

Mayor Amy Viering called the study session to order at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2008. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Cox, Elston, Lee, Martin, and Sotelo. Absent: Alderman Adell.

Also present were City Manager Scott Shumard and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

Patti Kieffer, Executive Director of Good Neighbor Care, introduced Serena Bielema, her assistant and Michael Sparks, Regional Director. On June 1, the temporary office at the northwest corner of Lynn Boulevard and Avenue E will be open. The residences should be open in July. Good Neighbor Care is based in Medford, Oregon. This is the sixth home they have opened in Illinois. Other homes in Illinois are in Rockford, Sycamore, Pekin, Washington, and Peoria. The Sterling complex houses 61 apartments. They have received a lot of interest in the apartments.

There are four levels of care provided in the facility – independent, basic reminders for medications with light housekeeping, medium care includes help with showering and the final level is transitioning to a nursing home.

The facility is private pay only; but long-term care insurance is accepted. All meals are provided. The facility includes a café with snacks, pop, and juice. Laundry rooms are on both floor. Apartments are cleaned weekly and a beautician will be on staff. Apartments will range in cost from studio apartments at \$2344 to two bedroom apartments at \$4325 monthly. There is a one-time application fee of \$1500, which will be waived for the first 30 “charter” tenants.

The Grand Victorian will employ 25 to 30 people, including housekeeping, CNAs, a part-time nurse, chef, dietary aids, and activity director. There will be no medical director. Medication reminders are the extent of medical care.

Streetscape Phase VII was discussed. The proposal is to close Avenue B north of Eighth Street. Triangle/Flock Park would be expanded over the roadway. The reconfiguration would eliminate a hazardous intersection and align Eighth Street across Locust. Questions were raised regarding the distance from downtown and the closure of Avenue B. The Council asked that a different phase of the streetscape plan be worked on this year.

Discussions on these items followed:

- Sewer separation in the 14th Street area between 6th and 9th Avenues and where does the extra storm water come from in this area
- Rental of the Grandon Civic Center to the High School Band

- The position at Greater Sterling Development Corporation to apply for and administer housing grants
- An assistant or help for Manager Shumard

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk