Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee

Resolution No.:	**10456**
Adopted on:	December 19, 2013
Project Area:	Blight Elimination/31st & Lisbon
Aldermanic District:	15th

Resolution approving the blight designation of the City-owned brownfields at 3034 and 3044 West Lisbon Avenue for acquisition and remediation as a condition of an EPA grant and approving the blight designation and acquisition of the adjoining City-owned vacant lot at 1812 North 31st Street to facilitate future land assemblage and redevelopment.

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee acquired the suspected brownfields at 3034 West Lisbon Avenue and 3044 West Lisbon Avenue through tax foreclosure after a funding source was identified for site investigation and remediation; and

Whereas, The Redevelopment Authority plans to apply to the U.S Environmental Protection Agency for Brownfield Clean-Up Grants for which the Authority, rather than the City of Milwaukee, is required to be the property owner in order for the Authority to accept and disburse funds for remediation; and

Whereas, When the Redevelopment Authority takes title to the properties at 3034 West Lisbon Avenue and 3044 West Lisbon Avenue, staff recommends that the Authority also acquire the adjoining vacant lot at 1812 North 31st Street to facilitate future land assemblage and redevelopment under common ownership; and

Whereas, Section 66.1333(5)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes enables a redevelopment authority of a first class city to acquire blighted property without designating a boundary or adopting a redevelopment plan; and

Whereas, In order to exercise the powers granted under 66.1333(5)(c), the Authority is required to hold a public hearing for information purposes to determine if property is blighted pursuant to Section 66.1333 (2m)(bm) and to provide proper notice of this hearing to the property owner; and

Whereas, The City waived its right to the statutory notice and a public hearing was conducted on December 19, 2013, by the Authority pursuant to the provisions of Section 66.1333(5)(c)2 of Wisconsin Statutes; and

Whereas, The properties at 3034 West Lisbon Avenue, 3044 West Lisbon Avenue and 1812 North 31st Street can be considered blighted because the environmental condition, vacant status, limited site access obsolete platting of these sites impairs or substantially arrests the sound growth of the City of Milwaukee as outlined in Section 66.1333(2m)(bm), Wisconsin Statutes; and

Whereas, Prior to acquisition, Wisconsin Statutes, requires that Common Council of the City of Milwaukee approve the blight designation and acquisition of property; now therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee, that the properties at West Lisbon Avenue, 3044 West Lisbon Avenue and 1812 North 31st Street are found to be blighted within the meaning of Section 66.1333(2m)(bm), Wisconsin Statutes, by virtue of their present environmental condition, vacant nature, difficult access 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 approve the blight designation and acquisition as required under Wisconsin Statutes; and, be it

Further Resolved, Upon Council approval of these acquisitions, the Executive Director-Secretary of the Authority is authorized to accept title to the property from the City of Milwaukee.

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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Assistant Executive Director-Secretary