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PFEED Board Members,

The property located at 15 5th Ave SW, has been offered by the owners to the city via quit claim deed. The owners of the property cannot afford to pay for repairs or demolition. We have taken houses in the past through legal process to demolish the blight in the neighborhoods and possibly make way for a potential new home. Acquiring the property would put the city in control of the property and the future of the property.

Part of the plan would be to take the property located at 15 5th Ave. SW, so it could be joined to the property to the south, which the city has acquired through the 657A Process. This property to the south is 17 5th Ave SW, which was an abandoned home. The city would find a local contractor or possible investor interested in rehabilitating the dwelling, give them both properties for the cost of deed transfer and attorney fees. The contractor would be required to demo the structures located at 15 5th Ave SW, utilizing demolition assistance from the city.

Taking the home located at the 15 5th Ave SW address would ensure the city would not have to deal with future code enforcement or abatements. By joining the parcel to the south and offering the home to a contractor or investor to be rehabbed, it would increase the value of the property. This could also provide a marketable home with a substantial sized lot and generate higher tax revenue for the city.

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Building Official