

## Community Planning and Economic Development News Release

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### **City of Minneapolis is Seeking Request for Proposals for Parcels Located Near Van White Memorial Boulevard and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue N in North Minneapolis**

**Thursday, November 17, 2016 (MINNEAPOLIS)** - The City of Minneapolis is seeking redevelopment proposals for three parcels owned by the City located near Van White Memorial Boulevard and 2nd Ave N in the Harrison neighborhood of North Minneapolis. Proposers can choose to purchase one, two or all three parcels which range in size from 31,859 to 61,350 sq. ft.

The three redevelopment parcels offer several unique attributes. The parcels are in close proximity to downtown Minneapolis, near the growing North Loop neighborhood and offer great views of the downtown skyline. Bassett Creek itself runs along the southern edge of one of the parcels. Most of the parcels offered in this RFP are “surplus” properties acquired as part of the right-of-way for the Van White Memorial Boulevard project. The sites are within one half mile of stations planned for both the Southwest (Bassett Creek Valley station on the Green Line extension) and Bottineau (Van White station on the Blue Line extension) light rail lines.

The development goals for the sites include commercial, office and creative “maker” uses; creating living wage jobs and options for career pathway and jobs for youth; development that is transit oriented and provides a high intensity of jobs and/or housing on the site.

“The Bassett Creek Valley is one of the best areas in the city for redevelopment,” said Ward 5 Council Member Blong Yang. “With amazing access to downtown, transit opportunities and a growing neighborhood around it this site is a great place to build and help grow the Northside.”

Proposals are due by 4:00 p.m. CST on Thursday, January 12, 2017. The RFP document and related materials are available on the City’s website [here](#).

Questions regarding the RFP must be submitted via email to Beth Grosen at [beth.grosen@mineapolismn.gov](mailto:beth.grosen@mineapolismn.gov) no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday December 15, 2016. Questions will be answered and posted on the City's [website](#) by Thursday, December 22, 2016.

An RFP informational meeting for potential proposers will be held on Thursday December 8 at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Minneapolis department of Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) office, located on the 2nd floor of the Crown Roller Mill building at 105 5th Ave S, Minneapolis. Email Beth Grosen [beth.grosen@mineapolismn.gov](mailto:beth.grosen@mineapolismn.gov) to RSVP for the informational meeting.

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