

RESOLUTION NUMBER 56

Irving M. Blue

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Irving Blue will be stepping down as the Executive Director of the Forest Park Southeast Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blue is the founder and president of Blue Services, LLC. Blue Services, LLC is the parent company of Blue Development, LLC and Blue Realty, LLC. The creation of these companies provides a full services brokerage agency to assist investors, homeowners, renters, and general real estate enthusiasts achieve the highest possible return on their real estate transactions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blue has a M. S. in Urban and Regional Planning from Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University and a B.A. in History from Stillman College; and

WHEREAS Mr. Blue has received many awards including: East-West Gateway Council of Government, Public Private Partnership Award, 2008; Mayor's Developer of the Year, October 2007; IREM Foundation, Stop Light, Journal of Property Management, May/June 2007; Buzz List, Alive St. Louis Magazine, February 2007; and CPM of the Year, IREM Local Chapter 11, 2007; and

WHEREAS, as the Executive Director of the Forest Park Southeast Development Corporation, Mr. Blue monitored acquisition/rehab 100 scatter site LIHTC unit project resulting in 92% lease-sub within eight months of rehabilitation completion, developed, managed, and implemented operational budget of \$900,000 and assets management of \$3 million and managed 3,000 sq ft of commercial office/retail; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blue was responsible for the grant administration of \$4 million for public infrastructure improvements, marketing, and community development. He secured grants allocations for Public Safety (\$12,000, Missouri Attorney Generals Office), Business Marketing and Promotions (\$51,000, East-West Gateway Council of Government), General Operations (\$15,000, Bank of America and \$10,000 Commerce Bank), Public Improvements (2 million, East-West Gateway Council of Government), Contract Services (\$90,000 annually, City of St. Louis).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberation to recognize the many achievements of Irving Blue and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 5th day of June, 2009 by:

Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17th Ward

Adopted this the 5th day of June, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen