- 14 have -- we've got a good track record. We've got a
- 15 remarkable team with Dan Charleston and Chris
- 16 Carroll -- both are here -- raising our debt and
- 17 equity. They have long-term records and track
- 18 records. And I think the fact that they're both on
- 19 board really tells the, you know, the story for the
- 20 project that everybody is very optimistic that
- 21 we'll be able to do it. I don't think it's going
- 22 to be easy, but I think it'll get done.
- 23 MR. COHEN: If I could add another comment to
- 24 that.

Page 34 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Absolutely. Thank you.

- 2 MR. COHEN: Having multiple components of
- 3 this project also de-risks the deal from having
- 4 less speculative to more, you know, I would say --
- 5 not necessarily guaranteed, but a higher
- 6 probability occupancy and cash flow from both the
- 7 retail and residential, which could potentially
- 8 support the equity markets in their interest in
- 9 taking a risk on the commercial aspect.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Great. Thank you.
- 11 And just one last question for the
- 12 developer. You mentioned a TIF that you received
- 13 from the City ten years ago. Is that the only
- 14 other time you've come to the City for financial
- 15 support --

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- 16 MR. PACHUCKI: Yes.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: -- for your projects?
- 18 MR. PACHUCKI: Yes.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Great. Thank you.
- 20 MR. PACHUCKI: Sure.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Any other questions for
- 22 the Commission?
- 23 COMMISSIONER MILSAP: You did mention a
- 24 little bit about this project history.

Page 36 MR. COHEN: To add to that, this is the most

- 2 recent budget that was provided to us earlier this
- 3 year. The original budget from 2023 obviously
- 4 would have significant changes, and we made sure to
- 5 present the most recent budget to this Commission.
- CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Thank you for that 7 clarification.
- 8 Are there any other questions from
- 9 members of the Commission?
- 10 (No response.)
- 11 If there are no further questions or
- 12 comments regarding the matter before us, I will now
- 13 call this item to a vote.

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- 14 The resolution before us, the
- 15 Department of Planning and Development is
- 16 requesting the Commission to grant authority to the
- 17 Department of Planning and Development to negotiate
- 18 a redevelopment agreement with Pershing 1769, LLC
- 19 for the redevelopment of the property located at
- 20 1717 through 1769 West Pershing Road in the
- 21 35th/Halsted Redevelopment Project Area, and for
- 22 the Commission to grant authority for the
- 23 Department of Planning and Development to negotiate
- 24 a land sale agreement with Pershing 1769, LLC for

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- 1 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Let him know who you 2 are.
- 3 COMMISSIONER MILSAP: I'm sorry.
- 4 Commissioner Ron Milsap.
- Speaking to the project history, the
- 6 size of this project seems to be at least double
- 7 the other projects that were referenced in terms of
- 8 overall budget.
- 9 MR. PACHUCKI: Correct.
- 10 COMMISSIONER MILSAP: This is by far the
- 11 largest project you've executed?
- 12 MR. PACHUCKI: Yes. No. It's not the
- 13 largest I've executed, but it's double the size of
- 14 that current project.
- 15 COMMISSIONER MILSAP: Okay.
- CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: It's double the size of 16
- 17 the Terminal?
- 18 MR. PACHUCKI: Yes. Yeah.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Okay.
- COMMISSIONER MILSAP: In the current fiscal 20
- 21 environment in terms of the budgeted cost for the
- 22 project, have you accounted for potential increases
- 23 to labor, materials, things of that nature?
- 24 MR. PACHUCKI: Yes.

1 the disposition of the property located at 1717

- 2 through 1769 West Pershing Road within the 35th/
- 3 Halsted Redevelopment Project Area, and for the
- 4 Commission to recommend to the City Council the
- 5 designation of Pershing 1769, LLC as developer.
- If there are no objections, I move
- 7 passage of this item by the same roll call vote
- 8 previously used to establish quorum. Are there any
- 9 objections or abstentions?
- 10 (No response.)
- 11 Hearing none, the motion is
- 12 approved.
- 13 MR. PACHUCKI: Thank you.
- 14 MR. COHEN: Thank you.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Commissioners, for the
- 16 next item of new business on today's agenda, the
- 17 Department of Planning and Development is
- 18 requesting the Commission to grant authority to the
- 19 Department of Planning and Development to negotiate
- 20 a redevelopment agreement with After School
- 21 Matters, Inc. for the redevelopment of the property
- 22 located at 1065 North Orleans Street, Chicago,
- 23 Illinois, 60610, in the Near North Redevelopment
- 24 Project Area, and for the Commission to recommend

1 to the City Council the designation of After School

- 2 Matters, Inc. as developer.
- 3 Michael Carey will provide a brief
- 4 description of this request on behalf of the
- 5 Department of Planning and Development.
- 6 MR. CAREY: Thank you. Good afternoon,
- 7 Chairwoman Butler and members of the Community
- 8 Development Commission.
- 9 For the record, my name is Mike
- 10 Carey, and I'm a financial planning analyst with
- 11 the Department of Planning and Development. I am
- 12 joined today by Brendan Dubois, the CFO of After
- 13 School Matters.
- 14 The resolution before you requests a
- 15 recommendation to the City Council to designate
- 16 After School Matters, Incorporated, or its
- 17 affiliates, as the developer for the project
- 18 located at 1065 North Orleans Street and the
- 19 authority for the Department of Planning and
- 20 Development to negotiate a redevelopment agreement
- 21 with the developer.
- 22 The After School Matters Orleans
- 23 Teen Center is located at 1065 North Orleans
- 24 Street, which is within the 27th Ward, the Near

- Page 40 1 and owner, is renovating the 36,000 square foot,
- 2 70-year-old former Catholic school building and
- 3 commercial retail space into a youth teen center
- 4 providing approximately 2100 paid out-of-school-
- 5 time programs that will include culinary arts, the
- o timo programo triat win morado camary arto, trio
- $\,$  6 trades, and STEM. The center will be -- will also
- 7 provide access to a café and fully refurbished
- 8 gymnasium. The Orleans Center will be After School
- 9 Matters' third permanent satellite location along
- 10 with the Lutz enter in the Belmont Cragin
- 11 neighborhood and Gately Park in the Pullman
- 12 neighborhood. After School Matters' flagship
- 13 programming space is Gallery 37 Center for the Arts
- 14 located within the Loop.

15 The total project cost is 25.9

- 16 million, supported by 5 million in TIF from the
- 17 Near North TIF District. The project is estimated
- 18 to be completed in September 2025. The following
- 19 slides will show the renderings of the finished
- 20 project.
- 21 Shown here is the exterior of the
- 22 building facing southeastward. The development
- 23 team's scope includes restoration of the building
- 24 exterior and perimeter, roof, and entryway along

- 1 North Side community area, the Near North TIF
- 2 District, and the Central Planning Region. The
- 3 alderman is Walter Burnett, Jr., and he has
- 4 provided a letter of support for the project along
- 5 with local civic and private leadership who have
- 6 signed a single letter of support.
- 7 Here's an overhead view of the
- 8 neighborhood. The project site is highlighted in
- 9 red and located on the west side of North Orleans
- 10 Street just to the south of West Hill Street. The
- 11 project site is highly transit accessible with
- 12 access to the Brown and Purple Lines via the
- 13 Chicago Avenue station to the south along with
- 14 multiple bus routes nearby that connect the Orleans
- 15 Center to the Loop and to nearly all neighborhoods.
- 16 This photo shows the exterior
- 17 condition of the project site prior to the
- 18 acquisition by After School Matters. The view is
- 19 facing southeastward showing the northern and
- 20 western facade of the building facing Hill Street
- 21 and Orleans Street. As you can see from the photo,
- 22 the exterior of the site was in decent condition at
- 23 the time of acquisition.
- 24 After School Matters, the developer

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- 1 with signage and a mural. As of today, tuck-
- 2 pointing and foundation work at the main entrance
- 3 is complete. The roof, perimeter, entryway,
- 4 signage, and mural is in progress.
- The gymnasium, located on the main
- 6 floor, will be the most unique feature of the new
- 7 After School Matters building. It will provide
- 8 teens with a dedicated space that allows for
- 9 athletic-focused programming while supporting
- 10 teens' well-being. The 4,806 square foot gym
- 11 updates include new wood flooring, basketball
- 12 hoops, scoreboards, bleachers, lighting and sound
- 13 upgrades, and the creation of locker rooms.
- 14 Today the gymnasium is primarily used as the main
- 15 staging area for the project. Equipment has been
- 16 ordered, and its restoration will be one of the
- 17 last items to be completed. Demo, major mechanical
- 18 system installation, and drywall have been
- 19 completed within the other interior portions of the
- 20 building. The main stairwell, entry vestibule,
- 21 elevator, and finishes are still in progress.
- 22 After School Matters' plan with the
- 23 site is to reuse the building's existing layout
- 24 where possible. In this rendering, the repurposed

