

Item 25-0058: Update on 222 N. Oneida Street

Appleton Redevelopment Authority

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Jim Van Dyke (ARA Member) 14:25

Okay, we'll move on to the other informational items. Item 25-0058, update on 222 North Oneida Street. Kara.

Director Kara Homan (Community And Economic Development) 14:35

Yeah, so this is related to the parcel that we're currently under contract with the City of Appleton by way of Valley Transit. We had extended their closing date several months ago during a prior ARA meeting. I'm happy to report that General Manager McDonald has received his NEPA clearance, which is the environmental categorical exclusion that he was working on with US DOT for about two years. He is in receipt of that. So now his next step is to work with Federal Transit Administration to work through the checklist in the federal process he needs to go through to get the funding allocated for the acquisition. So, it was really that NEPA piece that was holding up us planning for a closing date. So hopefully we'll have some good news in the next few months that a closing date has been scheduled, and the city of Appleton would then own the land free and clear, and ARA would no longer have this in our portfolio. Any questions on that?

Jim Van Dyke (ARA Member) 15:44

I think you indicated that you are working with a developer. Do you have any idea when you may have some agreement reached?

Director Kara Homan (Community And Economic Development) 15:53

So, the City of Appleton had gone out for RFP soliciting proposals from developers. We're still negotiating the details of that. Any related developer agreement will work its way through city council sometime in the next handful of months. It's really hard to say how long that will take, but it wouldn't come through ARA.

Jim Van Dyke (ARA Member) 16:19

Okay. Any other questions?

Richard Carpenter (ARA Member) 16:22

Yeah, is there any chance that the environment in Washington is going to freeze any funds that would go toward the Valley Transit portion of that?

Director Kara Homan (Community And Economic Development) 16:33

So, part of the project is funded through a US DOT grant. At present, we're proceeding steady as we can go. To my knowledge, nothing's been frozen currently, but really it would be a City of Appleton concern. It's my understanding that Ron intends to purchase the land from ARA with existing federal funding that he has at his disposal.

Richard Carpenter (ARA Member) 17:03

That's good.

Todd Brokl (ARA Member) 17:06

And those funds then would stay within ARA for the any future development plans?

Director Kara Homan (Community And Economic Development) 17:11

To my knowledge, yep. So, when we get to the future agenda items, perhaps we can have an update on current ARA balance, and then what that balance would be after that land is sold.

Todd Brokl (ARA Member) 17:25

Good new that it got approval.