



Chicago Housing Authority

Real Estate Operations Development Committee

Agenda

60 E Van Buren St
Chicago, IL 60605

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

8:40 AM

CHA Corporate Offices

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes for Real Estate Operations Development Committee Meeting of March 24, 2025.

III. Resolutions

- 1** Authorization to take actions necessary for the disposition and sale of Altgeld Gardens land to the Forest Preserves of Cook County.
Presenter: Rishab Mehan, Deputy Chief Development
- 2** Authorization for actions necessary for the disposition and sale of Altgeld Gardens land to By The Hand Club for Kids.
Presenter: Rishab Mehan, Deputy Chief Development
- 3** This Number not used.
- 4** Authorization to take actions necessary for the disposition and sale of vacant CHA land at the former ABLA public Housing site for the development of new for-sale housing.
Presenter: Lee Pratter, Deputy Chief Development
- 5** Request to ratify loans to C/S Loomis Courts Limited Partnership and C/S Harrison Courts Limited Partnership.
Presenter: Leonard Langston, Interim Chief Property Officer
- 6** Authorization to enter into an Agreement for Professional Property Management Services.
Presenter: Leonard Langston, Interim Chief Property Officer

Public Participation

IV. Adjournment



Board Letter

Agenda Date: May 27, 2025

Agenda #: 1

Authorization to take actions necessary for the disposition and sale of Altgeld Gardens land to the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

Development Address	Community Area	Planned Work
Intersection of 133 rd Street and Greenwood Avenue	Riverdale	Construction of a new accessible trail connection at Altgeld Gardens providing access to the Beaubien Woods Boat Launch and a proposed water service line to the restroom.

Presenter: Rishab Mehan, Deputy Chief Development

Recommendation

The Interim Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) of the Chicago Housing Authority (“CHA”) recommends that the CHA Board of Commissioners (“Board”) authorize the CEO or her designee to: 1) enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Forest Preserves of Cook County (“FPCC”) for the acquisition of certain land within the Altgeld Gardens development to facilitate the construction of a new trail connection from Altgeld Gardens to the Beaubien Woods Boat Launch and a proposed water service line to the restroom; 2) submit a disposition application to HUD for the CHA land necessary to enable the trail development; 3) convey the land by quit claim deed to FPCC or its designee in exchange for payment of appraised value, and; 4) execute and deliver such other documents and perform such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the foregoing.

Property Summary and Appraised Value

Property/Site	Acreage and Square Feet	Payment to CHA
Land located at S Greenwood Ave and E 133rd St.	Approximately 2,224 square feet	\$2,600

The total CHA land needed for the proposed trail and water service line to the restroom is approximately 2,224 square feet adjacent to the FPCC’s Beaubien Woods and leading to the boat launch. The market value for the CHA land is \$2,600.

Developer

The FPCC is a governmental commission in Cook County, Illinois with a mission to acquire, restore, restock and manage lands for the purpose of protecting and preserving natural communities including prairies, forests, wetlands, rivers, streams, and all their associated flora and fauna for the purpose of providing educational, leisure and outdoor recreation opportunities for the public. FPCC registered general headquarters is located at 536 North Harlem Avenue, River Forest, IL.