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- 1 classroom has been transformed into a space
- 2 dedicated for teens to learn and enhance skills
- 3 in multiple art disciplines taught by part-time
- 4 consultants.
- 5 Similar space within the building
- 6 will also be dedicated to learning a wide range of
- 7 trade skills. Teens will be able to learn from and
- 8 interact with leading professionals in each field
- 9 while also exploring career opportunities.
- 10 The project will be financed through
- 11 a mix of equity, debt from Bank of America, an
- 12 Illinois DCEO grant, and TIF funding. The credit
- 13 facility limit from Bank of America is 14 million
- 14 and will be bridging the Illinois DCEO grant and
- 15 TIF funding. The DCEO grant has been appropriated
- 16 for 2025.
- 17 Use of the funds was dedicated to
- 18 the acquisition of the property in 2024 and is now
- 19 supporting the hard and soft costs for the ongoing
- 20 construction project.
- 21 As stated, the developer of the
- 22 project is After School Matters, Incorporated, a
- 23 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in 1991 with a mission
- 24 to provide after-school programs to Chicago public

- 1 include the following:
- 2 The rehabilitation of 36,000 square
- 3 feet of vacant commercial space into a youth
- 4 center;
- 5 A diverse general and subcontracting
- 6 team led by Ujamaa Construction;
  - Opportunities for local teens to
- 8 earn a stipend or minimum wage by participating in
- 9 an estimated 2100 programs offered by After School
- 10 Matters:
- 11 Creation of 15 permanent full-time
- 12 jobs, 55 part-time positions, and approximately 150
- 13 temporary construction jobs.
- 14 DPD has thoroughly reviewed the
- 15 proposed project, the qualifications of the
- 16 development team, and the need for public
- 17 assistance.
- 18 DPD recommends that the Community
- 19 Development Commission approve the designation of
- 20 After School Matters, Incorporated, or its
- 21 affiliates, as developer for 1065 North Orleans
- 22 Street so that the project can advance to City
- 23 Council.
- 24 I'd like to thank the Commission for

- 1 high school teens that explore their passions and
- 2 develop their talents while gaining critical skills
- 3 for college, careers, and beyond. Today After
- 4 School Matters offers more than 24,000 programs
- 5 every year across 362 sites and three After School
- 6 Matters owned facilities.
- 7 The developer also has assembled an
- 8 extensive interdisciplinary team for the project
- 9 that includes Ujamaa Construction, Eckenhoff
- 10 Saunders architecture firm, Katten Muchin Rosenman
- 11 law firm, and Bank of America.
- 12 The TIF funds will be distributed to
- 13 the developer as a 100 percent reimbursement at
- 14 certificate of completion. Requirements for the
- 15 use of City funds during the five-year compliance
- 16 period include a recapture mortgage, a flip
- 17 provision in the instance of a capital event,
- 18 ongoing operational and occupancy covenants, and
- 19 typical construction compliance requirements for
- 20 prevailing wage, M/WBE, and city residency.
- 21 The redevelopment of 1065 North
- 22 Orleans Street into the After School Matters
- 23 Orleans Center will provide numerous public
- 24 benefits to the local community and City that

- 1 its favorable consideration of this request.
- 2 Again, I am joined by a representative of the
- 3 development team, and we're happy to answer any
- 4 questions you may have at this time.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Thank you.
- 6 The Commission has received a letter
- 7 of support from the alderman. I don't believe that
- 8 Alderman Burnett, Jr. is present. Is there anyone
- 9 present from his office that would like to make a
- 10 statement today?
- 11 MR. CAREY: No, not that I'm aware of.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Commissioners, do you
- 13 have any questions for Michael Carey regarding this
- 14 request by the Department of Planning and
- 15 Development?
- 16 Vice Chair Thomas.
- 17 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 18 Do you know how old the TIF is?
- 19 MR. CAREY: The TIF was designated in 1997,
- 20 and it's set to expire in 2033.
- 21 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: In 20- --
- 22 MR. CAREY: '33.
- 23 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: '33?
- 24 MR. CAREY: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Thank you.
2 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Are there other

3 questions from members of the Commission?

4 Yes, Commissioner Johnson.

5 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you. Great

6 project. Love it.

The only question I've got is where

8 this is going is a very changing community. Is

9 there anything being put in place to make sure that

10 it's a community center for all and kind of mirrors

11 what the community was as well as what it's going --

12 it's headed towards?

13 MR. CAREY: Sure. I'd like to defer to the

14 development team to help with that question.

15 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Thank you for joining

16 us. Please introduce yourself.

17 MR. DUBOIS: Hi, everyone. Brendan Dubois,

18 After School Matters.

19 To answer your question, yes, we've

20 been in close contact with the community. We're

21 very familiar with the area we serve. After School

22 Matters serves programs throughout the city, and we

23 have partnerships with the Park District, the

24 library, Chicago Public Schools. Those will

Page 48 1 located at 1065 North Orleans Street, Chicago,

2 Illinois, 60610 in the Near North Redevelopment

3 Project Area, and for the Commission to recommend

4 to the City Council the designation of After School

5 Matters, Inc. as developer.

6 If there are no objections, I move

7 passage of this item by the same roll call vote

8 previously used to establish quorum. Are there any

9 objections or abstentions?

10 (No response.)

11 Hearing none, the motion is

12 approved.

13 MR. CAREY: Thank you.

14 MR. DUBOIS: Thank you very much.

15 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Mr. Burnett -- I'm

16 sorry. Mr. Blakemore, I'm sorry, I couldn't -- I

17 didn't remember which item you wanted to speak to.

18 You want to speak to it now?

19 MR. BLAKEMORE: Yes. Thank you very much.

20 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Yeah, please.

MR. BLAKEMORE: Thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Apologize for that.

23 MR. BLAKEMORE: That's okay. You've always

24 been very fair to me. I did say A and B items.

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1 continue. And we are also in contact with the CHA,

2 Chicago Housing Authority, who's in the process of

3 doing a large redevelopment of the parcels just to

4 the west of this building. So we see this as

5 really fitting and serving the community.

What's great about After SchoolMatters is we take teams from every community area

8 and all backgrounds and blend them together in our

9 programs, and that's been really successful at

10 other program sites, and we anticipate that being

11 the case here as well.

12 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Other questions from

14 members of the Commission?

15 (No response.)

16 If there are no further questions or

17 comments regarding the matter before us, I will

18 call this item to a vote.

19 The resolution before us, the

20 Department of Planning and Development is

21 requesting the Commission to grant authority to the

22 Department of Planning and Development to negotiate

23 a redevelopment agreement with After School

24 Matters, Inc. for the redevelopment of the property

1 What's going on here --

2 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Mr. Blakemore, could you 3 go to the mic, please?

4 MR. BLAKEMORE: Yes, ma'am.

5 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Thank you.

6 MR. BLAKEMORE: What's going on with a lot of

7 these Catholic churches, people's churches --

8 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: And can we have his mic

9 turned on, please.

10 MR. BLAKEMORE: People are not going to these

11 Catholic churches anymore. So they have these old

12 abandoned buildings and structures and schools. So

13 what they, the archdiocese, decide to, Let's go to

14 government. Let's go to the City of Chicago, and

15 we can get our money. Let's go to government.

So when you -- that was very -- when

17 you asked this question from that gentleman,

18 community involvement, this is old Cabrini-Green,19 and they have gentrified black people out of that

20 area completely. So that's why it's very important

21 for a man of my caliber to call you out when she

22 asked this man what kind of community involvement.

23 The only thing they have left is those row houses.

24 And these black people are gone. And that's

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- 1 betrayal. That's why it's very important for me to
- 2 come. They have no community engagement. Now
- 3 Walter Burnett is going into Housing. He's leaving
- 4 the City and going to Housing. He don't care about
- 5 the people. That's why I'm outraged when I go in
- 6 that area to see what has happened to our people
- 7 housing there and how much -- it's just terrible.
- 8 That last one I wanted to speak on that too. How
- 9 much is each one of those units going to cost? To
- 10 just making the rich richer at the expense of TIF
- 11 money. That's poor people's money paying taxes.
- 12 And you all do not challenge them. You are silent,
- 13 and silence is betrayal.
- 14 So that's why it's very important
- 15 for me to come -- go to Cabrini-Green. No
- 16 community engagement to turn it all lily white.
- 17 That's a way of gentrifying us out of the City of
- 18 Chicago.
- 19 Now, I'm finished with this. Thank
- 20 you again. You've been a gracious lady. You say,
- 21 Mr. Blakemore.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Thank you, Mr. Blakemore.
- 23 MR. BLAKEMORE: And thank you. Because I can
- 24 say thank you. Thank you. God bless you.

1 Jones, a financial planning analyst in the

- 2 Department of Housing, Housing Development Finance
- 3 Division. I am presenting to you today a request
- 4 for Abrams Intergenerational development. This
- 5 project was selected through the DOH 2023 QAP
- 6 round.
- 7 Joining me today is a member -- are
- 8 members of the development team, Oji Eggleston of
- 9 The Renaissance Collaboration, TRC, and Teresa Prim
- 10 of Prim Lawrence Group Company as consultant, to
- 11 answer any questions that you may have.
- 12 The project is located at 5300
- 13 through 5318 South Calumet in the 3rd Ward under
- 14 Alderman Pat Dowell. This will be the 47th and
- 15 State TIF District, Washington Park community area
- 16 located in the Southeast Planning Region. We have
- 17 also received a letter of recommendation from
- 18 Alderwoman Pat Dowell as well.
- 19 Shown is an aerial imagery of the
- 20 surrounding lots. The lots are outlined in red
- 21 just south of 53rd Street and east of South Prairie
- 22 Avenue and will be one block west of Washington
- 23 Park.
- 24 This slide shows you the current

- 1 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: God bless you too.
- 2 MR. BLAKEMORE: Thank you.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Commissioners, for the
- 4 next item of new business on today's agenda, the
- 5 Department of Housing is requesting the Commission
- 6 to grant authority to the Department of Housing to
- 7 negotiate a redevelopment agreement with The 8 Renaissance Collaborative for the redevelopment of
- 9 the property located at 5300 through 5318 South
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- 11 Area, and for the Commission to grant authority for
- 12 the Department of Housing to negotiate a land sale
- 13 agreement with The Renaissance Collaborative for
- 14 the disposition of the property located at 5300
- 15 through 5318 South Calumet within the 47th/State
- 16 Redevelopment Project Area, and for the Commission
- 17 to recommend to the City Council the designation of
- 18 The Renaissance Collaborative as developer.
- 19 Vonetta Jones will provide a brief
- 20 description of this request on behalf of the
- 21 Department of Housing. Thank you.
- MS. JONES: Good afternoon, Chairwoman Butler
- 23 and members of the Community Development Commission.
- 24 For the record, my name is Vonetta

- 1 views of the site. All three lots are currently
- 2 vacant grassy land. As you can see, the lot is
- 3 also -- the lots are also right in the path of the
- 4 CTA Green Line as well.
- The project is BIPOC led by a
- 6 nonprofit, The Renaissance Collaboration known as
- 7 TRC.
- 8 The Renaissance Collaborative seeks
- 9 to develop Abrams Intergenerational Village as --
- 10 AIV, as a vibrant intergenerational and permanent
- 11 supportive housing facility for senior, grand-
- 12 families, and young adults ages 18 through 24
- 13 currently enrolled in secondary education, all of
- 14 whom need affordable housing and/or are homeless,
- 15 need homeless -- near homeless, or housing
- 16 insecure. The facility will include an inter-
- 17 generational supportive housing model for seniors
- 18 with no familial ties.
- 19 TRC is requesting up to 13 million
- 20 in TIF with a total project cost of 40.7 million.
- 21 The project timeline is to start
- 22 construction at or around December 2025 with
- 23 project completion of March 2027. 24
  - As a background, TRC is BIPOC led,

1 nonprofit, and community-based social impact

- 2 organization that has provided affordable housing,
- 3 workforce development, employment and educational
- 4 services and solutions to over 1,000 individuals
- 5 annually in Bronzeville/Washington Park and its
- 6 adjacent communities since 1992.
- 7 TRC has a long history and practice
- 8 advancing wealth creation and economic self-
- 9 sufficiency within its building.
- 10 In 2000, TRC completed The
- 11 Renaissance Apartments, a 101-unit SRO building
- 12 with City of Chicago financing and Historic Tax
- 13 Credits.
- 14 In 2010, TRC completed Senior
- 15 Village I, a HUD 202 building, creating 71 units
- 16 for seniors only on the northeast corner of
- 17 Calumet, 346 East 53rd Street, just adjacent to
- 18 the proposed Abrams Intergenerational Village.
- 19 Shown is the rendering for the six-
- 20 story new construction mid-rise building that will
- 21 contain 71 units. The first floor includes office
- 22 space for supportive services, programs, and
- 23 administration, a multipurpose room, library, and
- 24 computer room along with fitness center. The

- Page 56 1 IHDA. IHDA will also provide the 9 percent tax
- 2 credit equity at 93 cents on the dollar for a total
- 3 equity of approximately 13.9 million.
  - Other sources including 4.8 million
- 5 include land and cash donation which -- for a total
- 6 of 2.2 million as they will acquire three City-
- 7 owned lots for the write-down of \$1 apiece for a
- 8 total appraised value at 690,000. They will
- 9 receive a total equity of \$300,150 for this at a
- 10 buy-in rate of 80 cents on -- 87 cents on the
- 11 dollar through US Bank for the land donation.
- 12 They will also receive a total of
- 13 \$678,000 in equity on cash donation at 87 cents on
- 14 the dollar as well through US Bank for a grand
- 15 total of \$988,750.
- 16 Final sources include FHLB loan,
- 17 grants from both ETOD and ComEd, and a developer
- 18 fee.
- 19 The uses will consist of acquisition
- 20 for land and building for 690,000, which includes
- 21 the \$3 write-down for City-owned lots,
- 22 environmental remediation of 248,000, hard costs
- 23 for a total of 34 million and soft costs for 3.4
- 24 million, reserves of 662,000 and a developer fee at

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- 1 second floor includes a community dining area to
- 2 service the Village Life Residences. There will
- 3 also be 26 off-site parking spaces with four
- 4 accessible 2EV along with space for 30 bike racks.
- 5 The building will provide 24-hour
- 6 staff security as well as a monitor security
- 7 system, on-site storage units on each floor, and 8 a maintenance storage room on the ground floor.
- 9 Additional building amenities include an outdoor
- 10 play area and garden, lounge spaces, and five
- 11 laundry rooms with a total of ten washers and ten
- 12 dryers.
- 13 This is a list of their sources and
- 14 uses. Developer equity, which will total 220,000,
- 15 private debt of 2.8 million with Cinnaire as their
- 16 lender. Cinnaire will also be included as their
- 17 syndicator as well.
- 18 Total City funding to include up to
- 19 13 point million in TIF and HOME of 2.5 million.
- 20 Also included will be three City-owned lots for the
- 21 write-down of \$1 each.
- 22 IHDA will provide a loan of 3.4
- 23 million. The source is unknown at this time.
- 24 However, we have received a commitment letter from

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- 1 1.1 million, this making the total development cost2 at \$40.6 million.
- This development will be 100 percent
- 4 affordable and proposed units ranging from studio
- 5 apartments to three-bedroom units at 30 to 60
- 6 percent AMI. There will be a total of 29 studios,
- 7 16 one-bedrooms, 17 two-bedrooms, and 9 three-
- 8 bedroom units making a total of 71 units. The 7
- 9 studios are at 30 percent AMI, 19 studios at 50
- 10 percent AMI, and 45 units at 60 percent AMI ranging
- 11 from the studio apartments to three-bedrooms.
- 12 Listed are the units along with the
- 13 rents with the studio apartments ranging from \$630
- 14 to 1,031; one-bedroom units are flat at \$1,297;
- 15 two-bedroom units ranging from 1408 to 1508; and
- 16 the three-bedroom units at 1,618. The square
- 17 footage is also listed for your privy as well.
- 18 The development team will consist of
- 19 the nonprofit, The Renaissance Collaborative, as
- 20 the developer, and there will not be a co-developer
- 22 The architect will be Gensler. We

21 for this.

- 23 will have BIPOC-led GC Ujamaa. Attorneys will be
- 24 Applegate and Thorne-Thomsen. And lender and

Page 58 1 syndicator as Cinnaire.

2 Attached is the developer org chart

3 for your viewing as well.

4 So the structure and requirements of

5 the City consist of: Disbursement of TIF will be

6 3.25 million at 25 percent completion, again at 50

7 percent completion, 75 percent completion, and the

8 remaining 3.25 at certificate of completion.

9 In accordance to 24 CFR Part 135,

10 30 percent of the new hires will be Section 3

11 residents and/or businesses. The development will

12 exceed the requirements of Chicago's affirmative

13 action ordinance, which requires contract

14 participation of 26 percent by minority-owned

15 business enterprises and 6 percent by WBE as well.

16 The development will comply with the

17 requirements of the Chicago city residence

18 ordinance, and at least half of all construction

19 workers -- worker hours will be filled with Chicago

20 residents. There will be an ongoing commitment

21 to procurement from local W- -- MBE/WBE, Section 3

22 businesses, artists, and professional service

23 providers.

24 Environmental features include the

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1 Again, I have Oji Eggleston and Teresa Prim here to

2 answer any questions you may have.

