

David Bentz could have gotten the handout from city hall. The local chiropractor was in talks with the city of La Crosse for a development agreement to build on two vacant lots at fourth and Jackson. But the city wanted some residential development on the lot as well as Bentz's planned clinic

So, Bentz will finance the project on his own. It's a huge step for the most troubled neighborhood in the city. The two lots that he's building on are the spot where three apartment buildings were condemned ten years ago by the city. At the time, the city found the apartments there to be dumps that spawned repeated illegal drug problems.