Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee

Resolution No.:	**10276**
Adopted on:	March 17, 2011
Project Area:	Blight Elimination/37th & Vliet
Aldermanic District:	15th

Resolution creating public green space in the 3700 Block of Vliet Street as part of the Healthy Neighborhood Initiative by authorizing a Maintenance Agreement with Harley-Davidson Motor Company and approving the blight designation and acquisition of the City-owned vacant lots on the block.

Whereas, The City's Healthy Neighborhood Initiative has provided funds to the Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation for improvements in seven City neighborhoods, including the Martin Drive area on West Vliet Street; and

Whereas, NIDC has joined forces with the Harley-Davidson Motor Company and has proposed creating usable public green space in the 3700 Block of West Vliet Street as an interim use until the site is ready for redevelopment; and

Whereas, The Authority acquired and demolished three deteriorating buildings on this block as a result of the blight elimination efforts in the Harley-Davidson Targeted Investment Neighborhood, while two properties are City owned; and

Whereas, The City-owned s vacant lots at 3701-13 and 3711 West Vliet Street are suitable for conveyance to the Authority so that all property on the block are in common ownership for purposes of future redevelopment and document preparation; and

Whereas, Section 66.1333(5)(c)(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes enables the Redevelopment Authority to acquire blighted property without designating a boundary or adopting a redevelopment plan after conducting a public hearing to determine if the properties meet the statutory blight designation, providing the property owner with proper notice of such hearing and obtaining Common Council approval of the blight designation and acquisition; and

Whereas, The City waived its right to the statutory notice and a public hearing was conducted on March 17, 2011, by the Authority pursuant to the provisions of Section 66.1333(5)(c) of Wisconsin Statutes; and

Whereas, The City lots at 3107-03 and 3711 West Vliet Street can be considered blighted because the small size, obsolete plating and vacant status substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of the City of Milwaukee as outlined in Section 66.1333(2m) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

Whereas, After acquisition, NIDC will make improvements to the site using the City Healthy Neighborhood funds and a dollar-for-dollar match provided by Harley Davison foundation to create usable open space that will be available to neighborhood residents; and

Whereas, Harley-Davidson Motor Company has offered to maintain the public space through a Maintenance Agreement with the Authority for a three-year period unless the site is need sooner for redevelopment; now therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee, that the properties at 3701-05 and 3711 West Vliet Street are found to be blighted within the meaning of Section 66.1333(2m), Wisconsin Statutes, by virtue of their small size, vacant status and/or obsolete platting, all of which substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth and development of the community and City of Milwaukee; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Authority requests that the Common Council take official action to approve the blight designation and acquisition as required under Wisconsin Statutes; and, be it

Further Resolved, Upon Council approval of this acquisition, the Executive Director-Secretary of the Authority is authorized to accept title to the property from the City of Milwaukee; and, be it

Further Resolved, That upon acquisition, the Authority shall grant a right of entry to NIDC to make improvements to the site and is authorized to execute the Maintenance Agreement with Harley-Davidson Motor Company to maintain the area as public green space.

CERTIFICATION I certify that the forgoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee, WI on the date set forth above.

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David P. Misky
Assistant Executive Director-Secretary