Funding

N/A

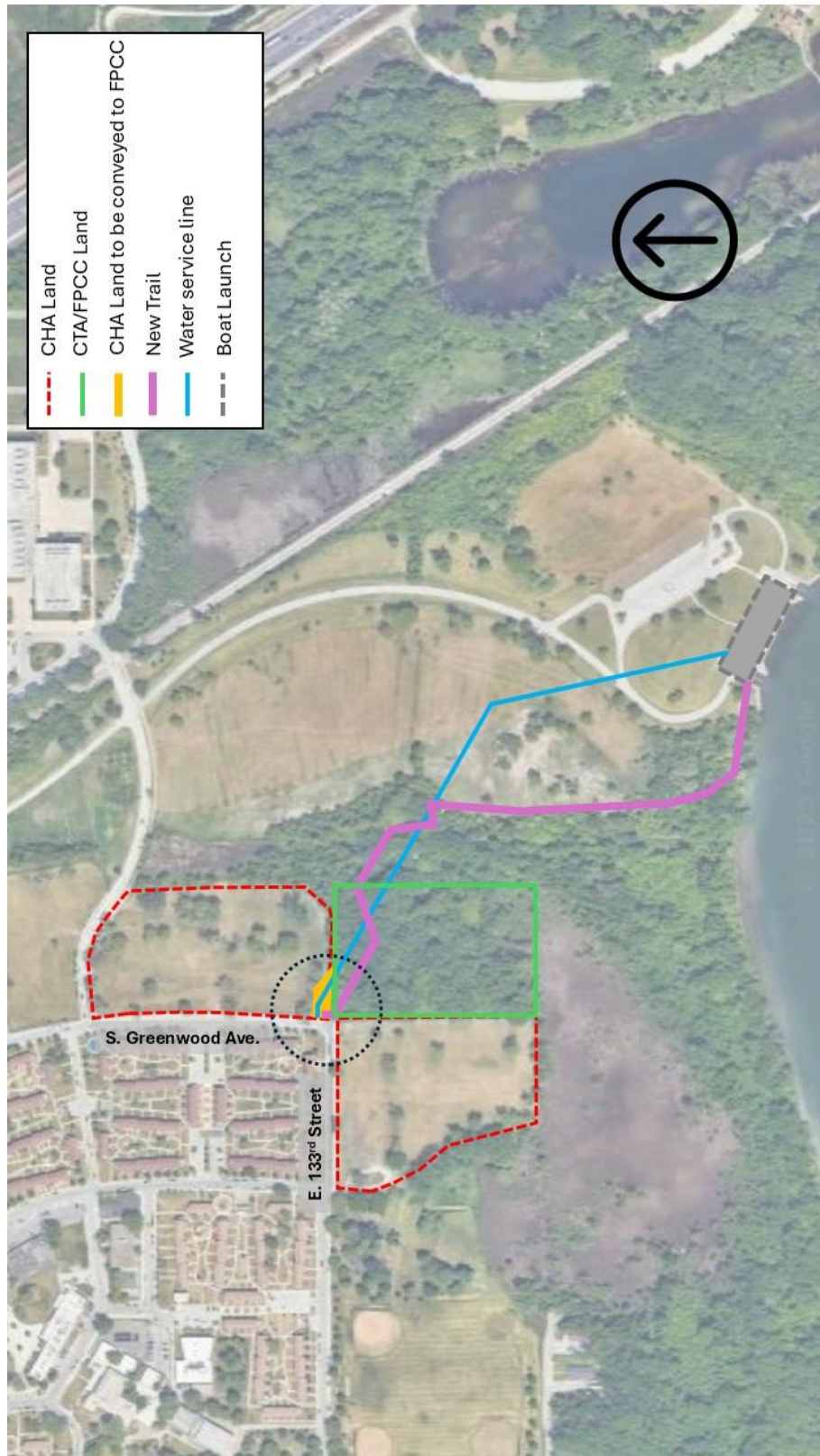
Property Profile

The proposed trail and water service line to the new restroom will be located at the intersection of 133rd Street and Greenwood Avenue in the Altgeld Gardens neighborhood. The FPCC land is between the two CHA parcels located on Blocks 12 and 15. The CHA land is currently vacant.

