

We wanted to provide an update on the 400 Block efforts. Efforts are underway to determine status of the Lisa's on Main property. However, west portion of the building will be demolished once mitigation efforts are determined. This could take up to 14 more days. The families whom are displaced have all found short term temporary housing. Catholic Charities has agreed to serve as the local case worker for those families.

The City of Melrose and Melrose Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Business Resource Round Table on Friday for the 11 businesses that are directly affected. We have invited the City of Madelia, MN to speak to these business owners and property owners about their experience. Feb, 2016, the City of Madelia has a major fire as well that impacted their downtown. They are well on the way to recovery. We have asked them to come and speak and tell us their story and explain how they worked through the process. We have also invited several local resource providers from the local lenders to the SBDC. The intent of the meeting is to make this personnel and provide real resources for those that are affected by this fire. We are not inviting the general public to this; it is strictly those businesses affected by the fire.

The City Council, along with the Initiative Foundation, has created a Redevelopment Fund to accept public donations for the recovery of Melrose. A local committee that is reflected of the community will be appointed to fill this need. The City is pleased to announce today a matching Grant Award from AgStar in the Amount of \$25,000 to aid in the recovery efforts was just awarded. Plus, the City of Melrose will be submitting a grant application to the Initiative Foundation in the amount of \$5,000.

Secondly, the City Council has also placed in motion possible redevelopment tools for assisting businesses rebuild the site. On Thursday, September 22 at 5:30 PM, the City will host a Walking Tour for a Local, Regional, State and possibly Federal Leaders tour our development sites. (400 Block Fire Site, St. Mary Fire Site, 5th Ave Bridge Redevelopment Site and Melrose Lake).

The intent of this is tour is to bring awareness to our situation for the downtown as well as St. Mary's. Plus, explain our future success we are planning for.

Thank you,

CITY OF MELROSE