

2 Dorr St. Developers To Seek Council's OK

Minority Groups Hope To Rebuild 1200, 1300 Blocks

Names of two minority business and professional groups who plan to develop the 1200 and 1300 blocks of Dorr Street will be submitted to City Council for approval Tuesday.

The action is part of the city's plan to rebuild three inner-city areas with commercial and retail centers in conjunction with funds available through the Federal Urban Development Action Grant program.

The city will seek an estimated \$4.6 million in action grant money for the two blocks on Dorr Street, and also for a proposed development at Dorr and Collingwood Boulevard, and for development of a commercial strip at Bancroft Street and Franklin Avenue.

Application Not Complete

The final application for funding is not complete, but Bernard Culp, renewal operations commissioner, said that it probably will stipulate about \$2 million for Dorr-Collingwood, \$1.6 million for the Bancroft-Franklin area, and \$1 million for the two blocks of Dorr.

The developer for the proposed revitalization of the 1200 block of Dorr Street is Medlaw Associates, a five-member group including C. A. McConnell, Lafayette Tolliver, Wilmot Barnes, Dr. Charles Rowan, and E. P. Hart.

The developer proposed for the 1300 block of Dorr is D & J Investors, with Paul Mockensturm and Charles Slates as principal partners.

Other Development Group

An office complex is proposed for the south side of the 1200 block of Dorr, and a commercial development is proposed for the 1300 block.

Council has approved a development group for the Dorr-Collingwood site, a partnership including Robert Penn, Dr. Benjamin Butler, the Rev. William Hirt and Ronald Gruber.

Mr. Culp said that the action grant funding would be used primarily as loan money, so that the city could recover the funds for future use.

This is unlike plans for use of a \$12 million UDAG grant that the city was awarded in April to construct public improvements in the downtown in conjunction with the private development proposed by Owens-Illinois, Inc., along Summit Street.

Final Application

A preliminary application for the neighborhood shopping areas in the inner city was submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Sept. 30. A final application must be submitted by Oct. 30.

Grant recipients probably will not be announced until some time in mid-December, according to Mr. Culp.

The three inner-city projects have been planned by the community development department for more than a year.

They became the subject of a second action grant proposal in part because Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc., insisted that the application be made.

ABLE objected to the city's \$12 million grant on grounds that it would be of no direct benefit to disadvantaged persons and minority groups. But the law reform organization agreed to withhold objection to the first grant if the city agreed to file a second request for funding to aid inner-city neighborhood development.