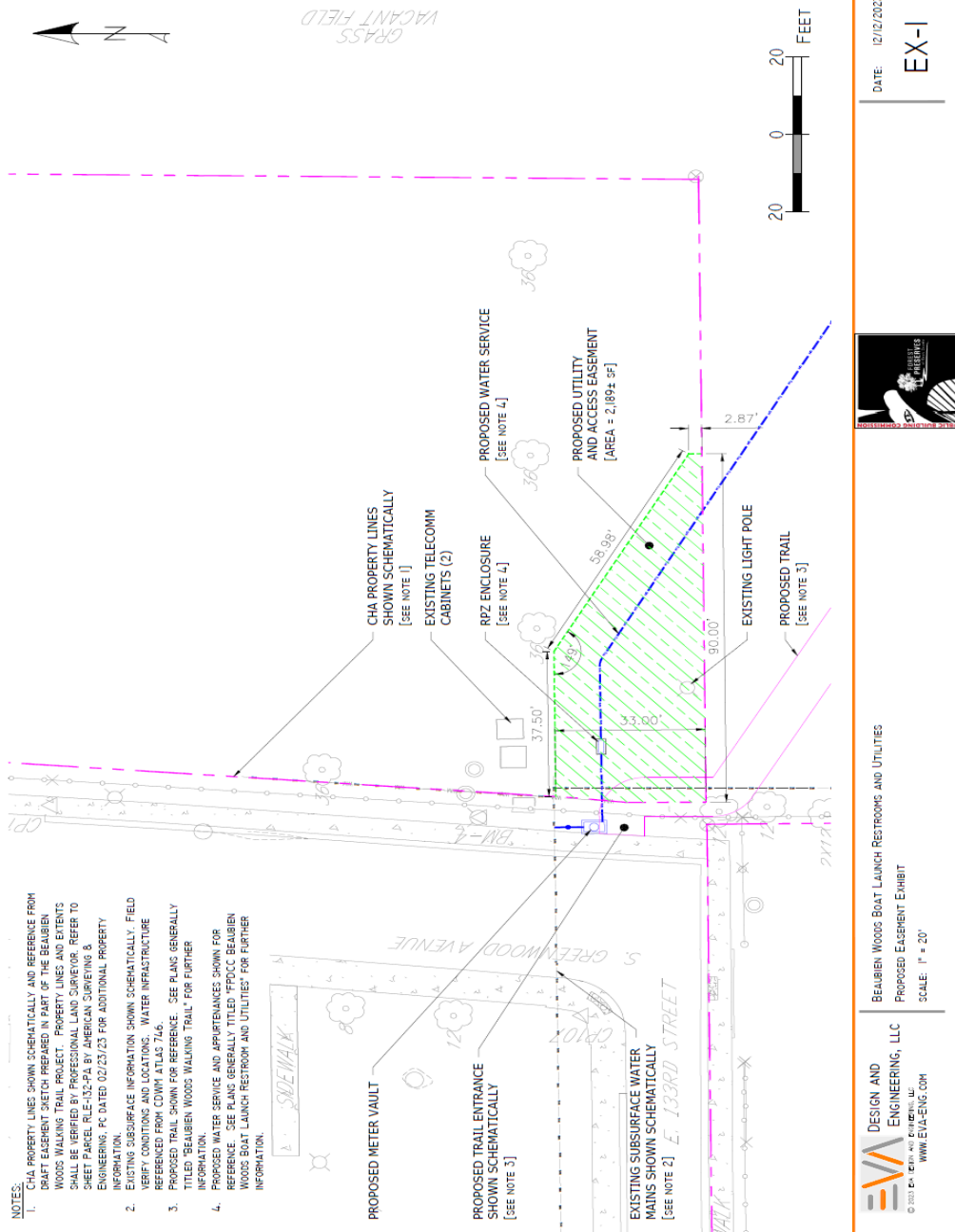
As depicted on the below context map and site plan, most of the proposed land to be conveyed to FPCC is to run the water service line down to the boat launch and FPCC's proposed new restroom, while the proposed trail connecting the Altgeld Gardens to the Beaubien Woods boat launch will only require a small portion of the land, approximately 200 square feet at the corner of Block 12.

The new path will be fully ADA accessible and create a forested path down to the boat launch for residents to enjoy.

Context Map



Site Plan



Compliance

N/A

Background and Approach

The FPCC's planned improvements including a new trail will provide Altgeld Gardens residents and Chicagoans with new, ADA accessible, and dedicated access to Beaubien Woods, and particularly the boat launch area. In addition to the trail improvements, FPCC plans to construct new restrooms which will make the boat launch a more useful asset for residents enjoying Beaubien Woods. FPCC plans to complete the work by the end of 2025.

The timing of the FPCC's improvements align well with other community investments happening at Altgeld Gardens in the context of the Chicago Transit Authority's Red Line Extension and the Chicago Department of Transit's plans for extension of a bicycle trail.

The requested action complies in all materials respects with all applicable federal, state and local laws, and CHA policies. CHA staff has completed all necessary due diligence to support the submission of this initiative.

Respectfully Submitted:

Angela Hurlock
Interim Chief Executive Officer



Agenda #: 1

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-CHA- X

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority has reviewed the Board Letter dated May 27, 2025, entitled “Authorization to take actions necessary for the disposition and sale of Altgeld Gardens land to the Forest Preserves of Cook County”.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY:

THAT, the Interim Chief Executive Officer or her designee may enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Forest Preserves of Cook County (“FPCC”) for the disposition of approximately 2,224 square feet of land;

THAT, the Interim Chief Executive Officer or her designee may submit a disposition application to HUD;

THAT, the Interim Chief Executive Officer or her designee may deed the property to FPCC or its designee;

THAT, the Interim Chief Executive Officer or her designee may execute such other documents and perform such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the foregoing upon HUD disposition approval.

Mathew Brewer
Interim Chairperson
Chicago Housing Authority



Board Letter

Agenda Date: May 27, 2025

Agenda #: 2

Authorization for actions necessary for the disposition and sale of Altgeld Gardens land to By The Hand Club for Kids.

Development Address	Community Area	Planned Work
13122 South Ellis Avenue	Riverdale	Rehabilitation and expansion of the existing Up Top building by the non-profit By The Hand Club for Kids to expand their after school programming.

Presenter: Rishab Mehan, Deputy Chief Development

Recommendation

The Interim Chief Executive Office (“CEO”) of the Chicago Housing Authority (“CHA”) recommends that the CHA Board of Commissioners (“Board”) authorize the Interim CEO or her designee to: 1) enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the By The Hand Club for Kids (“BTHCK”) for the acquisition of certain land at the full appraised value to facilitate the rehabilitation and expansion of the Up Top building (“Proposed Development”) located in the Altgeld Gardens community; 2) submit a disposition application to HUD for the CHA land necessary to facilitate the Proposed Development; 3) convey the land by quit claim deed transfer to BTHCK or its designee in exchange for the payment of appraised value; 4) execute and deliver such other documents and perform such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the foregoing.

Property Summary and Appraised Value

Property/Site	Acreage and Square Feet	Payment to CHA
13122 South Ellis Avenue	Approximately 1.24 acres	\$27,000

The total land area needed for the Proposed Development is approximately 1.24 acres of CHA land adjacent to the Up Top building. The total appraised value of the CHA land is \$27,000.

Developer

The BTHCK is a faith-based 501(c)3 holistic afterschool program with a mission to take kids by the hand and walk with them from kindergarten through college. BTHCK works in several communities across Chicago, including Altgeld Gardens, Austin, Cabrini-Geen, Englewood, Moving Everest/Austin, and North Austin. Since opening their second location in 2005, BTHCK's

Altgeld Gardens center has been giving students abundant support. The BTHCK Altgeld Gardens center is currently located at 13015 S. Ellis Avenue, Chicago, IL 60827.

Funding

N/A

Property Profile

The land subject to this board action is approximately 1.24 acres in area. The land surrounds the existing, privately owned “Up Top” building at Altgeld Gardens. The proposed land disposition is required to facilitate the Proposed Development for the Up Top building by BTHCK.

The Proposed Development is located at 13122 South Ellis Avenue, at the intersection of 132nd Street and S. Ellis Avenue in the Altgeld Gardens neighborhood. The Up Top building is currently landlocked by CHA land characterized by a parking lot and open space. The parking lot and the vacant land located immediately to the south and west of the Up Top building is CHA land that is needed to facilitate the Proposed Development, as shown in the context map and site plan.

In addition to facilitate the rehabilitation and expansion of the Up Top building, the Proposed Development will also allow rebuilding and improving the existing sidewalks and the parking lot. Moreover, it will allow the Up Top building to gain right of way access to the street.

