

## Brenda Broeske

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**From:** Matthew Rehbein  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 22, 2015 11:19 AM  
**To:** Brenda Broeske  
**Subject:** FW: Neighborhood Services Grant Approved by Council 12/17/2014

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**From:** Karen Harkness  
**Sent:** Monday, December 29, 2014 2:11 PM  
**To:** Laura Bonnet; Monica Klaeser; Matthew Rehbein; David Kress; Roxann Schmidt  
**Subject:** FW: Neighborhood Services Grant Approved by Council 12/17/2014

FYI- see email below. We will need to re-group after Jan. 1 and run another Timeliness Ratio Report.

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**From:** John Weyenberg [<mailto:johnw@fchabitat.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 22, 2014 2:51 PM  
**To:** Karen Harkness  
**Subject:** Re: Neighborhood Services Grant Approved by Council 12/17/2014

Hello Karen-

Unfortunately, after reading the attorney's email, we will not be able to proceed with any of the work on the property. Since Habitat is not willing to invest any more money into the property, we cannot provide the necessary "matching funds" to meet our half of the obligation.

I don't know if you need anything official from us in writing that states we are declining the grant, but we will not be able to accept this with the condition to have a dollar for dollar match.

If you are aware of any other solutions or know of other potential uses for this property, please let me know. We obviously have no need for it and would prefer not to continue cutting the grass and shoveling the snow if we are not going to build on it.

Please let me know your thoughts. Sorry that we could not make this work. We truly appreciate your efforts in encouraging us through this process.

Have a very joyous holiday season!

Peace,  
John Weyenberg  
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On Fri, Dec 19, 2014 at 5:17 PM, Karen Harkness <[Karen.Harkness@appleton.org](mailto:Karen.Harkness@appleton.org)> wrote:  
See the emails below. Let's rock and roll!!! :)

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Chris Behrens <[Chris.Behrens@Appleton.org](mailto:Chris.Behrens@Appleton.org)>  
**Date:** December 19, 2014 at 4:29:01 PM CST  
**To:** Karen Harkness <[Karen.Harkness@Appleton.org](mailto:Karen.Harkness@Appleton.org)>  
**Cc:** Monica Klaeser <[Monica.Klaeser@Appleton.org](mailto:Monica.Klaeser@Appleton.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: Neighborhood Services Grant Approved by Council 12/17/2014

Karen,

Is the question whether Habitat can contract for geo-tech testing, using awarded funds for that testing, even if it decides not to go ahead with the excavation project (due to lack of additional funds, or some other reason)?

I reviewed the video and Kathy Plank moves the amendment as presented at committee. That amendment was captured in the minutes and reads: "Aldersperson Konetzke amended the motion to amend the dollar amount to be 1/2 of the costs incurred by Greater Habitat for Humanity, but not to exceed \$30,000, and the project to be contracted by 12-31-15." She later refers to \$30,000 and encourages other alders to support "The \$30,000".

I read this to mean the action that was adopted was an agreement to pay for half of the actual project costs, up to \$30,000. Based on that reading, if a geo-tech test is part of the project, and the project ends after that point, that cost becomes the total project cost and Habitat would be entitled to reimbursement for half of that cost (not to exceed \$30,000). Essentially, this is similar to a dollar for dollar match, up to \$30k.

Hope that helps.

Chris

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**From:** Karen Harkness

**Sent:** Friday, December 19, 2014 10:47 AM

**To:** Chris Behrens; Matthew Rehbein; David Kress; Monica Klaeser

**Subject:** Neighborhood Services Grant Approved by Council 12/17/2014

Chris-

Yesterday I spoke with John Weyenberg, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity concerning the Council action on 12/17/2014 which reduced their grant request from \$60,275 to \$30,000.

While there were comments made from Alderpersons that they believed Habitat would be able to find matching funds and raised the additional money needed to fully complete this project- that language was not part of motion and amendment approved by Council.

John would like to move forward with the geotechnical analysis of the soil which will need to be completed in order to move the project forward. John is uncertain if he can find additional funding to complete the entire scope of the project as presented in the grant application.

I want to confirm with you that Habitat can move forward and spend the \$30,000 allocated to move this project to fruition.

Thanks.

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