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TO: Members of the Community Development Policy Committee

FROM: Juanita Hawkins *Juanita Hawkins*
Director

RE: Rescission of Large Impact Development Project -Midtown Neighborhood
Association LID City Depot Project - \$160,466

DATE: September 10, 2001

Midtown Neighborhood Association, at the July 31, 2001 Community Development Policy Committee, requested and received committee approval to transfer LID funds from the Midtown City Depot Project to another project, Roberts Roofing and Siding. (File number 010353).

The director of MTNA, Ralph Beverly, has notified CBGA that the Roberts Roofing and Siding project has not taken form and will not move forward.

LID funds in the amount of \$160,466 of Large Impact Development funds will be reprogrammed to the CDBG Contingency Account.



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July 27, 2001

Ms. Juanita Hawkins
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Dear Ms. Hawkins:

I want to begin by thanking you for your dedication and commitment to community development efforts in Milwaukee. The project with Robert's Roofing that Midtown Neighborhood Association (MTNA) has worked in good faith to complete was to be an important job creation and tax revenue producing venture that would have benefited both MTNA and Robert's Roofing. Unfortunately, that project may not happen. There have been a series of unforeseeable events that have impacted the project, most outside of MTNA's direct influence. I am attempting to work through the issues but am uncertain what the end result will be.

Consequently, item number one on the July 31 Community Development Committee's agenda should be tabled. If the Robert's Roofing Project is salvaged we would like to reintroduce this item at the September meeting of the CD Committee. However, if the Robert's Roofing project is beyond salvage MTNA would like to request transfer of the funds to our joint venture project to develop the Terra Cotta building on 36th and North Avenue. This project is a joint venture between Midtown Neighborhood Association and Wisconsin Preservation Fund. It is an important project that will continue to spur development along North Avenue. There is a commitment from Fashion Bug to occupy 4,000 square feet of the total 8,000 square feet available. Negotiations with other potential tenants are underway. This project will result in the creation of 30 new jobs.

If you need additional information please feel free to contact me at (414) 342 - 6656, ext. 222. I know that you have already extended yourself by proposing to release the funds from City Depot to Robert's Roofing and I hope that this request does not jeopardize the availability of these resources. Thank you again for all that you have done.

Sincerely,

Ralph Beverly
Ralph Beverly
Executive Director



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