3 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Thank you.

4 The Commission has received a letter

5 of support from Alderwoman Dowell. I believe I was

6 told earlier that someone from Alderwoman Dowell's

7 office is present and would like to make a

8 statement on her behalf.

9 Thank you for joining us. Please

10 introduce yourself.

11 MR. CARRIGAN: For the record, Costantin

12 Carrigan for Alderman Dowell.

13 Alderman Dowell supports this

14 project. It has been presented to the community.

15 She wants to voice her excitement about an inter-

16 generational project for grand-families and wants

17 to thank TRC for bringing this project to fruition.

18 Thank you.

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CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Thank you.

20 Commissioners, do you have any

21 questions for Vonetta Jones regarding this request

22 by the Department of Housing?

23 Yes, Commissioner Curtis.

COMMISSIONER CURTIS: Thank you, Chair.

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1 building design to meet the Enterprise Sustainable

2 Green Design and the City of Chicago Sustainable

3 Design Policies.

4 The building will include resource

5 efficient plumbing fixtures with low-flow shower

6 heads and faucets, high-efficiency toilets along

7 with a garden plaza area that will include native

8 plants to help reduce stormwater runoff.

9 For permanent jobs, there will be

10 the creation of 12 full-time jobs paying at or

11 above liveable wage, and approximately 147

12 construction jobs.

13 So the request for the Commission

14 is approval to grant authority for the DOH to

15 negotiate a redevelopment agreement with TRC for

16 the redevelopment of the property located at 5300

17 through 5318 South Calumet Avenue, approval to

18 recommend to the City Council the designation of

19 The Renaissance Collaborative as developer, and to

20 grant authority for DOH to negotiate a land sale

21 agreement with TRC for the disposition of the

22 property located at 5300 through 5318 South Calumet

23 Avenue.

24 This concludes my presentation.

1 I just want to clarify. The request

2 here is just for the sale of the property, or is

3 this for the TIF financing as well?

4 MS. JONES: It is also for the TIF financing

5 up to 13 million.

6 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: Okay. And just so I

7 understand, how is the TIF -- how does the TIF

8 regain the increment, the 13 million? How does

9 that come back to the TIF?

10 MS. JONES: Well, basically it will be put

11 back in tax rolling. So once it's, you know, up

12 and running and everything is in, it will be put

13 back on taxable dollars.

14 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: Okay. This is a -- the

15 organization, The Renaissance Collaborative, is a

16 not-for-profit?

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17 MS. JONES: Correct.

18 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: So what taxes are

19 generated then to go back for the increment?

MS. PRIM: Because it's a --

21 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: I'm sorry. We need you

22 to come to the mic and introduce yourself. Thank

23 you for joining us.

24 MS. PRIM: Teresa Prim from Lawrence Prim

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- 1 Real Estate Development, consultant for Abrams
- 2 Intergenerational Village.
- 3 It is a Low-Income Housing Tax
- 4 Credit transaction, so it will not be a hundred
- 5 percent tax exempt. So we'll pay property taxes
- 6 based on it being affordable housing.
- 7 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: Okay. So you -- so
- 8 it'll pay some property taxes?
- 9 MS. PRIM: Yes.
- 10 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: I'm not as familiar
- 11 with this as I should be. How -- is there a
- 12 percentage of property taxes then that will be
- 13 assessed, or how does that work?
- 14 MS. PRIM: Yes. This budget actually
- 15 projects about 71,000 annually in property taxes.
- 16 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: I don't mean to be
- 17 argumentative, but that's going to take a long time
- 18 to pay back 13 million.
- 19 MS. PRIM: Yes.
- 20 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: Is that -- will that be
- 21 the sole increment?
- 22 MS. PRIM: Yes. No. I assume the area is
- 23 also included.
- 24 MS. JONES: What's the question? I'm sorry.

- 1 Question for Oji.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Thank you for joining
- 3 us. Please introduce yourself.
- 4 MR. EGGLESTON: Hello. My name is Oji
- 5 Eggleston. I'm the executive director of The
- 6 Renaissance Collaborative. Thank you for your
- 7 consideration today.
- 8 COMMISSIONER MILSAP: First, I want to
- 9 congratulate you on your role as executive
- 10 director. I had a chance to work with Pat Abrams
- 11 over the years and know a little bit about this
- 12 project.
- 13 Obviously there's HOME and a few
- 14 other examples here in the Chicagoland area of
- 15 intergenerational housing. What type of supports
- 16 will you guys have to make sure that you get the
- 17 right mix in terms of, you know, social service
- 18 supports and therapists, things of that nature, to
- 19 make sure as you bring folks in and support this
- 20 type of housing that is a successful endeavor?
  - 1 MR. EGGLESTON: Yeah. Just to start, the
- 22 mission of The Renaissance Collaborative, I'm
- 23 paraphrasing, is to move residents to self-
- 24 sufficiency. And so the services that we provide

- COMMISSIONER CURTIS: That is the sole source
- 2 of repaying the increment of 13 million is that
- 3 \$70,000 a year in extra real estate taxes?
- 4 MS. PRIM: Yes.
- 5 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: Okay. I think that's
- 6 the only question I have. Thank you.
- 7 MS. JONES: Thank you.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Are there other
- 9 questions or comments from members of the
- 10 Commission?
- 11 Vice Chair Thomas.
- 12 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Thank you, Madam
- 13 Chairman.
- 14 Can you pull back to the org chart?
- 15 Where does the increment come from? Does it come
- 16 from LP, or who's paying the increment?
- 17 MS. PRIM: The owner of the property will be
- 18 the LP.
- 19 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Okay. Thank you.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Do members of the
- 21 Commission have additional questions?
- 22 COMMISSIONER MILSAP: I have a question.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Commissioner Milsap.
- 24 COMMISSIONER MILSAP: Commissioner Millsap.

- 1 are currently provided in two buildings that we
- 2 have; the Renaissance Apartments where we provide
- 3 wraparound services where we have full-time staff
- 4 that service caseworkers to bring various resources
- 5 to the table; they provide direct group therapy to
- 6 the residents; they provide, you know, life skills
- 7 for the residents. A lot of the residents are
- 8 former homeless individuals, so they need to regain
- 9 those life skills necessary for them, workforce,
- 10 career development, et cetera.
- 11 And so in addition to that, because
- 12 we have case managers, we provide referrals for any
- 13 needs that the residents have.
- 14 We'll bring that same model to
- 15 Abrams Intergenerational Village where we'll have
- 16 a youth coordinator to make sure that we have
- 17 appropriate programming on site in our community
- 18 space. In addition to that, we'll have a program
- 19 coordinator for the adults in the building. So
- 20 we'll have customized programs once again, after-
- 21 school programs, summertime programs, et cetera as
- 22 well as case managers and coordinators to provide
- 23 those referral services that are needed.
- 24 COMMISSIONER MILSAP: And last question. How

Page 66 1 is the organization doing?

- 2 MR. EGGLESTON: I don't want to toot my own
- 3 horn, but -- no, I'm joking. The organization is
- 4 actually doing extremely well. I, as an executive
- 5 director, benefitted from working side by side with
- 6 Pat Abrams for a year to aid in the transition. So
- 7 I had a solid footing in terms of what the
- 8 organization needed and the vision for the
- 9 organization. We have a solid board that's growing
- 10 that's very engaged.
- 11 In addition to that, we have new
- 12 staff where we have a strong culture and once again
- 13 a clear vision to meet the needs of the residents
- 14 we serve and also the community as a whole.
- 15 COMMISSIONER MILSAP: Thank you. I have no
- 16 further questions.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Great. Thank you.
- 18 Are there any other questions from
- 19 members of the Commission?
- 20 (No response.)
- 21 If there are no further questions or
- 22 comments regarding the matter before us, I will
- 23 call this item to a vote.
- 24 The resolution before us, the

1 MS. JONES: Thank you.

- 2 MR. EGGLESTON: Thank you.
- 3 MS. PRIM: Thank you.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Commissioners, for the
- 5 next item of new business on today's agenda, the
- 6 Department of Housing is requesting the Commission
- 7 to grant authority to the Department of Housing to
- 8 negotiate a redevelopment agreement with The
- 9 Hispanic Housing Development Corporation for the
- 10 redevelopment of the property located at 1539 North
- 11 Pulaski in the Pulaski Corridor Redevelopment
- 12 Project Area, and for the Commission to recommend
- 13 to the City Council the designation of The Hispanic
- 14 Housing Development Corporation, HHDC, as
- 15 developer.
- 16 Rameez Bhimji --
- 17 MR. BHIMJI: Bhimji.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Bhimji -- thank you --
- 19 will provide a brief description of this request on
- 20 behalf of the Department of Housing.
- 21 MR. BHIMJI: Good afternoon, Chair Butler and
- 22 members of the Commission.
- 23 For the record, my name is Rameez
- 24 Bhimji. I'm a financial planning analyst in the

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- 10 the disposition of the property located at 5300
- 11 through 5318 South Calumet within the 47th/State
- 12 Redevelopment Project Area, and for the Commission
- 13 to recommend to the City Council the designation of
- 14 The Renaissance Collaborative as developer.
- 15 If there are no objections, I move
- 16 passage of this item by the same roll call vote
- 17 previously used to establish quorum.
- 18 Are there any abstentions or
- 19 objections?
- 20 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: My objection.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Okay. Please note that
- 22 Commissioner Curtis is a no vote.
- Hearing no other changes, the motion
- 24 is approved.

