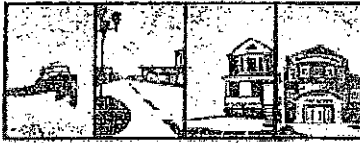


Lincoln Park Business Group



The Community That Works

St Louis County Commissioners
100 N 5th Ave W Room 202
Duluth, MN 55802

November 25, 2015

RE: Sale of 1.4 Acres of Tax Forfeit Property in Lincoln Park

Commissioners,

The Lincoln Park Business Group Board of Directors is proud to offer our support of the sale of 1.4 acres of tax forfeited property to the Duluth Housing and Redevelopment Authority. We believe that this project will provide much needed expanded services for the hard to house population, affording them the opportunity for a stable safe home and the opportunity to become more productive members of our community as able.

Additionally, this project will enable future improvements to the historic Esmond Building, which will support economic revitalization of the Lincoln Park Craft District and our business community at large. The Lincoln Park Business Group can, and should, play an active role in the Phase Three development in the Esmond Building. Proper redevelopment of this site is critical to the economic growth of the neighborhood, and the LPBG has the resources to help guide this project. Assembling a proper renewal that includes both market rate housing, workforce housing, and renovated commercial space is essential.

We look forward to your support on what we feel is a tremendously important project for affordable housing and economic development in Lincoln Park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Garner Moffat', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Garner Moffat
President
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