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Common Council Creates Bronzeville Advisory Committee

New panel will review and offer input for Bronzeville redevelopment projects

The Common Council today created a new, permanent seven-member advisory committee to review and offer recommendations about redevelopment proposals within the Bronzeville Cultural and Entertainment District.

The **Bronzeville Advisory Committee** will be taking a proactive and critical role in helping the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee as it considers redevelopment plans and proposals in the Bronzeville area, said **Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs**, the author and primary sponsor of the legislation that created the committee.

“Although the Redevelopment Authority may approve or reject any proposal based on the design guidelines in the Bronzeville Redevelopment Plan, I believe it’s essential that residents, property owners, business owners, and other stakeholders of the Bronzeville community first have a chance to review proposals and then provide input as to whether a proposed redevelopment project is in line with their interests, desires and perspectives,” the alderwoman said.

Under the legislation, the Redevelopment Authority will forward all Bronzeville redevelopment plans and proposals to the advisory committee for its input and recommendations prior to making a final decision.

The committee will include two appointees of the Common Council President, two appointees of the Mayor, and three appointees of the local Common Council member who represents the Bronzeville district (currently Alderwoman Coggs). All of the appointments are subject to approval by the Common Council.

In July the Council approved the first development project for the Bronzeville district since it was created in 2005.

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An investment group, Inner City Arts LLC, announced its plans to buy a city-owned building, at 642 W. North Ave., for \$10,000, and spend \$501,000 remodeling it into offices. Two of the development group's partners will occupy the first floor of the 4,800-square-foot building. Some of the remaining space would be used as a construction plan review room for contractors.

A \$171,000 city loan for the project came from a tax incremental financing district. The tax revenue generated by the development will serve to repay the loan.

The Bronzeville area is bordered roughly by W. Garfield Ave., W. Center St., N. 7th St. and N. Dr. Martin Luther King Dr. in the 6th Aldermanic District.

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