

## **PRESS RELEASE ON SALE OF OLD POLICE STATION**

April 3, 2019

On Monday, April 1, 2019, the Cape Girardeau City Council voted to award the sale of the old police station property located at 40 S. Sprigg Street to the Community Caring Council.

In March, the City issued a Request for Proposals soliciting bids from parties interested in the property. Bidders were asked to provide the proposed use of the property, the impact to the community, and a purchase offer. The City reserved the right to base the selection of the successful bidder on a combination of the purchase offer, the proposed use, and impact to the community.

Three bids were received by the deadline on March 26, 2019 from the following:

1. Robert Janota and Humble Path, NP
2. Community Caring Council
3. PORCH Initiative

A document summarizing the bids is attached.

The Community Caring Council is a local 501c3 in its 30<sup>th</sup> year of operations within the city of Cape Girardeau. The CCC administers over a dozen programs and initiatives focused on improving the lives of individuals, children, and families.

The Community Caring Council intends to relocate their headquarters to the building allowing for the strengthening and deepening of all its programs and allowing the organization to help more people in need. The increased space will allow them to specifically expand their housing services by providing supportive day services to unsheltered homeless individuals, including showers, laundry facilities, and enhanced housing case management.

The Community Caring Council has a phased plan for renovating the old police station using Community Development Block Grant funds, Neighborhood Assistance Program tax credits, other grants, and local fundraising efforts.

For questions or additional information, please contact Molly Mehner, Deputy City Manager at 573-339-6320 and/or Melissa Stickel, Executive Director, Community Caring Council at 573-651-3747 EXT 103.

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Purchaser	Offer	Proposed Use	Contingencies
<p><b>Robert Janota, Humble Path, NP</b></p>	<p><b>\$189,000</b></p>	<p>Humble Path is a certified 501C3 organization established to support other 501C3s as determined by Board of Directors. They hope to utilize the property as conduit to bring other organizations together to have a larger more meaningful impact in south portion of Cape. This would provide services at one central location for people in need.</p> <p>Organizations included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Humble Path</i> - job training and placement</li> <li>2. <i>Gibson Recovery Center</i> - transitional housing, outpatient care, and counseling services</li> <li>3. <i>St. Mary's Cathedral Food Bank</i> – access to food for low-income households</li> <li>4. <i>Catholic Charities of Missouri</i> – job training and support services for Veteran families, homeless prevention services, disaster recovery, pregnant women/babies &amp; other services</li> <li>5. <i>Soulful Harvest Ministries</i> – substance abuse counseling, elderly outreach, community service projects</li> <li>6. <i>Salvation Army</i> –homeless assistance and storage</li> </ol> <p>Will create 8-10 full time positions.</p> <p>Impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good paying jobs</li> <li>• Job Training Opportunities</li> <li>• Services for local community</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Phase 1 and/or Phase 2 Environmental Assessment</li> <li>2. Copy of alto survey provided by City</li> </ol>
<p><b>Community Caring Council</b></p>	<p><b>\$100,000</b></p>	<p>Proposed use is for relocation of headquarters for CCC operations. Increased space will allow expansion of housing services, supportive day services to unsheltered homeless including showers, laundry facilities, and enhanced housing case management. Providing services to 10,000-12,000 individuals each year.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CDBG Funding</li> <li>2. Tax credits</li> <li>3. Other grants</li> <li>4. Fundraising efforts</li> </ol>

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		<p>With the property, the CCC states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More clients will have easy access to services including community case management and housing assistance.</li> <li>• Day services will be provided to the homeless including laundry, showers, and a mailing address.</li> <li>• They will host meetings for community leaders and service providers and increase foot traffic in the area.</li> <li>• They will ensure building is attractive and well-maintained and will work with others to revitalize South Sprigg Street.</li> </ul> <p>Impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCC provides over a dozen programs and services and is designed to respond to community needs not being met by other agencies.</li> <li>• Provides a mechanism for promoting initiatives for public good.</li> <li>• Provides a means for drawing public attention to societal issues. Make it possible identify significant societal concerns, to give voice to under-represented people and points of view and to integrate these perspective into social and political life.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>PORCH Initiative</b></p>	<p><b>\$600</b></p>	<p>Physical location for PORCH in a central location that connects service area to government and business corridors of the City. Would provide space for administrative offices, meeting space for Board of Directors and auxiliary committees, and serve as center for planned community programming and possible small business incubator and collaborative work space.</p> <p>Impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed use is collaborative community effort expected to address long-term neglect and deterioration that ultimately results in the revitalization of south Cape Girardeau.</li> </ul>	<p>None.</p>