

Redevelopment ideas highlight city's week

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City business for the week includes reviews of two proposed resolutions related to revitalization projects.

One supports the "Brodart Commons" project, the other the use of \$20,000 in city urban development funds to build a small courtyard to replace a blighted Pine Street structure soon to be demolished.

Both resolutions could be on the agenda of City Council's Thursday night meeting. The agenda is scheduled for release this morning.

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Council's housing needs and public works committees will hold a joint meeting at 11 a.m. Wednesday to address the use of the \$20,000, which would come from the city's federal Urban Development Action Grant account and help build a courtyard between the former Brozman and Varsity Shop buildings on Pine Street.

All three properties are owned by the owners of the downtown Cellblock nightclub, and their plans are to save the Brozman and Varsity Shop structures with a mix of residential, commercial and office space and a new downtown eatery.

The courtyard would be open to the public, according to city officials.

Mayor Gabriel J. Campana supports the Pine Street plan, as well as revitalization of the Brodart warehouse property on Memorial Avenue.

The warehouse structure began as a silk mill more than a century ago and its reuse was first proposed as about 25 residential homes constructed by Habitat for Humanity.

Since the project was announced, however, the wording of the resolution of support has been amended by the city administration to include the possibility of

demolishing only part of the massive structure for residential development and making what survives available for adaptive reuse.