

April 2, 2008

Mr. Jim Hancock, Chairman  
Scott County Board of Supervisors  
Administrative Center  
600 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Davenport, Iowa 52801-1030

**Re: Discussion of Potential Funding For Streetscape Improvements and Amenities  
To The Village of East Davenport**

Dear Chairman Hancock,

I am writing today as Vice President of the Village of East Davenport Property Owners Group, Inc. (DBA Village of East Davenport Self Supporting Municipal Improvement District). As Supervisor Sunderbruch might have shared with you we are pursuing an ambitious "streetscaping" and amenity plan to make the Village an even more desirable destination for Quad city residents as well as visitors to our community.

Today we have approximately \$400,000 in privately funded improvements comprised of antique lighting, benches, information kiosks and landscaping. These improvements were funded primarily through our SSMID program that has been in place for more than thirteen years. Through the leadership discussions in the Village it was decided that we need to aggressively accelerate the goals of the organization and area to create a significant impact on this beautiful historical district.

We have been working with design consultants and engineers for several years now and have settled on an exceptional plan to enhance the area. The plan includes stamped concrete streetscaping elements, brick edging for curbs, additional antique street lights, additional benches and significant landscaping and trees. The total cost of this multiple phase project would be approximately \$2,000,000 and we suggest that it is likely a five year plan. Our first phase which we anticipate beginning construction on this year would be approximately \$400,000.

The VEDSSMID was fortunate to be the recipient of an RDA grant for some of the current improvements in what we are calling the First Phase. We have also been awarded a City of Davenport Neighborhood Improvement Grant. It is now our intention to make application for a CAT Grant from the State of Iowa. In meeting with our grant consultant and others familiar with the grant process it was brought to our attention that there are several "legs" to a successful CAT grant application which include private investment

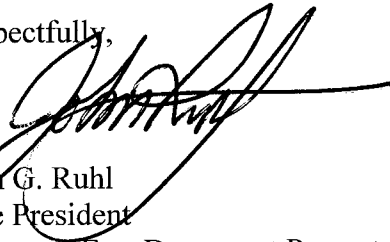
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which we fulfill through our SSMID, city investment fulfilled through the Neighborhood Improvement Grant and county investment which brings us to the purpose of this letter.

Our leadership hereby requests the opportunity to present more detail to you at your next Committee of The Whole Meeting. It is our hope that you will be as excited as we are about this opportunity. Based on our five year plan we would like to request a five year commitment from Scott County of \$5,000 per year for a term of five years. This long range commitment would enable us to leverage the county funds to raise other funds from private and public sources to make our plan a reality to be enjoyed by many future generations. We will be available to make a brief presentation at your convenience including detailed engineering designs, graphic illustrations and proposed cost estimates to assist you with your consideration.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime to discuss this request or if you have questions.

Respectfully,



John G. Ruhl  
Vice President

Village of East Davenport Property Owners Group, Inc.