



Memorandum

File #: 19-00350

Westside Redevelopment Board

7/23/2019

ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Jewel Cannada-Wynn, WRB Board Member

SUBJECT:

HISTORIC ALLICE S. WILLIAMS SITE RENOVATIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Westside Redevelopment Board (WRB) recommend the further exploration of providing renovations to the historic Alice S. Williams site principally located at 1015 North “E” Street to support re-activation and historic preservation of the site.

SUMMARY:

From 1952 to 1976, the historic Alice S. Williams site, principally located at 1015 North “E” Street, served as the Alice S. Williams Branch Library, the only public library in Pensacola available to the African American community. The Alice T. Williams Branch Library closed in 1976 when it merged with the Pensacola Public Library.

Currently, this historic site is owned by the City of Pensacola. In previous years, the site has been primarily used as a day care center; however, today the building lies vacant and underutilized. Recently, the Pensacola Human Relation Commission has expressed interest in occupying the site for its principal office. To support the Commission’s occupation of the site, exterior and interior renovations and retrofit are required. Such renovations will provide for the active re-use of the site, and provide for historic preservation within the Westside redevelopment area.

The Westside Redevelopment Board (WRB) is asked to support the further exploration of renovating the historic Alice S. Williams site to support re-activation and historic preservation of the site.

PRIOR ACTION:

None.

FUNDING:

Cost estimates have not yet been identified.

STAFF CONTACT:

M. Helen Gibson, CRA Administrator
Victoria D'Angelo, Assistant CRA Administrator

ATTACHMENTS:

1) Alice S. Williams Site Photo - 2018

PRESENTATION: No