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Vacant and Iconic Temple Building Redevelopment Moves Forward

Redevelopment will Bring New Retail, Housing and Parking to Old Town

(LANSING) – Mayor Andy today announced that the Temple Building redevelopment project took an important step forward. The brownfield plan for the Temple Lofts redevelopment project, as proposed by Mayor Schor, along with the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (LBRA), was passed by Lansing City Council during their meeting on December 2, 2019. The proposed project will include new housing, retail and parking in the vacant and iconic Temple Building originally built in 1906.



Rendering of the proposed Temple Building redevelopment courtesy of Michigan Community Capital.

“The Temple Club building is an iconic part of Lansing, bridging Old Town and Northtown. This is an important spot in terms of both commercial and residential activity, and I am excited that we are working with Michigan Community Capital to re-activate this space with housing and mixed-use options,” said Lansing Mayor Andy Schor. “Lansing’s time is now, and the redevelopment of the Temple Club will ensure an even more vibrant and active business and residential district for residents and visitors of Old Town, Northtown and all of north Lansing.”

Previously, the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (LBRA) approved Brownfield Plan #78 at their Oct. 4, 2019, meeting, a first step forward for the proposed \$9 million renovation of the Temple Building.

“The Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (LBRA) is supporting this project due to the incredible impact it could have on both a very important building in the city, and a key entry point into the city. We look forward to seeing another great project move forward in Lansing,” said Calvin Jones, Chair of the LBRA.

The mixed-use redevelopment project proposed by Lansing-based Michigan Community Capital will include new first floor retail and office space, along with 31 new residential units to complement the Old Town neighborhood's existing diverse mix of eclectic shops and rich culture. In addition, the project will include 51 new parking spaces created by an attached 2-story parking structure.

As with all brownfield eligible projects, the developer will fund related brownfield costs up front as part of the overall project cost. The brownfield reimbursement will be paid for from the increase in new property taxes paid by the developer which will result from the developer's private investment into the property.

Dependent on additional review and approvals, including the Michigan Strategic Fund, construction of the project is anticipated to begin in spring 2020, with completion in late 2021.

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