- 1 Multifamily Finance Division of the Department of
- 2 Housing.
- 3 Today I'm presenting a request for
- 4 the Department of Housing to designate the Hispanic
- 5 Housing Development Corporation, HHDC, as developer
- 6 and to negotiate a redevelopment agreement for the
- 7 project 1539 North Pulaski Road Elderly.
- 8 I'm joined by members of the
- 9 development team as well as Assistant Commissioner
- 10 Joe Lewis, who are prepared to answer any questions
- 11 or provide additional context after this
- 12 presentation.
- 13 The project site is located in the
- 14 Pulaski Corridor TIF District, the West Planning
- 15 Area, and the Humboldt Park community under Alder
- 16 Jessie Fuentes of the 26th Ward. We have received
- 17 a letter of support for this project from the alder
- 18 as well as from other community members.
- 19 The project site outlined in red is
- 20 located on the east side of Pulaski Road within a
- 21 fully developed commercial corridor in the Humboldt
- 22 Park community area. The proposed site is adjacent
- 23 to commercial and mixed-use buildings as well as
- 24 single-family and multifamily housing.

1 Immediately north of the project

- 2 site is North & Pulaski Elderly Apartments, a City-
- 3 supported 72-unit senior housing development, also
- 4 owned and managed by HHDC as part of its community
- 5 elderly housing initiative.
- 6 Pictured in the top left is the

7 existing elderly housing currently managed by HHDC.

The proposed site consists of five

- 9 parcels covering a little over half an acre that
- 10 was acquired by HHDC from a private party in the
- 11 year 2005, which included vacant land, as can be
- 12 viewed looking northwest towards the site, and a
- 13 vacant building, as can be viewed looking southeast.
- 14 The building is formerly known as
- 15 Pioneer Arcade, a two-story 1920's era Spanish
- 16 Colonial Revival structure that was designated as a
- 17 historic landmark in late 2022 by the City of
- 18 Chicago.
- 19 HHDC as lead developer seeks to
- 20 redevelop the vacant historic property and land
- 21 into a six-story, 60-unit affordable rental
- 22 building with supportive services for very low-
- 23 income elderly households. The project will
- 24 provide 58 one-bedroom units at 50 percent AMI or

- Page 72 1 storage, laundry room, and a community/multipurpose
- 2 hall with a kitchenette to name just a few.
- 3 The project budget is a mixed-
- 4 finance development with sources that include an
- 5 equity raise of approximately \$16 million in 9
- 6 percent Low-Income Housing Tax Credits based on a
- 7 syndication price of 86 cents per credit.
- Total City funding is approximately
- 9 \$13 million in Tax Increment Financing that has
- 10 been approved through the TIF request review
- 11 process.
- 12 Other sources include a HUD Section
- 13 202 capital advance grant for \$6 million, in
- 14 combination with an approximately half -- \$500,000
- 15 Adopt a Landmark grant from the Department of
- 16 Planning and Development, and an approximately
- 17 \$200,000 in ComEd award, bringing the total
- 18 financial sources for the proposed project to just
- 19 over 36 million.
- 20 Uses consist of acquisition costs of
- 21 just over 1 million, hard costs including site
- 22 prep, clearance, and contingency of approximately
- 23 28 million, and soft costs of approximately 3.3
- 24 million, not including reserves of approximately

- 1 less, 2 two-bedroom units at 60 percent AMI or
- 2 less, and 1 two-bedroom unit for a resident manager
- 3 for a total of 61 units. To note, there is no
- 4 proposed commercial space.
- 5 The developer is requesting a little
- 6 over 13.2 million in TIF funding for a total7 project cost of approximately 36 million.
- 8 It is expected that construction
- 9 will commence in the first quarter of 2026 or
- 10 earlier and is expected to conclude within two
- 11 years or less.
- 12 Shown here is a rendering of the
- 13 proposed west elevation. The project will preserve
- 14 the terra cotta facade of the historic property,
- 15 the ground floor lobby, and the second floor
- 16 assembly space, behind which will be the attached
- 17 six-story, 61-unit new construction, and a total of
- 18 26 parking spaces on site, four of which will be
- 10. accessible
- 19 accessible.
- There will be a wide array of
- 21 support and common space, including a supportive
- 22 service coordinator office, health exam and
- 23 counseling room with a private waiting area, an
- 24 exercise room, bicycle storage, residential

- Page 73 1 1.2 million, and a developer fee of approximately
- 2 1.85 million, bringing the total uses to \$36
- 3 million -- 36,159,334.
- 4 This development will be 100 percent
- 5 affordable with proposed units ranging from 58 one-
- 6 bedroom units at 50 percent AMI, 2 two-bedroom
- 7 units at 60 percent AMI, and 1 two-bedroom unit
- 8 designated for a resident manager, bringing the
- 9 total to 61 units.
- 10 As for the proposed rent, the
- 11 project received a commitment from HUD as part of
- 12 Section 202 supportive housing for the elderly
- 13 program in the form of a project rental assistance
- 14 contract, or PRAC. The proposed monthly rent for
- 15 the one-bedroom unit is \$989 with a size of 560
- 16 square feet and a tenant portion of \$70. The
- 17 monthly rent for the two-bedroom units is \$1,024
- 18 with a size of 805 square feet and a tenant portion 19 of \$84.
- 20 The development team consists of
- 21 HHDC serving as sponsor, developer, and property
- 22 manager, UrbanWorks as architect of record,
- 23 Applegate and Thorne-Thomsen as transaction and
- 24 zoning counsel, Rubin Brown as tax counsel, and

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1 Sterns Bank as the bridge loan lender.

2 HHDC has also partnered with a local 3 supportive services organization, Casa Central, to

4 provide eligible residents with supportive

- 5 services, which include assistance with activities
- 6 of daily living, ADLs, mitigation of social
- 7 isolation, depression, and overall enhancement of
- 8 quality of life. This is anticipated to be
- 9 achieved by a combination of various inhouse
- 10 activities that promote social, physical, and
- 11 cognitive wellness through physical design and
- 12 activity programming facilitated by the service
- 13 coordinator, community-based volunteers, and
- 14 service-oriented partners.

To speak on HHDC's experience, HHDC

- 16 has extensive experience since its founding in 1975
- 17 and was recently awarded a contract by the Chicago
- 18 Housing Authority to manage a public housing
- 19 portfolio numbering approximately 4,000 units and
- 20 currently manages a portfolio of approximately
- 21 8,000 affordable apartments in the Midwest region
- 22 and in Puerto Rico.
- 23 Attached is a developer
- 24 organizational chart for reference.

1 4 permanent jobs.

2 Lastly, the development team is

- 3 committed to meeting or exceeding the City's
- 4 affirmative action goals, including 26 percent
- 5 minority- and 6 percent women-owned business
- 6 participation and ensuring that at least 50 percent
- 7 of the workforce comes from Chicago residents.
- 8 To recap, the request for the
- 9 Commission is to, one, grant authority for the DOH
- 10 to negotiate a redevelopment agreement with
- 11 Hispanic Housing Development Corporation for the
- 12 redevelopment of the property located at 1539 North
- 13 Pulaski Road in the Pulaski Corridor Redevelopment
- 14 Project Area, and, two, to recommend to the City
- 15 Council the designation of HHDC as developer.
- 16 Joining me in attendance from the
- 17 development team is vice president of real estate
- 18 development, Steve Poras, and CEO Tony Hernandez,
- 19 as well as Assistant Commissioner Joe Lewis from
- 20 the DOH to address any questions you may have.
- 21 Thank you for your time. And this
- 22 concludes my presentation.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Great. Thank you.
  - The Commission has received a letter

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- For the structure and requirements,
- 2 City funds will be disbursed in three installments
- 3 during the construction period, following 30
- 4 percent, 60 percent, and 90 percent of completion,
- 5 and the remaining 10 percent will be funded at
- 6 certificate of completion.
- 7 Because TIF funds are reimbursement
- 8 based, no advance TIF funds are available at
- 9 closing, meaning funding must be bridged with a
- 10 loan during construction.
- 11 The project must also meet standard
- 12 City of Chicago construction and compliance
- 13 requirements, including prevailing wage, minority-
- 14 and women-owned business participation, and city
- 15 residency hiring goals.
- 16 As mentioned, the project will
- 17 deliver 60 affordable supportive housing units for
- 18 the elderly, serving on average 50 percent AMI or
- 19 less for a period of at least 30 years.
- 20 The project will revitalize the
- 21 intersection of West North Avenue and North Pulaski
- 22 Road by activating a vacant property and land.
- Additionally we estimate the project
- 24 will create approximately 50 construction jobs and

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- 1 of support from the alderman. If present, I would
- 2 like to recognize Alderman Fuentes or anyone from
- 3 their office and invite them to make a statement on
- 4 the project. Anyone from the alderman's office
- 5 here?

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- 6 MR. BHIMJI: I don't believe so.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: All right. Great.
- 8 Commissioners, do you have any
- 9 questions for the Department of Housing regarding
- 10 this request?
- 11 Yes, Commissioner Curtis.
  - COMMISSIONER CURTIS: Thank you, Chair.
- 13 Kind of the same question as before.
- 14 How do we regain the increment back to the TIF?
- 15 You've talked about revitalizing the area. I'm
- 16 looking at the Hispanic Housing Development
- 17 Corporation's website. I'm sorry. I probably
- 18 missed it. But I don't see if it's a not-for-
- 19 profit or for-profit organization.
- 20 So will there be real estate taxes
- 21 paid on this development?
- MR. BHIMJI: The development entity is a not-
- 23 for-profit corporation. I'll defer to assistant
- 24 commissioner for a more detailed answer as far as

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1 your other question.

MR. LEWIS: For the record, my name is Joe

- 3 Lewis. I'm assistant commissioner at the
- 4 Department of Housing.
- 5 To the question about real estate
- 6 taxes, as it stands presently the property is
- 7 already owned by HHDC. I believe it is on the tax
- 8 rolls presently. It is likely being assessed as a
- 9 vacant property at present.
- 10 With this project, however, because
- 11 the nature of the project of being supportive
- 12 housing and serving a very, very low-income
- 13 population doesn't really permit much financial
- 14 flexibility in terms of covering property taxes or
- 15 even, you know, debt service obligations.
- The expectation is that the
- 17 developer will be seeking a charitable property tax
- 18 exemption with respect to the real estate taxes on
- 19 a going forward basis once the property's
- 20 constructed.
- 21 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: Can you help me
- 22 understand, is there another way that the tax
- 23 increment will be repaid? You mentioned
- 24 redeveloping the corner, some of those types of

- 1 MR. BHIMJI: And I'll just add that the
  - 2 proposed project will satisfy the redevelopment
  - 3 plan area.

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- 4 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Thank you.
  - Are there any additional questions?
- 6 Yes, Commissioner Milsap.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MILSAP: Yes. I have a -- you
- 8 mentioned earlier in the project description that
- 9 no TIF funds will be allowed during the actual
- 10 construction project and that those funds will need
- 11 to be bridged. In the use of the sources, it's not
- 12 clear how those funds are being bridged. Can you
- 13 perhaps provide a little more insight on how the
- 14 TIF funds are being bridged in this project?
- 15 MR. BHIMJI: To clarify, no TIF funds will be
- 16 advanced because it is reimbursed from base,
- 17 meaning the costs will have to be incurred, and
- 18 that funding will come privately through Sterns
- 19 Bank as a bridge loan.
- 20 COMMISSIONER MILSAP: I guess I'm still not
- 21 clear on the use of the sources. You understand --
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Could you put it back
- 23 up, please, so we can -- thank you.
- 24 COMMISSIONER MILSAP: \$13 million TIF.

- 1 things. Is there another way that we can see that
- 2 there's additional benefit that will help repay
- 3 this increment?
- 4 MR. LEWIS: I can note that the City intends
- 5 to secure its investment in the second lien
- 6 mortgage in favor of the City. So upon the event
- 7 of any sort of capital event like a refinancing or
- 8 sale, the City would be in a position to negotiate
- 9 some upside potentially with respect to any of
- 10 those actions in the future. We're not
- 11 anticipating attaching any sort of like cash flow-
- 12 based repayment or any hurdle-based repayment in
- 13 the interim period, again, noting the sort of
- 14 supportive service and very low-income oriented
- 15 nature of the project. But the City will be in a
- 16 position to -- we'll be in an advantageous position
- 17 to negotiate some potential upside benefits if a
- 18 capital event happens in the future.
- 19 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: I really like the
- 20 project as I'm a senior and getting older myself.
- 21 I think it's a great project. And I still believe
- 22 that our objective here is -- with a TIF financing
- 23 is to repay that TIF. But thank you for your
- 24 comments.

- MR. BHIMJI: This uses and sources is a
- 2 permanent finance capital stack, not the
- 3 construction capital stack.
- 4 COMMISSIONER MILSAP: Okay.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: And so to be -- to
- 6 clarify, Sterns Bank is providing the bridge
- 7 financing during the construction period?
- 8 MR. BHIMJI: That is correct.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Okay.
- 10 COMMISSIONER MILSAP: Thank you for
- 11 clarifying. No further questions.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Do members of the
- 13 Commission have additional questions or comments?
- 14 (No response.)
- 15 If there are no further questions or
- 16 comments from the Commission regarding the matter
- 17 before us, I will call this item to a vote.
- 18 The resolution before us, the
- 19 Department of Planning -- excuse me, the Department
- 20 of Housing is requesting the Commission to grant
- 21 authority to the Department of Housing to negotiate
- 22 a redevelopment agreement with the Hispanic Housing
- 23 Development Corporation, HHDC, for the redevelopment
- 24 of the property located at 1539 North Pulaski in

MEETING, 07/08/2025 Page 82 1 the Pulaski Corridor Redevelopment Project Area, 2 and for the Commission to recommend to the City 3 Council the designation of the Hispanic Housing 4 Development Corporation, HHDC, as developer. 5 If there are no objections, I move 6 passage of this item by the same roll call vote 7 previously used to establish quorum. Are there any 8 objections? 9 Please let the record note that 10 Commissioner Curtis is a no. Great. Thank you. 11 Are there any additional objections 12 or abstentions? 13 (No response.) 14 Hearing no additional objections or 15 abstentions, the motion is approved. Thank you. 16 Commissioners, for the last item of 17 new business on today's agenda, the Department of 18 Housing is requesting the Commission to grant 19 authority to the Department of Housing to negotiate 20 a redevelopment agreement with Homan Square

Page 84 1 District and the West Planning Area. It falls 2 within the boundaries of the 24th Ward represented 3 by Alderwoman Monique Scott, who has provided a 4 letter of support for the project. Displayed is an aerial image of the 6 development site with multiple parcels outlined in 7 red. The site includes six three-story walkup 8 buildings with three buildings on West Polk Street, 9 two on South Central Park Avenue, and one on South 10 Lawndale Avenue. All buildings are arranged in a 11 campus-style layout surrounding Boler Park in the 12 North Lawndale/East Garfield Park neighborhood. 13 North Lawndale community has endured 14 decades of disinvestment, redlining, and industrial 15 decline that led to significant poverty, housing 16 abandonment, and population loss. 17 A turning point came in 1998 with 18 the -- 1988 with the closure of Sears headquarters 19 which spurred the creation of the Homan Square 20 Community Development Initiative. This effort has 21 added over 350 affordable and mixed-income housing 22 units, repurposed historic buildings, and 23 introduced key services to the area such as Power 24 House High School, a community center, Lawndale

1 Christian Health Center, a YMCA, and North Lawndale

Displayed -- I'm sorry. Displayed

4 is the current exterior condition of the building

6 remaining buildings within the development share

5 located at 3607 West Polk Street. All five

7 identical architectural design, structural

2 Employment Network.

1 Redevelopment Project Area, and for the Commission 2 to recommend to the City Council the designation of 3 Homan Square Apartments Phase IV, LP as developer. Amicie Crayton will provide a brief 5 description of this request on behalf of the 6 Department of Housing. 7 MS. CRAYTON: Thank you. Good afternoon, 8 everyone, Chairwoman Butler, and members of the 9 committee. 10 My name, again, is Amicie Crayton, 11 and I am a financial planning analyst for the

21 Apartments Phase IV, LP for the redevelopment of

22 the property located at 3607, 3621, 3645 West Polk

23 Street, 909, 908 South Central Park Avenue, 921

24 South Lawndale Avenue in the Homan/Arthington

12 Department of Housing. I also have Joseph Lewis, 13 which is the assistant commissioner, and also Eden 14 Hurd Smith behind us, who is representing IFF. 15 The proposed transaction before you 16 seeks authorization for the developer designation 17 and to negotiate a redevelopment agreement for 18 Homan Square Apartments Phase IV, LP for properties 19 located at 3607, 3621, 3645 West Polk Street, 906 20 and 908 South Central Park Avenue, and 921 South 21 Lawndale.

