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MEDIA ADVISORY
Committee to Discuss
Leveraging Funds

Community and Economic Development Committee to Discuss Police Funding Option

Ald. Joe Davis, Sr. will bring a resolution to the Community and Economic Development Committee on **Monday, June 28, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.** that proposes a plan to secure vacant and foreclosed properties with police patrols.

The file, (#100277) outlines a **\$200,000 grant from the Community Development Block Grant contingent fund** to provide for police patrols and investigation of abandoned homes. Often, the homes become havens for squatting and drug crimes, or in the case of the recent fire in District 2, vandalism.

“Though the Department of Neighborhood Services has done well to work on plans to record vacant properties and they do monitor violations to the code, those inspectors are unarmed, unsworn workers. Milwaukee Police Department officers investigating abandoned properties have the power to fully secure a property and eliminate much of the criminal activity within them,” Alderman Davis said.

This innovative funding option helps to provide more police where needed without impinging on the police budget and successful decreases in overtime. “Leveraging our resources is one way we can still serve the public even though budgets and the economy are tight,” Alderman Davis said.

Members of the press are invited to cover the discussion.

WHAT: Community and Economic Development
Committee Meeting

WHEN: Monday, June 28, 2010, 9:00 a.m.

WHERE: 200 E. Wells St., Room 301-B

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