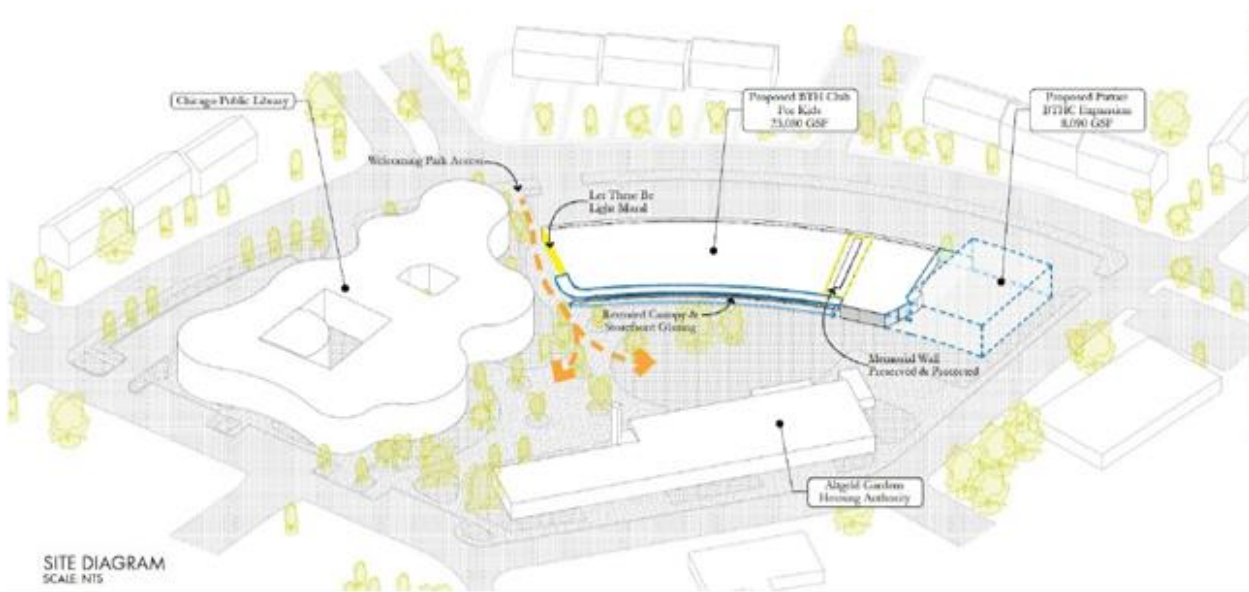
Most importantly, the Proposed Development will allow BTHCK both to renovate, maintain, and improve a valuable and historically significant community resource such as the Up Top building, and expand their operations and programming, which will help them reach and serve a larger number of kids in this community.

Context Map



Dotted red line = approximate extent of CHA lands proposed for disposition
 Dotted yellow line = approximate extent of existing Up Top Building (privately owned)

Site Plan:



Compliance

N/A

Background and Approach

The BTHCK planned rehabilitation and expansion of the Up Top building is a direct response to the community's request to serve more kids and preserve the historically significant building. The Proposed Development is an opportunity to address the current dilapidated conditions of the privately-owned Up Top building, which is an eye-sore and nuisance at the entrance to the community.

The Up Top building has tremendous neighborhood significance and importance to Altgeld Gardens residents, as well as advocates for historic preservation. Many residents and other stakeholders are concerned that without active restoration plans the building, and the important histories it represents, is in jeopardy.

BTHCK is committed to preserving important elements of the existing building such as the historic design, the memorial wall and other preservation measures to fully restore the facility to be used by nearly 400 children. After the new Up Top building is reopened, BTHCK's existing facility, which is located at 13015 South Ellis Avenue, will be utilized as an enrichment center to expand their youth-entrepreneurship, container farming, nutrition, and gardening programs.

The timing of the BTHCK project aligns well with several other community investments happening at Altgeld Gardens. These include the Chicago Transit Authority's Red Line Extension, the Chicago Department of Transportation's plans for expanding a bicycle trail along 130th Street and into Altgeld Gardens, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County project consisting of a new trail connection linking Altgeld Gardens with the Beaubien Woods boat launch area, and a new water service line that will deliver drinking water to a new comfort station that will be developed at the boat launch area.

The requested action complies in all materials respects with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, and CHA policies. CHA staff has completed all necessary due diligence to support the submission of this initiative.

