City Hall, Peoria, Illinois, May 1, 2012, an East Village Growth Cell Advisory Committee Meeting was held at Glen Oak School, Community Center Library, 2100 N. Wisconsin Avenue, with Chairperson Richard Mitchell presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Committee Members present: Susan Wozniak (OSF), Richard Mitchell (Council District 3 Rep), Michael McKenzie (School District 150), Shannon Techie (Planning and Growth Management), Lynn Scott Pearson (Peoria County Board), – 5; Absent: Michael Chihoski (OSF), Robert Wilton (Council District 2 Rep), Rev. Andrew Jowers (Council District 1 Rep), Bobby Gray (Economic Development), – 4.

STAFF & OTHERS

Lisa Matthews, Lisa Fisher (Boys and Girls Club), Jessie McGown Jr., Steve Katlack, Cecil Armesen, Brian Foster, Martin Johnson (New Beginnings Ministry)

I. Old Business
   a. Financial Update
   Shannon reported that the EVGC TIF increment is estimated at $61,000. OSF is to be reimbursed $55,000 from the first proceeds of the TIF, as they advanced the cost for the TIF Study and Housing Impact Study. The estimated $61,000 in TIF increment was generated by only 8% of the parcels within the EVGC.

   b. EVGC Housing Program
   At the April meeting, the Committee approved the recommendation to forward the Housing Program to Council. However, the decision has been made not to forward the program to Council at this time, as there is not sufficient increment in the TIF to support such a program. Also Staff does not want to create an expectation among the residents that cannot be met. The Council was notified and the Program will be forwarded to Council at the time that sufficient increment is available.

   Chairperson Mitchell explained that Council Member Riggenbach is working with the County and other organizations to seek a loan as seed money for the Housing Program.

II. New Business
   a. Redistricting
   There was discussion on how redistricting could affect the East Bluff. Reference was made to the map which divides the East Bluff between two Council Districts. The question was raised as to how this would affect the TIF. Ms. Techie explained that the TIF boundary is fixed and would not change. The only potential affect would be on Committee Member representation.

   Chairperson Mitchell explained that it has taken eight years for the East Bluff to come together as a community. He referenced how the East Bluff residents
pulled together to ensure that Glen Oak School was built at the current location and also the recent development of the EVGC TIF.

b. Community Center
An announcement was made that the East Bluff will soon have a community center at St. Bernard. Catholic Charities is currently in the planning process. The East Bluff Summer Rebound Basketball will also be at St. Bernard, with a kickoff on June 2, 2012.

c. New Committee Member Appointments
Ms. Techie explained that the recommendations for new committee appointments are being postponed until the redistricting process is completed and the new map is approved.

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ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Pearson moved to adjourn the EVGC Advisory Committee meeting; seconded by Ms. Techie.
Approved by viva voce vote.

The EVGC Committee adjourned at 6:35 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 2012.