

STAFF REPORT
Lancaster Redevelopment Agency

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Date: February 9, 2010

To: Chairman Parris and Agency Directors

From: Elizabeth Brubaker, Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Director

Subject: **Acquisition of Real Property located at 44064 Beech Avenue**

Recommendation:

Approve the Agreement for the Acquisition of Real Property between the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency and Roosevelt Davis for property located at 44064 Beech Avenue, Lancaster, California.

Fiscal Impact:

The total purchase price is \$676,500.00, plus closing costs, for the property located at 44064 Beech Avenue, will come from the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency's Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Fund, Account No. 920-0802-820. This amount will be reimbursed from the proceeds of the proposed Tax Allocation Bond, which the Agency will consider at a future meeting.

Background:

On June 23, 2009, the Agency Board directed staff to undertake actions necessary to implement and complete the approved Parkview Neighborhood Revitalization (PNR). The PNR is generally bounded by 10th Street West to Sierra Highway, and Avenue J to Avenue K.

The basis for this action were concerns with the overall lack of maintenance, structural deterioration of the housing stock, increased criminal activity and drug dealing in areas next to schools and commercial properties, imposed prior patterns of poor traffic circulation, and limited neighborhood access. These negative factors compound the problems and add to the general physical, social and economic obsolescence of uses throughout the neighborhood requiring a need for a multi-faceted approach to correct specific problems, combined with an overall strategy of rehabilitation.

The primary objectives for the PNR are to redevelop areas involving inconsistent patterns and densities of multi-family residential uses; to mitigate the conflict of uses between the incompatible nature of some of the uses (e.g. hospital, mobile home park, schools, commercial strip centers and residences); to develop programs for the redevelopment and rehabilitation of older commercial and residential properties; to enhance circulation and access; to ensure and facilitate the construction of new infrastructure to support neighborhood growth and future investment; and to create implementation tools and comply with environmental standards in order to realize the potential benefits from the resultant vision plan.

This property is located within the targeted multi-family residential areas on the east side of Beech Avenue. This property is of particular interest to the Agency's revitalization efforts because of the increased number of service calls to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department over the past several years especially those areas where higher density homes interface with commercial activity.

Roosevelt Davis owns an eight-unit apartment complex located 44064 Beech Avenue. During negotiations, staff determined that the purchase price of \$676,500.00 was fair and equitable for both buyer and seller based on customary documentation in staff files.

Attachment(s):

Site Map