Respectfully Submitted:

Angela Hurlock
Interim Chief Executive Officer



Agenda #: 2

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-CHA-X

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority has reviewed the Board Letter dated May 27, 2025, entitled “Authorization for actions necessary for the disposition and sale of land to the By The Hand Club for Kids at Altgeld Gardens”.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY:

THAT, the Interim Chief Executive Officer or her designee may enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with By The Hand Club for Kids (“BTHCK”) for the disposition of approximately 1.24 acres of land at the full appraised value; and

THAT, the Interim Chief Executive Officer or her designee may submit a disposition application to HUD; and,

THAT, the Interim Chief Executive Officer or her designee may deed the property to BTHCK or its designee following the satisfaction of all regulatory requirements; and

THAT, the Interim Chief Executive Officer or her designee may execute such other documents and perform such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the foregoing.

Mathew Brewer
Interim Chairperson
Chicago Housing Authority



Board Letter

Agenda Date: May 27, 2025

Agenda #: 4

Authorization to take actions necessary for the disposition and sale of vacant CHA land at the former ABLA public Housing site for the development of new for-sale housing.

Development Address	Community Area	Target Population
1237- 1357 W. Grenshaw Street	Near West Side	Families

Presenter: Lee Pratter, Deputy Chief Development

Recommendation

The Interim Chief Executive Office (“CEO”) of the Chicago Housing Authority (“CHA”) recommends that the CHA Board of Commissioners (“Board”) authorize the Interim CEO or her designee to: 1) enter into a Purchase and Sales Agreement with LR ABLA LLC; 2) submit a disposition application to HUD for the disposition of CHA land at the former ABLA public housing site located at 1237-1357 W. Grenshaw Street, Chicago Illinois (the “CHA Land”) by negotiated sale; 3) convey the underlying land by deeds; and 4) execute and deliver such other documents and perform such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the foregoing.

Property Summary and Estimated Contract

Property/Site	Acreage and Square Feet	Payment to CHA
1237- 1357 W. Grenshaw Street	23 standard City lots	Appraised value plus income-sharing approach

Developer

LR ABLA LLC is the owner entity to which the land will be deeded to, and it consists of Related Midwest, the Chicago office of The Related Companies (Related). Related is one of the largest developers and preservationists of affordable and workforce housing in the country. Currently, Related owns and manages 55,000 affordable and workforce housing apartments.

Funding

N/A

Property Profile

Related plans to develop four townhome buildings, consisting of a total of 23 units on vacant CHA-owned infill lots between 1237-1357 W. Grenshaw Street. The brick design and height of the buildings was selected to blend into the existing housing stock on Grenshaw Street and surrounding neighborhood. This location is between the existing Roosevelt Square (ABLA) phase IIA and the recently completed Roosevelt Square 3B rental phase. A minimum of 4 of the

23 units will be designated as affordable for buyers with incomes at or below 120% Area Medium Income (AMI).

The plan is to continue housing development that complements the existing, successful Roosevelt Square rental phases. The houses constructed will include sustainability features which may provide for measures such as high levels of insulation, air sealing, and energy efficient mechanicals and appliances to deliver lower costs to the new homeowners while benefiting the environment.

Builders

Related proposes to contract with two local builders to complete the construction and sales of the homeownership units. Related has identified two local African American-owned builders; Center Court LLC and MKB Business Strategies LLC. Related will not receive any compensation.

Center Court LLC – Over the past 5 years, Center Court Development has completed multi-family, single family new construction, single family home renovations across the city and is set to begin construction on 6 market rate townhomes, three 2-unit buildings, and one 6-unit building on former CHA land. Center Court Development is led by Kamau Murray.

MBK Business Strategies LLC – Over the past 5 years, MBK Business Strategies LLC (MBK) has rehabbed and built new construction market and affordable homeownership units across the city. MKB was also selected by the City of Chicago as one of 5 Missing Middle Developers in Lawndale and has developed affordable for sale homes as part of the “City lots for working families” initiative. Melvin Bailey is the principal of MBK.

Site Plan:



Rendering:**Compliance**

N/A

Background and Approach

Through a competitive procurement process, Related Midwest (Related) was selected in 2003 as the developer for the redevelopment efforts at the ABLA public housing site. With input from CHA, City of Chicago, ABLA residents, and other community stakeholders, Related, crafted a redevelopment plan for ABLA. The plan called for the development of both rental and for sale units. To date, six phases have been completed at the ABLA site, with one phase that included a for sale component. However, no additional for-sale units have been delivered since 2006.

