



Office of the City Manager

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Patrick Urich, City Manager *PU*

**DATE:** May 4, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Issues Update

The following are issues related to the City for the weekly Issues Update. If there are additional items you believe should be included, please let me know.

**LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORT CORPORATION (LISC).** The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), a national community development organization, has begun the process to establish an office in Peoria. LISC was founded in 1979 and has a mission to rebuild whole communities by supporting community development corporations (CDCs). LISC currently operates in 30 cities and 469 rural counties across 31 states. As a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), LISC has invested more than \$11.1 billion, leveraging \$33.9 billion of additional investment across the country. Their focus is on building sustainable communities through: expanding investment in housing and other real estate; increasing family income and wealth; stimulating economic development; improving access to quality education; and supporting healthy environments and lifestyles. After establishing their office here in Peoria, their initial focus areas will be Peoria's South Side and East Bluff and the rural areas surrounding Peoria. A local advisory board has been established and will be meeting quarterly.

**2013 REGIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK CONFERENCE (RNNC)** The City of Peoria in partnership with the Neighborhood Alliance will host the 2013 RNNC on September 19-21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel. Over 400 neighborhood leaders, community activists, and corporate executives from eighteen cities located in 5 Midwest states (Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee) will come to Peoria to exchange community development ideas and share successful projects. The Peoria conference will consist of informative workshops, training sessions, inspirational keynote speakers, new innovative banking programs, and a wide range of community/corporate partnerships. Peoria's neighborhoods, the Caterpillar Visitor Center, and the Peoria Riverfront Museum will also be showcased. A local RNNC Steering Committee comprised of Council Member Ryan Spain, Council Member Eric Turner, City staff, neighborhood leaders and community stakeholders has been formed for the planning of the conference. Currently, the committee is seeking private and corporate sponsors for the event. Please contact Leslie McKnight, Planning Department, at 309-494-8651 or [lmcknight@ci.peoria.il.us](mailto:lmcknight@ci.peoria.il.us) if you would like more information or to become a sponsor. The goal is to raise \$100,000 in financial and in kind contributions.

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