23 the East Garfield Park and North Lawndale community 24 areas encompassed by the Homan/Arthington TIF

The project site is situated within

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8 characteristics, and overall condition. 9 This aerial view captures all six 10 buildings within the development providing a 11 comprehensive visual representation of the current 12 condition of the entire site. The image highlights 13 the uniform architectural layout, the central 14 positioning around Boler Park, and the overall 15 physical state of the structures and surrounding 16 grounds. 17 The developers of Homan Square 18 Apartments submitted an application during the 2023 19 QAP round and were selected to receive financial 20 assistance for the rehabilitation. 21 Originally built in 1999 as part of 22 a broader revitalization strategy following the 23 closure of Sears headquarters in North Lawndale, 24 the 107-unit, 100 percent affordable multifamily

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- 1 development formerly known as West Side Village
- 2 Phase IV has provided deeply affordable housing to
- 3 the community for over two decades. This project
- 4 is a part of a multiphase redevelopment initiative
- 5 led by the Foundation for Homan Square, which has
- 6 transformed the former Sears campus into a mixed-
- 7 use community.
- 8 The existing buildings feature
- 9 masonry exteriors, shingle roofs, natural gas HVAC
- 10 systems, and no elevators. Amenities include
- 11 laundry rooms, intercom entry, and basement
- 12 storage.
- 13 The proposed project includes
- 14 interior upgrades with Energy Star appliances, LED
- 15 lighting, low-flow plumbing, new cabinetry and
- 16 flooring.
- 17 For the exterior there will be new
- 18 roofs and windows, tuckpointing, and stair repairs
- 19 or replacement if needed.
- 20 The site upgrades include parking
- 21 lot repairs, EV charging station, sidewalk
- 22 improvements, and exterior mailboxes.
- 23 The development currently has nine
- 24 to ten -- approximately nine to ten vacant units.

- 1 \$700,000 in reserves.
- TIF funding of 9.9 million will
- 3 represent approximately 29 percent of the financing
- 4 and the deferred developer fee of 575,000.
- The uses consist of acquisition for
- 6 land/building of 6.9 million, hard costs of 18.5,
- 7 and soft costs of 5.7 million. Also included is
- 8 the loan interest and construction contingency of
- 9 1.8 million, which all totals 34.2 million.
- 10 Homan Square Apartments Phase IV
- 11 will be a fully affordable housing development
- 12 comprising a total of 107 rental units. The unit
- 13 mix is designed to serve households across a range
- 14 of income levels, with 12 units reserved for
- 15 residents earning up to 30 percent of the AMI, 11
- 16 units for those earning up to 50 percent of AMI,
- 17 and the remaining 84 units allocated to households
- 18 earning up to 60 percent of the AMI.
- 19 The development includes 72 two-
- 20 bedroom units which are approximately 95 square
- 21 feet -- excuse me, each approximately 905 square
- 22 feet, each projected monthly rents ranging from
- 23 \$672 to 1270. In addition, there are 35 three-
- 24 bedroom units, each approximately 1,139 square feet

- 1 The relocation plan involves renovating these
- 2 vacant units first, then sequentially relocating
- 3 existing tenants into the completed units as the
- 4 remaining apartments undergo renovation.
- The total project cost is estimated
- 6 at 34 million with 9.9 TIF funding request.
- 7 Construction is anticipated to begin in January
- 8 2026 with completion expected by summer of 2027.
- 9 The project will be supported by
- 10 multiple permanent financing sources that total
- 11 34 million. To fund the senior construction period
- 12 financing, the City of Chicago will issue 19
- 13 million in bonds, which will be privately placed
- 14 with the BMO Harris Bank. Upon project completion,
- 15 this financing will be converted to a permanent
- 16 Ioan of approximately 5.3 million. In addition,
- 17 the project will utilize tax-exempt debt which will
- 18 generate approximately 12.7 million in equity.
- 19 There's also existing debt of 5.5 million which
- 20 accounts for approximately 16 percent of the total
- 21 project financing and is comprised of three sources
- 22 in the current version of the financing plan; a 23 HOME loan amount of 4.5 million, a loan from
- 24 Chicago Low-Income Housing Trust totaling 367, and

- Page 89 1 with monthly rents ranging from \$777 to 1,390.
- The development team will be a
- 3 collaboration of IFF and FHS. IFF, formerly known
- 4 as Illinois Facilities Fund, is a Chicago-based
- 5 nonprofit organization established in 1988. As a
- 6 CDFI and developer, IFF provides loans to nonprofit
- 7 agencies in community development, acquisitions,
- 8 construction, remodeling, and refinancing in nine
- 9 states. IFF has also previously partnered with the
- 10 City of Chicago on several projects such as Homan
- 11 Square Phase I, Phase V, and Phase VI. In the late
- 12 2010s, IFF assumed the role of real estate
- 13 developer and designated asset manager for the
- 14 Homan Square rental housing developments,
- 15 succeeding the Shaw Company.
- 16 The Foundation for Homan Square,
- 17 established in 1995, is a nonprofit organization
- 18 that serves as the co-developer and project sponsor
- 19 for revitalization efforts in the Homan Square
- 20 neighborhood. The foundation aims to create a
- 21 wholistic campus for this community following the
- 22 closure of Sears headquarters. 23 And, again, FHS has also been
- 24 actively involved in prior phases of Homan Square

Page 90 1 Apartments and continues to manage several 2 community assets within the community. 3 WJW Architects is a Chicago-based 4 architectural firm. And the GC will be a joint 5 venture between Burling Builders and Solis 6 Construction. And for the attorneys, Applegate 7 Thorne and Thomsen is the law firm. And the 8 lenders BMO Harris, Redstone Equity, and Cedar 9 Rapids Bank & Trust will provide additional 10 financing for the project. 11 Here is a developer organizational 12 chart that displays ownership interest for your 13 viewing. 14 Okay. The project's TIF funding is 15 structured to be disbursed in four installments 16 over the course of the development period. Three 17 of these installments will be distributed during 18 construction with the final installment released

Page 92 1 throughout the building's rehabilitation to enhance 2 energy performance; The project will also produce 4 approximately 30 temporary construction jobs. Also, a letter of support dated 6 May 12, 2025 has been provided by the alderwoman, 7 Monique Scott. 8 In summary, the proposed transaction 9 seeks -- requests authorization for Department of 10 Housing to negotiate a redevelopment agreement with 11 Homan Square Apartments Phase IV, LP for the 12 rehabilitation of the properties located at 3707, 13 3621, 3645 West Polk Street, 906 and 908 South 14 Central Park Avenue, and 921 South Lawndale Avenue 15 in the Homan/Arthington Redevelopment Project Area. 16 In addition, the Department of 17 Housing requests approval to recommend to City 18 Council to designate Homan Square Apartments Phase 19 IV, LP as the developer for this project. 20 This concludes my presentation. 21 Please let me know if you have any questions from 22 me or from the deputy commissioner and from the IFF 23 team as well. Thank you. 24 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Thank you.

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1 completion.

As TIF funding is provided on a

3 reimbursement basis and no funds are available at

19 upon achievement of certificate of completion 20 milestone. The disbursement schedule is as

21 follows: 10.2 at 30 percent completion, another

23 percent completion, and the remaining 10 percent

24 of 3.4 million upon issuance of the certificate of

22 10.2 at 60 percent completion, and also at 90

4 financial closing, interim financing will be

5 required to bridge these payments during the

6 construction period.

7 In addition, the project team is

8 full committed to meeting or exceeding the City's

9 affirmative action and workforce participation

10 goals. This includes a minimum of 26 percent

11 participation by minority-owned businesses and

12 6 percent by women-owned businesses, and adherence

13 to local residency hiring targets during

14 construction.

15 The development will benefit the

16 public in following ways:

17 For affordable housing, the

18 development will preserve 107 affordable units all

19 rent restricted and reserved for households earning

20 between 30 to 60 percent of the area median income.

21 These units will remain affordable for at least 30

22 years;

23 Will provide environmentally

24 sustainable features that have been integrated

The Commission has received a letter

2 of support from Alderman Scott. If present, I

3 would like to recognize Alderman Scott or someone

4 from their office and invite them to make a

5 statement on the project. Is there anyone from the

6 alderman's office here?

7 (No response.)

8 Okay. So, Commissioners, do you

9 have any questions for Amicie Crayton regarding

10 this request by the Department of Housing.

11 Commissioner Curtis.

COMMISSIONER CURTIS: Thank you, Chair.

13 Just to confirm. My understanding

14 is that the development currently exists. We are

15 repairing and updating a large percentage of the

16 current development?

