

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** William T. Lichter, Village Manager  
**From:** David A. Hulseberg, AICP, Director of Community Development  
**Date:** December 2, 2004  
**Subject:** **Downtown Improvement and Renovation Grant Program**  
**10-12 S. Park Avenue - Parcel Number: 06-07-209-013**

The Village received a request for a grant in the amount of \$10,764.75 for facade improvements relative to the property mentioned above. This item was tabled by the Village Board to the December 2, 2004 Board meeting.

**Background:**

The purpose of the Downtown Improvement and Renovation Grant Program is to increase the economic viability of Downtown Lombard by improving the aesthetics of the buildings, improving signage, and increasing the availability and ease of parking. This Program, approved in July, 1998, is intended to support the Village's plans to maintain a quality downtown.

Approved applications for the Downtown Improvement and Renovation Grant Program are eligible to receive a fifty percent (50%) matching grant. Grants up to \$10,000 are approved administratively by the Director of Community Development. All grants above \$10,000 must be approved by the Village Board. The maximum grant amount is \$50,000. Requests for grants above \$50,000 will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**Proposal:**

Thomas Williams and John Horist, owners of Park Avenue Cleaners, submitted an application to the Economic and Community Development Committee which was reviewed at their November 2, 2004 meeting. Improvements to the property included: painting of rear building, new concrete walkway and dumpster pad, paving of parking lot, and dryvit front façade of building. Owners have already paid for and completed all of the eligible improvements. The cost of these improvements totaled \$18,664.50 – see itemization below.

Front elevation installation/stone tuckpointing	\$ 6,050.00	
Cement sidewalk and dumpster pad	\$ 5,362.50	
Painting of railing	\$ 462.00	
Repave parking lot	<u>\$ 3,925.00</u>	
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,799.50 ( at 50% or \$ 7,899.75)</b>
Scraping, priming, painting and striping	<u>\$ 2,865.00.</u>	<b>(at 100% or \$ 2,865.00)</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,664.50 or \$10,764.75</b>

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The Economic & Community Development Committee recommended approval of \$10,764.75 with a condition of approval stating that the owners enter into an agreement with others to provide for the use of the rear of their property for outdoor dining purposes for a minimum of a 5-year period.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the Village Board approve an ordinance authorizing a Downtown Facade Improvement Grant in the amount of \$10,764.75 for the property located at 10-12 S. Park Avenue pursuant to Village Ordinance 4509. Staff is also requesting a waiver of first reading.

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