



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING DATE: August 21, 2023

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AGENDA ITEM: 9567 Nathan Lane North – Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans home

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:
None

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Motion to approve the donation of City-owned land at 9567 Nathan Lane North to Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans and the utilization of the City's SAC fund to offset any SAC charges from the Metropolitan Council, subject to the review and approval of all documents by the City Attorney and Director of Community and Economic Development.

COMMENTS:

City staff has been in discussions with the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) and Lennar about utilizing a city-owned, vacant lot at 9567 Nathan Lane North to construct a home as part of MACV's Housing for Heroes program.

This program provides housing for veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and is a collaboration with MACV, Lennar, and MN Housing First Foundation.

As articulated in their attached narrative, MACV would own the home and provide services to the residents in the home. MN Housing First Foundation provides capital support, and Lennar builds and provides capital for the home. The program not only provides shelter, but also extends comprehensive support services through MACV.

In order to best optimize their resources towards this proposed home and other future projects, MACV is requesting that the land be donated for this purpose. Additionally, MACV has a requested utilization of the city's SAC fund to offset SAC charges from the Metropolitan Council. Any other fee reductions would also be welcomed but are not formally requested.

The property in question has been owned by the city for a number of years. The adjacent property, 9581 Nathan Lane North, was donated to Habitat for Humanity in 2004. There is a history of utilizing these residential land holdings for the development of needed housing.

Lennar is proposing to build a single-story, three bedroom, two and a half bath home on the property with a two-car attached garage. The style and size of home will harmoniously blend into the existing neighborhood.

Through this land donation the City of Maple Grove can partner to create transformative change in the lives of veterans – those individuals who have sacrificed for our nation's safety and harmony. This is an excellent way for the City Council to honor their sacrifices in a tangible and lasting manner.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Location map

Attachment B: Narrative and elevations