

## **POLICY RESOLUTION # 13 – Jonathan Association Board of Directors**

**DATE: December 13, 2011**

**RE: Eitel House Eminent Domain Proposal**

*In addition to acknowledging that:*

1. The Eitel House, originally built of Chaska brick in 1875, is privately owned by Jonathan and the City of Chaska Heritage Preservation Commission considers the Eitel House to be a historic building; and,
2. The Eitel House has been vacant and unused since the early 2000's when it was discovered to have safety concerns due to high levels of radon gas; and,

*While reaffirming that:*

3. The Eitel House, in its current condition, does not promote the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Jonathan; and,
4. The City of Chaska's Heritage Preservation Commission (MN Statute 138.71-138.75; MN Statute 471.193) and Chaska City Staff ("Powers & Duties" of the Heritage Preservation Commission, as outlined in Section 30:13 of Chapter 10.5 of the Code of Ordinances) has the authority to make recommendation that the Eitel House be acquired by the City via eminent domain powers; and,
5. The acquisition of the Eitel House by the City of Chaska via it's eminent domain authority would guarantee the "active pursuit of the best future for the building" (**Melissa Duchinsky, 2006**); and,
6. Jonathan's efforts to renovate or restore the Eitel House would not "make effective use of available financial resources", would not be "sound resource management", and would not be "fiscally responsible" (**Jonathan Board of Directors Mission Statement, 2001**); and,
7. The cost of restoring the Eitel House is an expense the Jonathan Association cannot afford since "...the Association is not in a financial position to maintain the Eitel House...and cannot afford to do so." (**Debbie Boe, Jonathan Board member, June 2007**);

The Jonathan Association Board of Directors resolves on this day (12-13-2011) to request the City of Chaska to acquire the Eitel House from the Jonathan Association via the eminent domain process.

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Kristin Alcindor – Secretary, Jonathan Association Board

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