

Exhibit A

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING
April 10, 2018, 2:00 PM, Room 106A**

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Montgomery, Chief Administrative Officer; Wayne Parson, Chief Financial Officer; Keith Hamre, Director of Planning & Construction Services; Cindy Voigt, City Engineer.

ALSO PRESENT: Bob Asleson, Assistant City Attorney; Leah Blevins, City Treasurer's Office.

PERSONS PRESENT FOR AGENDA ITEMS: Robb Majeski and Rod Raymond.

David Montgomery called the hearing to order at 2:05.

TABLED ITEMS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Reinstatement of special assessment on formerly tax forfeit properties purchased by HRA.

Leah Blevins explained that HRA had recently purchased several tax-forfeit parcels of land. Four parcels at 1601 West Superior Street will become part of the planned Garfield Square housing project. Seventeen parcels located at the intersection of 88th Avenue West and Falcon Street will be the site of The Orchards of Morgan Park housing project. Leah said she was unsure if HRA was aware of the special assessments, as the land sales did not go through the usual process.

The property on West Superior Street has a razing assessment of \$32,124.50. Keith Hamre said that HRA did know about this one. The purchase price was about a third of the land's estimated market value. He said he would recommend not to reinstate the assessment in support of affordable housing. David Montgomery indicated that he was in agreement, adding that HRA has been a good partner with the city in keeping the Seaway/Esmond building operational.

The special assessment against the Orchards property in Morgan Park is \$4,571.04. The project would consist of eleven units. David said that HRA is more of a property developer here, and that he would be inclined to handle this one in the usual manner. Keith agreed.

The hearing was closed at 2:16 PM.

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David Montgomery moved to reinstate the assessment on the Garfield Square land. Cindy Voigt seconded. The motion failed.

Wayne Parson moved to reinstate the assessment on the Orchards land. Cindy Voigt seconded. The motion passed.

INFORMATION ONLY:

Cindy mentioned a possible petitioned project that would be 100% assessed at the northern end of Crescent View Avenue, and Keith mentioned a Habitat for Humanity project on tax forfeit property in Lincoln Park.

Next regular meeting: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 in Room 106A at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Montgomery
Chair, Special Assessment Board

Jeanne Horn
SAB Secretary