

Elmer, Linda

From: Acquah, Terence
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2020 12:05 PM
To: Owczarski, Jim
Cc: Elmer, Linda; Rainey, Khalif
Subject: FW: King Drive BID Expansion

Is it possible to include this email in file No. 200377 in preparation for today's CED meeting? I just received this.

From: Rick Banks <rlbanksmke@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2020 11:39 AM
To: Acquah, Terence <tacquah@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: King Drive BID Expansion

Good morning Terrance,

I am writing to you to voice my support for the expansion of the King Drive Business Improvement District. As a community organizer I have worked with and witnessed the work of the King Drive BID in recruiting and maintaining businesses on the southern end of King Drive. This has resulted in a higher density of businesses, especially Black owned businesses, improved streetscaping and storefronts and residential development.

Unfortunately, the northern end of King Drive does not have an entity tasked with making these improvements. Nevertheless, I know that the current BID leadership has shown interest in participating in the revival of this area, as shown by their partnering in the 5 Points Charette completed in 2017. I'm a firm believer in community control, and as long as the affected commercial properties support the expansion then I support it as well. I'm also a recent homeowner near 3rd Street & Keefe Avenue and have a vested interest in seeing MLK Drive reach its full potential.

Please feel free to share this statement with the Community & Economic Development Committee and any other necessary parties as a part of the public record.

Thank you,

Rick Banks