Bail resident will see a college again on the Dana campus, but they’re also getting more than they ever dreamed possible if all of the cards fall into place.

Ed Shada laid out a plan during a city council special meeting Monday night at City Hall that encompasses a university, 301 residential units for behavioral health, post-secondary youth and senior citizens, a filmmaking studio and offices, a church’s first physical location in its existence, and a prison facility.

“We’re going to have a faith-based community that is basically structure around people who are willing to better themselves,” Shada said.

On the mission and proposal for the Frank and June Kocin Learning Community (KLC) would seem grandiose, especially with the $5 million price tag — and that’s just the initial expenses.

“Then it’s another $30 million for development of the apartments,” Shada added.

ABOUT ED SHADA
- David Bluff, town resident
- 1978 Dana alumni
- Not president Great Western Bank
- Pastor at (CGI) Project Home
- Author of “Unleashing Life’s Potential: The Story of a Paralyzed Man as the Unlikely Hero of the Century”

“The first introduction of the proposal for many residents and viewers watching it streamed live, however, was met with overwhelming positive feedback.”

A Council Bluffs, Iowa, resident and vice president of Great Western Bank, Shada has extensive experience and ties to the behavioral health community and philanthropic causes in the Omaha area. He is the founder and CEO of Project Homeless Connect, Omaha’s one-day event that feeds and clothes homeless people and provides medical and dental care and legal and employment assistance.

Shada is now also the

Ed Shada, a Council Bluffs, Iowa, resident and vice president of Great Western Bank, unveiled his plans for the Dana College campus to the Blair City Council and a packed room Monday night.

Under the umbrella at KLC
BY KATE EDMUND AND LEAHAN BLISS

Angela Shaw, KLC’s umbrella of friends at the Frank and June Kocin Learning and Life Community (KLC) will be diverse, yet must all be tied by faith, living and learning components.

Grace University
Bill Bingham, who lives in rural Omaha, Washington County, came on board as Grace University’s first CEO in June after 17 years at the helm of the private, nondenominational Christian college currently has nearly 400 students.

Bingham explained that the campus would have most of the same programs in Blair, but it would also expand uses for its offerings, like science. It will keep five athletic programs: men’s volleyball, men’s and women’s soccer and men’s and women’s basketball. It has cut softball and baseball programs it started in 2013.

Bingham’s objective as CEO is to “stabilize the school and maybe get it back on track,” he told the Pilot-Tribune in December.

Grace opened in 1943 as Grace Bible Institute. It changed its name to Grace University in 1966. The campus covers six blocks. Grace has invested more than $11 million in new construction, remodeling and improvements over the past five years. It has 156 dorm rooms in four halls.

Gracie requires that each bachelor degree-level student must complete a doctorate in biblical studies as well as a professional field of choice.

Bingham said that faculty have

EDUCATION
- 1978 Dana College alumni
- President of Dana College Board of Directors
- Member of Dana College Foundation

“Ed is a great guy, our mission at Dana, I feel delicious to what I heard the mission of the new organization in Dana was a learning community, there is an opportunity for this community to really be a showcase across the country.”

— Bill Bingham, Dana College alumnus, former member of Dana College Board of Directors, member of Dana College Foundation

“Ed is a leader to a Dana alumna. He represents the voice of Dana, so I’m happy in Omaha. I may have been a graduate of the University of Nebraska in 1983, Thank you. A big, big thank you.”

— Tech Anderson, graduate student

“It’s nice to have a solution to something that everyone has a complaint in. It brings more

— Lisa Shewan, executive director, Gateway Development Corp.
DANA: Shadys outlines plans for a multi-faceted community

Gracie University plans to occupy about 30 acres of the former Omen campus, including the Durant Center and Trinity Chapel.

"The project is going to include housing, office space, retail facilities, and a community center," said John Shadys, a spokesperson for the project.

"We are looking to create a self-sustaining, intergenerational community that is committed to serving the community and promoting social good," Shadys said.

The project is expected to create approximately 1,000 jobs and will include a mix of housing options, from studio apartments to single-family homes.

The project is expected to be completed by 2023, with the first phase of development scheduled to begin in 2021.

The project is being funded through a combination of private investment and state grants.

"We are excited to bring this project to fruition and to create a place where people can live, work, and play," Shadys said.

KLC: Other entities under the umbrella of Angels Share Inc.

In 1982, the first angel's share of the Oneida County Historical Society was purchased by a group of local philanthropists.

The group, led by local businessman John Smith, purchased the building and began to restore it to its former glory.

The building was later renamed the "Angel's Share," and is now used as a community center.

The Angel's Share is located in the heart of downtown Oneida, and is used for a variety of community events, including concerts, art exhibits, and social gatherings.

The Angel's Share is a hub of activity, and is known for its warm and welcoming atmosphere.

"We are excited to be a part of this community, and to continue to bring people together through the arts and culture," said Smith.

The Angel's Share is open to all, and is committed to providing a space for everyone to come together.

"We believe that the arts have the power to bring people together, and to create a sense of community," said Smith.

The Angel's Share is a place where people can come to learn, to create, and to connect.

"We are proud to be a part of this community, and to provide a space for everyone to come together," said Smith.

Dignan also recognized the history in faith that resides on the Dinan hill. "We want to provide our Trinity Seminary and Dinan campus with what it needs," Dignan said. "We want to honor those who have given so much to these campuses, and we have provided a foundation of a faith and a foundation of service."