



# City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
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## Meeting Minutes SPCL. JNT. CTTEE. ON THE REDEVELOPMENT OF ABANDONED AND FORECLOSED HOMES

**ALD. ROBERT BAUMAN AND STEVE CHERNOF, CO-CHAIRS**

**Ald. Joe Davis, Sr.; Ald. Willie L. Hines, Jr.; Antonio Perez, and Maria Prioletta,  
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Friday, October 24, 2008

8:30 AM

Room 301-G, City Hall

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*Meeting convened: 8:38 A.M.*

*Also present:*

*Tom Mishefske and Dave Krey - Dept. of Neighborhood Services*

*Maria Prioletta, Jim Sayers and Suzanne Dennik - Dept. of City Development*

*Steve Mahan, Darlene Hayes and Mario Higgins - Community Block Grant Association*

*Richard Withers - Legislative Reference Bureau*

*Ken Schmidt - Hope House*

*Tim Elverman - Broydrick and Associates*

**Present** 4 - Hines Jr., Prioletta, Bauman and Perez

**Excused** 2 - Davis and Chernof

**1. Review and approval of the minutes of the October 14th meeting.**

*Ms. Prioletta moved, seconded by Mr. Perez, for approval of the minutes. There were no objections.*

**2. Update from the Department of City Development related to the city's plan for consideration and approval of plans of action to be submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.**

*Ms. Prioletta handed out a draft sheet detailing the amounts the Department of City Development is currently considering. Ms. Prioletta thinks that the city is in good shape overall in terms of the amount of work that has been done in relation to other cities in the state. Ms. Prioletta spoke to Julie Kaufmann at Pragmatic Construction, who said that the cost of deconstruction is approximately 2-3 times the cost of a normal demolition. A couple paragraphs will be added to include deconstruction as an economic development tool. Demolition could be used as job creation, urban garden or deconstruction tools, rather than just as a means of demolishing a building. Mr. Mahan stated that Miami-Dade submitted a project, which was denied, as it just had demolition, rather than an active re-use of the land. The Department of City Development does have some text related to redevelopment/maintenance of vacant lots, but Ms. Prioletta will speak with Mr. Mahan to see how the submission can be made stronger in this area. Ms. Prioletta also feels that if a land bank is created, it should be administered by the city, rather than a private entity. The city has three weeks yet to put the plan together.*

*The details and proposed changes should be circulated through the city departments and comments should be given to the Department of City Development by close of*

*business next Wednesday so they can be integrated into the document.*

*The proposed funds from this agency are already integrated into the 2009 city budget. There probably will also be state dollars coming, so this plan will also include provisions on what to do with additional dollars to demonstrate that the city is capable of administering more funds than have been received. Mr. Mahan noted that the federal submission must balance with the amount being administered, but the state is more open-ended in terms of the amount of funds to be requested. The Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) has funds also separate from the state that might be available to the city.*

*The Milwaukee Foreclosure Partnership Initiative (MFPI) task force is looking at creating a mediation team, which would be located at the courts, to see if a deal could be worked out between the lender and the homeowner at the time of foreclosure. The county court is also considering a 90-day moratorium on foreclosures whereby the court would not schedule the foreclosures during that period.*

**3. Set next meeting agenda, date and time**

*No meeting date was set.*

*Meeting adjourned: 9:08 A.M.*

*Linda M. Elmer*

*Staff Assistant*