CHA is proposing to dispose of 23 vacant lots to a Related controlled owner entity at the appraised market value minus the projected cost of environmental remediation. CHA will receive proceeds from the sale of the land. CHA will also potentially receive a share of proceeds from the future sales of the homes. Of the potential 23 homes for sale, a minimum of 4 units will be designated as affordable for buyers with incomes at or below 120% Area Medium Income.

Timeline and Next Steps

- This disposition activity was identified in the CHA FY 2024 MTW Annual Plan approved by HUD.
- Following board approval, CHA will submit a disposition application to HUD for 23 vacant ABLA lots with a HUD approval typically anticipated within 90 days of submission.

- Developer/Builder identifies financing and obtains construction loan.
- A Purchase and Sales Agreement is executed.
- CHA transfers land fee simple for construction of townhomes, semi-detached, or single-family housing to LR ABLA LLC owner entity or its designee.
- Land transfers will take place on a rolling basis.
- Deeds will include a reversionary clause or similar mechanism to reclaim the sites transferred if the builder fails to commence construction within a period to be stated in the deeds.
- Land transfers for each phase will be expressly contingent upon the developer/builder securing financing for each phase.

Respectfully Submitted:

Angela Hurlock
Interim Chief Executive Officer



Agenda #: 4

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-CHA-X

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority has reviewed the Board Letter dated May 27, 2025, entitled "Authorization to take actions necessary for the disposition and sale of vacant CHA land at the former ABLA site at 1237-1357 W. Grenshaw for the development of new, for-sale housing."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY:

- THAT,** the Interim Chief Executive Officer, or her designee, to enter into a purchase and sales agreement with LR ABLA LLC or its designee;
- THAT,** the Interim Chief Executive Officer, or her designee, to submit a disposition application to HUD for the disposition of CHA land at the former ABLA public housing site located along 1237-1357 W. Grenshaw St., Chicago Illinois;
- THAT,** the Interim Chief Executive Officer, or her designee, to convey the land at 1237-1357 W. Grenshaw to LR ABLA LLC or its designee;
- THAT,** the Interim Chief Executive Officer, or her designee, authority to execute such other documents and perform such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the foregoing.

Matthew Brewer
Interim Chairperson
Chicago Housing Authority



Board Letter

Agenda Date: May 27, 2025

Agenda #: 5

Request to ratify loans to C/S Loomis Courts Limited Partnership and C/S Harrison Courts Limited Partnership.

Presenter: Leonard Langston, Interim Chief Property Officer

Recommendation

The Interim Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the Chicago Housing Authority ("CHA") requests that the Board of Commissioners ratify the loans issued to C/S Loomis Courts Limited Partnership and C/S Harrison Courts Limited Partnership.

Explanation

The Interim Chief Executive Officer requests ratification of the following:

Loan to C/S Loomis Courts Limited Partnership

Loan from Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) to C/S Loomis Courts Limited Partnership (Loomis) to cover expenses through December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$665,284.00. This loan was needed to cover an anticipated annual revenue shortfall. The excess funds that were not needed to cover 2024 payables were allocated to supplement revenue in Q125 as the revenue shortfall persists.

Loan to C/S Harrison Courts Limited Partnership

Loan from Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) to C/S Harrison Courts Limited Partnership (Harrison) to cover expenses through December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$510,951.00. This loan was needed to cover an anticipated annual revenue shortfall. The excess funds that were not needed to cover 2024 payables were allocated to supplement revenue in Q125 as the revenue shortfall persists.

Respectfully Submitted:

Angela Hurlock
Interim Chief Executive Officer



Agenda #: 5

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-CHA-X

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the Board Letter dated May 27, 2025 entitled "Request to ratify loans to C/S Loomis Courts Limited Partnership and C/S Harrison Courts Limited Partnership".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY

THAT, the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the requested loan ratification from Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) to C/S Loomis Courts Limited Partnership to cover expenses through December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$665,284.00 and the requested loan ratification from Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) to C/S Harrison Courts Limited Partnership to cover expenses through December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$510,951.00.

