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Ordinance Fact Sheet

Ordinance Number

Brief Title: Wheatley – Provident Hospital Urban Renewal Plan Approval Deadline:

Reason:

Details:

Purpose: To approve a Finding of Blight and the Wheatley – Provident Hospital Urban Renewal Plan.

Redevelopment Plan Area: The Wheatley – Provident Hospital Urban Renewal Plan consists of a single parcel, located at 1826 Forest Avenue, just southeast of E. 18th Street & Troost Avenue.

Purpose: The Plan Area consists of the historic Wheatley – Provident Hospital, which was started by Kansas City’s African - American medical professionals in 1918 to serve Kansas City’s African-American residents, who could not get medical attention at other Kansas City hospitals due to segregation. Wheatley – Provident Hospital provided high-quality medical care for Kansas City’s African-American residents for many years, but eventually fell victim to the demographic changes brought on by the Civil Rights movement and the end of legal segregation, closing in 1972. The building was later used as a haunted house for many years, but the continuing deterioration of the building eventually caused even the haunted house to stop using the building. The Wheatley – Provident Hospital was unoccupied and unprotected for many years, resulting in it being placed on the City’s Dangerous Building List. The Plan’s proponent acquired the property and recently made the necessary improvements needed to get the historic building removed from the City’s Dangerous Buildings List.

The Plan’s proponents have proposed the historic rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the deteriorated former hospital into commercial spaces. The Plan’s proponents believe that this proposed project is well-positioned to meet some of the commercial space needs of Kansas City’s proposed Keystone Innovation District, which is focused around E. 18th Street and Troost Avenue.

Sponsor	
Programs, Departments, or Groups Affected	Council District: 3rd Other Districts (school, etc.): Kansas City Public Schools, Kansas City Public Library
Applicants / Proponents	Applicant: Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority City Department Other:
Opponents	Groups or Individuals: Basis of opposition:
Recommendation	Approval of a Finding of Blight and the Wheatley – Provident Hospital Urban Renewal Plan
Board or Commission Recommendation	By: Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority

Council Committee Actions	
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