



AGENDA MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting of December 12, 2023

DATE: December 12, 2023
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Briefing on the Request for Interest for Development near the Former Lamar Elementary Site & Nearby Neighborhood Parcels

STAFF PRESENTER(S):

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1. Dan McGinn	Director	Planning & Community Dev.

BACKGROUND:

The Ed Rachal Foundation gifted the former Lamar Elementary School site to the City, along with 55 smaller parcels in the vicinity of the larger site in May of 2023. Recognizing the unique opportunity to implement the recently adopted Westside Area Development Plan by attracting new development investments, addressing residents' requests for a variety of housing options, stabilizing this established neighborhood, and delivering public safety improvements for area residents, City staff issued a request for letters of interest (RFI) to work with one or more experienced housing developers.

The RFI was released and publicized the first week of August 2023, and remained open through September 11, 2023. Five proposals were submitted to the City.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

PowerPoint – Former Lamar Elementary School RFI
RFI Document