17 MS. CRAYTON: Correct.

18 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: And with that, if we

19 were not to do that, then I assume that there would

20 be significant impact on that -- economic impact on

21 that area if those -- if that development is

22 allowed to continue to fall. Can I -- is that a

23 fair assumption?

24 MS. CRAYTON: Yes, that is a fair assumption.

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- 1 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: Okay. So then I can
- 2 assume that there is a significant economic impact
- 3 to the TIF if we were to allow this to fall versus
- 4 sustaining the development. Is that a stretch?
- 5 MS. CRAYTON: I would not say it's a stretch.
- 6 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: Thank you.
- CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Additional questions,
- 8 Commissioner Curtis?
- 9 COMMISSIONER CURTIS: No.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Do other members of the
- 11 Commission -- yes, Commissioner Johnson.
- COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Good afternoon. 12
- 13 MS. CRAYTON: Good afternoon.
- COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Along those lines, how 14
- 15 many more years of affordability? Is it -- are
- 16 these governed by like a 30-year affordability
- 17 covenant as well? So will that be extended with
- 18 this, or do we know how many years are remaining?
- MR. LEWIS: Joe Lewis from the City's 19
- 20 Department of Housing.
- 21 I don't immediately recall how many
- 22 years are remaining on the use period restrictions
- 23 that govern the property in connection with the
- 24 past provision of City assistance. There are at

- Page 96 1 So this was built in 1998. So the extended use
- 2 agreement would probably be for about three more
- 3 years. That would be extended, as he just said,
- 4 for another 30 years once we actually close on the
- 5 project.
- 6 In terms of the TIF, just wanted to
- 7 mention this was a developer-created TIF back in
- 8 1998 with almost the entirety of the creation
- 9 coming from Homan Square. So just wanted to note
- 10 that as well.
- 11 And then also -- just lost my train
- 12 of thought because you just said something I wanted
- 13 to note as well. Apologies.
- 14 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: The per unit cost?
- 15 MS. HURD SMITH: Per unit cost. Thank you.
- 16 Thank you.
- 17 We're rolling over a significant
- 18 amount of some City debt, so some of that is
- 19 actually rollover. The hard cost is limited to
- 20 about, I want to say 17, 18 million -- 17, 18
- 21 million. So that per unit cost is actually a bit
- 22 lower when you consider the rollover of some of
- 23 that City debt that's in that TDC.
- 24 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you.

- 1 least several years remaining. And I think a
- 2 representative from IFF would be able to speak to
- 3 that specific number.
- But to the other question about the
- 5 extension of use restriction terms, yes, we would
- 6 impose at least a 30-year period of affordability
- 7 restrictions in connection with the TIF assistance. 8 Furthermore, the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit
- 9 assistance that the City provides will also impose
- 10 a 30-year compliance period.
- 11 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Okay. Yeah, that --
- 12 because it sounds like we're financing up to over
- 13 300 grand per unit in the rehab. Is that right?
- MR. LEWIS: It does equate to something 14
- 15 around \$300,000 per unit in total development
- 16 costs, that's correct.
- 17 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Yes. So as long as we
- 18 get that extension in there so that we're at least
- 19 getting our money's worth on that piece of it,
- 20 but -- go ahead.
- MS. HURD SMITH: Good afternoon. Eden Hurd
- 22 Smith. I'm from IFF. Thank you for your
- 23 consideration.
- 24 Just wanted to clarify two things.

- CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: So what do you
- 2 anticipate the -- you know, given what you just
- 3 said, what is kind of the effective cost per unit
- 4 approximately?
- MS. HURD SMITH: I would probably
- 6 approximate -- it would probably be under about 200
- 7 a unit after the rollover. That's because the debt
- 8 is probably about 10 million that we're rolling
- 9 over.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Sure. Okay. Great.
- 11 And one question just the practical
- 12 logistics of a renovation where people are
- 13 currently living in units. So could you speak a
- 14 bit about what the plan is with respect to kind of
- 15 the phasing of the renovation and residents being
- 16 displaced? How is all that being managed?
- MS. HURD SMITH: Sure. So as they mentioned,
- 18 we have ten units that are currently vacant. The
- 19 plan is to keep those ten units vacant at all
- 20 times. So we're going to start in those first ten
- 21 units. We would then move -- everyone would move
- 22 one time, and it would be a permanent move. So
- 23 they will be moved permanently into a rehabbed
- 24 unit. Then we would do the next tier of units that

1 would be then vacated once we move them into those

2 units.

3 So we would get through all of those

4 buildings, all those units using those ten units.

5 And if there's any additional vacancies, we have

6 considered whether we would leave those units open.

7 We don't want to displace anyone. But it's just

8 through attrition, you know, one or two more people

9 leave; then we would have another one or two units

10 that would be available for that relocation.

11 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: And just by way of

12 curiosity, what is kind of the average tenure of

13 the residents there?

14 MS. HURD SMITH: Some of them have been there

15 since 1998. They don't really move out. Most of

16 these folks have been, you know, 25, 30 years. And

17 we have a waiting list of about 150 people at any

18 given time for the units at Homan Square. So

19 people don't really move out, which is why I say

20 attrition is -- we really don't get it, which is

21 why we were holding those units -- we've been

22 holding these units out for about a year just

23 because we knew we wouldn't have the opportunity

24 otherwise.

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Page 100 1 property. The closing transaction would take then

2 Shaw out of that equation. We would then be placed

3 into it as the general partner. And then obviously

4 our investor would become the limited partner.

So Foundation for Homan Square and

6 IFF entity would then become the new owners along

7 with the limited partner.

8 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Okay. So this is all

9 not-for-profit.

10 MS. HURD SMITH: Correct.

11 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Okay.

MR. LEWIS: I just wanted to add a comment

13 with respect to relocation. Relocation plans are

14 subject to -- I'm Joe Lewis from the City's

15 Department of Housing for the record as well.

16 Relocation plans are subject to

17 local, state, and federal regulation. They are

18 monitored by the Department of Housing for

19 compliance with those regulations by a dedicated

20 staff person. And an approved relocation plan will

21 be a condition of closing. Post closing all those

22 activities will continue to be monitored until

23 project completion.

24 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Thank you for that

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CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Great. Thank you.

2 Any additional questions or comments

3 regarding this?

4 Yes, Commissioner Johnson.

5 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Just a comment for me.

6 See the -- your slide on the TIF disbursement. I

7 think you've got the total project cost in there

8 versus the actual TIF disbursement piece. You

9 might want to take a look at that.

10 MS. CRAYTON: Oh, you're correct. You're

11 correct. I'm sorry. I apologize for that. You're

12 correct.

13 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: We'll change it for the

14 public record. Thank you.

15 MS. CRAYTON: Absolutely.

16 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Thank you for that.

17 Any additional comments or

18 questions?

19 Yes, Vice Chair Thomas.

20 COMMISSIONER THOMAS: Who will own the land?

21 Or who owns the land currently?

22 MS. HURD SMITH: Currently owned by the

23 Foundation for Homan Square and Shaw Development

24 Corporation, which is who originally developed the

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1 additional information regarding the relocation

2 plan.

3 Any additional comments or questions

4 from members of the Commission?

(No response.)

6 If there are no further questions or

7 comments regarding the matter before us, I will

8 call this item to a vote.

9 The resolution before us, the

10 Department of Housing is requesting the Commission

11 to grant authority to the Department of Housing to

12 negotiate a redevelopment agreement with Homan

13 Square Apartments Phase IV, LP for the

14 redevelopment of the property located at 3607,

15 3621, 3645 West Polk Street, 906, 908 South Central

16 Park Avenue, 921 South Lawndale Avenue in the

17 Homan/Arthington Redevelopment Project Area, and

18 for the Commission to recommend to the City Council

19 the designation of Homan Square Apartments Phase

20 IV, LP as developer.

21 If there are no objections, I move

22 passage of this item by the same -- I move passage

23 for this item by the same roll call vote previously

24 used to establish quorum.

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            Are there any objections or
2 abstentions? All right.
      COMMISSIONER MILSAP: Commissioner Milsap,
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4 abstention.
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      CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Please let the record
6 note that Commissioner Milsap is abstaining.
            Any other abstentions or no votes?
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                  (No response.)
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            Hearing none, the motion is
10 approved.
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       MS. HURD SMITH: Thank you.
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       MS. CRAYTON: Thank you.
       MR. LEWIS: Thank you.
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       CHAIRPERSON BUTLER: Commissioners, that was
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15 our last item on today's agenda. If there are no
16 further questions or comments, I move to adjourn
17 the July 8th, 2025 meeting of the Community
18 Development Commission by the same roll call vote
19 previously used to establish quorum.
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                  (No response.)
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            Hearing no objections to
22 adjournment, we are adjourned.
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               (The proceedings adjourned at
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                2:56 p.m.)
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 5 I reported in shorthand the proceedings of said
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 7 taken and transcribed under my direction.
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