Matthew Brewer
Interim Chairperson
Chicago Housing Authority



Board Letter

Agenda Date: May 27, 2025

Agenda #: 6

Authorization to enter into an Agreement for Professional Property Management Services.

Presenter: Leonard Langston, Interim Chief Property Officer

Recommendation

The Interim Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the Chicago Housing Authority ("CHA") recommends that the CHA Board of Commissioners ("Board") approve the award of contract(s) to the below listed contractor(s) in the approximate aggregate value of \$2,646,000 consisting of an aggregate original contract value of \$1,293,600 for a two year base term from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027; and two option years in the combined amount of \$1,352,400 to provide professional property management services at various properties.

The Board further authorizes the Interim CEO to approve each request to exercise the options awarded under the contract.

Recommended Awardee	Base Contract Value	Base Term	Option Terms	Total Contract Value
Manage Chicago, Inc.	\$1,293,600	2 Years	1 st Option: \$666,204 2 nd Option: \$686,196	\$2,646,000
	\$			\$
	\$			\$
Total:	\$1,293,600		Aggregate Total:	\$2,646,000

The requested action complies in all material respects with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, and CHA policies. CHA staff has completed all necessary due diligence to support the submission of this initiative.

Funding

MTW Funds

Background

On May 2, 2025, CHA issued a partial termination notice for property management services at Horner Westhaven and Region 2 scattered sites, totaling 980 units in the public housing program, due to Contractor's continued failure to perform the contracted services with sufficient personnel or with sufficient resources and to promptly cure or re-perform unsatisfactory services within a reasonable time. The partial termination of property management services, along with the need for an accelerated transition, created an emergency need for CHA to secure replacement property management services.

Procurement Activities

In order to quickly find a replacement property management firm for Horner Westhaven and Region 2 scattered sites, so day-to-day management services would be uninterrupted, CHA used the emergency procurement approach to directly engage potential replacement firms in compliance with HUD rule CFR 200.320(c)(3), as any delay resulting from providing public notice of a competitive solicitation would deprive residents, in whole or in part, of the use and enjoyment of their homes.. Ultimately, one property management firm was able to meet the scope and timeline for services and submitted a letter of intent, property management approach, and proposed management fee.

After reviewing the proposal, Manage Chicago was selected and is recommended for award to provide the property management services at the two impacted properties.

Responsive Proposal(s)
Manage Chicago, Inc.

Diversity Contracting Requirements

The CHA has reviewed the proposed vendors and has determined the vendors utilization plans meets with the CHA's stated goals.

Manage Chicago, Inc. will satisfy the CHA 20% M/W/DBE compliance goal through a combination of indirect and direct participation utilizing Rojas Landscaping, Inc. (MBE) at 10% for indirect participation and MDC Economic Developer Corp (MBE) at 10% for direct participation. They will satisfy their 3% Section 3 requirement through subcontracting to MDC Economic Developer Corp a 51% Resident Owned Business.

Vendor Background Information

Manage Chicago, Inc. is owned by Chris Amatore. They offer a full range of services, including property management, project management, leasing and maintenance services for apartments, condominiums, and commercial properties. Manage Chicago entered into their initial contract with CHA in 2020 and was awarded additional units in 2021. They currently manage approximately 3,400 units for CHA across Altgeld and two scattered sites properties.

Based on the foregoing, it is in the best interest of the CHA for the Board to authorize the Interim CEO or her designee, to enter into a contract for professional property management services with Manage Chicago, Inc. in the amount of \$2,646,000.

Respectfully Submitted:

Angela Hurlock
Interim Chief Executive Officer



Agenda #: 6

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-CHA-X

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority has reviewed the Board Letter dated May 27, 2025, entitled "Authorization to enter into an Agreement for Professional Property Management Services".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY:

THAT, the Board of Commissioners approves the award of contracts to Manage Chicago, Inc. in the approximate aggregate value of \$2,646,000 consisting of an aggregate original contract value of \$1,293,600 for a two-year base term from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027; and two option years in the combined amount of \$1,352,400 to provide professional property management services at various properties.

Matthew Brewer
Interim Chairperson
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