

RESOLUTION No. 11,2004

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION SUBMISSION
AND LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT AND
FINDINGS OF SLUM AND BLIGHT
CITY OF VALPARAISO, INDIANA
AND

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO, INDIANA,
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE CFF APPLICATION TO THE INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Valparaiso desires to eliminate slum and blighted areas within the corporate limits of City of Valparaiso, Indiana, and specifically the development of a Commercial Areas' Market Analysis Plan for the Study areas including Calumet Ave., Roosevelt Road (Glendale to Vale Park Road), Lincolnway (including LaPorte Ave. from Roosevelt Road to Silhavy Road), Morthland Drive (US30), and downtown (STUDY AREA), and

WHEREAS, identifying such areas is necessary for effective action to eliminate slum and blighted conditions, and

WHEREAS, public improvements such as sidewalks and streets have severely deteriorated, contributing to slum and blighted conditions, and

WHEREAS, the STUDY AREA has experienced a cessation of private investment since 2001, and

WHEREAS, approximately 25% of first floor commercial space, 18% of second floor commercial/residential space, and 20% of the total commercial space in the STUDY AREA is currently vacant, and

WHEREAS, widespread deterioration of commercial buildings has taken place as evidenced by crumbling facades, broken or boarded windows, vandalism, growth of vegetation, and presence of litter in and around many commercial buildings in the STUDY AREA, and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana recognizes the need to stimulate growth and to maintain a sound economy within its corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, authorizes the Indiana Department of Commerce to provide grants to local units of government to meet the housing and community development needs of low- and moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valparaiso, Indiana has conducted public hearings prior to the submission of an application to the Indiana Department of Commerce, said public hearings to assess the housing, public facilities and economic needs of its low- and moderate-income residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana that:

1. The following areas of the City of Valparaiso hereby be designated as slum and blighted as defined by Indiana Code 36-7-14:

Both sides of Morthland Drive (US 30) from Hayes-Leonard Drive to Linwood Drive

North side of Lincolnway from the west city limits to Napoleon, the south side of Lincolnway from Campbell to Napoleon, and both sides of Lincolnway from Morgan Blvd. to the triangle intersection of Sturdy Road, Lincolnway and LaPorte Ave.

East side of Sturdy Road from the triangle intersection to Morthland Drive.

North side of LaPorte Ave. from Garfield St. through the triangle intersection, and both sides of LaPorte from the triangle intersection to Legend Drive.

Both sides of Washington St. from Monroe St. to Morthland Drive, and both sides of of State Route 2 from Morthland to the Porter County Juvenile Center.

Both sides of Morgan Blvd. from Lincolnway to Calumet Ave.

Both sides of Calumet Ave. from Morgan to Bullseye Lake Road/Country Club Road including the area along the west side of Roosevelt Road that abuts the Calumet Ave. corridor.

2. The Mayor David A. Butterfield is authorized to prepare and submit an application for grant funding to address the development of a Commercial Area(s) Market Analysis Plan for the Study Area including: Calumet Ave., Roosevelt Rd. (Glendale Blvd. to Vale Park Rd.), Lincolnway (including LaPorte Ave. from Roosevelt Rd. to Silhavy Rd.), Morthland Drive (U.S. 30), and Downtown, and to execute and administer a resultant grant including requisite general administration and project management, contracts and agreements pursuant to regulations of the Indiana Department of Commerce and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

3. The City of Valparaiso, Indiana hereby commits the requisite local funds in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00), from local businesses, the Chamber of Commerce and Redevelopment Commission, as matching funds for said program, such commitment to be contingent upon receipt of CDBG Planning funding from the Indiana Department of Commerce.

Adopted by the City/Town/County Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana this 8th day of September 2003.

SIGNATURE:



David A. Butterfield, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon Emerson-Swihart
Sharon Emerson-Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer

absent
Judy Dorris

Don Ragsdale
Don Ragsdale

Joey Larr
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Jan Dick
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T. J. Edwards
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Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Valparaiso
this 8th day of Sept., 2003, at 7:35 o'clock. pm

Sharon Swihart
Clerk

Signed and approved by me, the Mayor of the City of Valparaiso on this 8th day of Sept., 2003
at 7:35 o'clock. pm

Paul A. Bingham
Mayor