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Action Text: A motion was made by Mr. Schweizer, seconded by Mr. Truax, that this agenda item be Forwarded to the Planning & Development Committee, on the agenda for 12/10/2015. The motion carried by voice vote.

Notes: Ms. Hall said this application has not begun. He is just in the process of figuring out exactly what he was wanting to do and putting out cost estimates. The project basically is restoration of historic wood windows, as well as the wood storm windows. I'll bring up the pictures.

Mr. Schweizer said Steph, there is historic precedent for windows only restoration grants in the past that included things like education, right?

Ms. Phifer said yes.

Mr. Schweizer said I know some of us are kind of new. Can you just give us a real quick overview of what's been done in the past with the windows specific restoration grants?

Ms. Phifer said they were really fairly similar to this new hybrid that we've been doing for the last couple of years where it can cover anything. It was just previously we had the money divided up into

two different categories. One was the de-siding grant where we literally just looked at projects like the first one we considered tonight where we were looking at taking the old bad siding up and putting up the new, restoring the wood siding. The second one would just be doing the wood restoration of the windows. Now the education piece of that, and Jill can go into that, we were going to have a discussion when we were done with all of them, about the fact that one of the roles that Jill is going to be doing is doing a lot more education with all of these grants and really working with the property owners as they go through the project to make sure if there are little things that they can do to add a lot of value to the project to add a little bit more historic character. They are going to find things, like when they start taking off the siding, she is going to be really doing a lot more with working with them to make sure that the work that is being done is adding as much value as possible both to the homeowner and to the district. So now we can kind of cover any of these things, but there was at one point in time a grant program that was specifically designated to windows. Windows and siding are very important in the districts obviously.

Ms. Hall said this one was a corner lot. You can see both the front and the rear façade. As you can see, the windows are in pretty poor condition. Basically he is talking about taking them out, scraping them, sanding them, priming them, and putting them back in. There will also be some fixing of the cords, the wood cords. In addition to the actual windows, he has wood storm windows that he would like to scrape, paint, prime and put back on. He has taken them off of the house. Another small portion of the grant application covered some fixing of the rear façade, a wall on the rear façade, some of the pilasters, scraping some of the chipping paint and repainting and re-fixing that. This home was bought recently.

Ms. Phifer said August of 2014.

Ms. Hall said and they have been doing some work on this house before they came in for this grant application trying to restore it. For this one, both the cost estimates are pretty close, so we went with the \$5,660. Again, the staff recommended a 50% grant allocation and that comes to about \$2,900. Is there any comment or discussion on the scope of the work, the project or the grant amount?

Mr. Truax said I did look at it today. It looks really good the way it is now. It doesn't have any storms on, but it really looks like they are doing a really careful job.

Mr. Castrejon said the overall house you mean?

Mr. Truax said yes, the house, not the windows. It just looks really great.

Mr. Miller said I think I was in the house a couple of years ago when there was an estate sale or something like that, but it appeared to me at that time it had quite a bit of deferred maintenance in windows and otherwise. I think they've had plenty of work to do in the past few years.

Mr. Schweizer said I motion the 40%. Mr. Truax seconded the motion. By the way, the number is \$2,254. The motion carried unanimously.
