

Planning and Develop Committee
Special Meeting
April 20, 2009 Meeting Minutes
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Attendance: Kathy Weaver, John Poteraske, Halil Havci, Bill Durkin, John Galan, Carolyn Gattuso, Joe Marchese, John Murphy, Mike Corren, Bryon Vana, and Dan Gombac. Absent: Sylvia McIvor

Alderman Poteraske opened the meeting at 6:30 pm and advised that he is filling in as Chairman for the meeting in the absence of Alderman McIvor. Alderman Poteraske advised the Council that his intentions were to reach a consensus on the development proposals that staff should be directed to negotiate. Alderman Poteraske stated that if any proposal received four favorable votes from the Council, staff can proceed with negotiations from those developers. The Council concurred with that process.

Chairman Poteraske provided an overview of the four proposals that the City of Darien received. A representative of the Gammonley Group distributed a revised sketch of their concept proposal showing a project with first floor retail only. As Alderman Poteraske provided an overview of the proposals, he asked for input from the Alderman. Alderman Poteraske asked for comments from the audience and verbal comments were received from Jerry Falasc, 1641 73rd Street and Arleta Peknic, 609 72nd Street in Darien.

Alderman Poteraske began the poll asking Alderman to raise their hand if they wanted to pursue Harlem and Irving; only Alderman Poteraske and Alderman Avci raised their hands. Alderman Poteraske asked about the Bradford proposal and all six of the Alderman raised their hands. Alderman Poteraske asked about the proposal from Siera and only Alderman Avci raised his hand. Alderman Poteraske asked about the Gammonley proposal for which all six Aldermen raised their hands. Alderman Avci noted that he would like to have additional information provided by the bidders in order to make a final determination. One item of importance was the financial plans along with detailed information from each proposer in order to determine the viability of the proposals. Alderman Avci also indicated that the Bradford proposal came in 25 days later than the February 27, 2009 date that was indicated in the request for proposal. Residents Arleta Petnik and Jerry Fazal both spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting and expressed their opinion regarding the proceeding with the development. Alderman Poteraske stated that on the Council agenda for this evening will be a motion to direct staff to negotiate with Bradford and Gammonley.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Approved:

John Poteraske, Chairman _____

Joseph Marchese, Member _____