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# CITY OF BATAVIA

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**DATE:** February 8, 2013  
**TO:** Community Development Committee  
**FROM:** Scott Buening, Community Development Director  
**SUBJECT:** Annexation of City Owned Properties (old Railroad Rights-of-Way)

## Background and Analysis

The City acquired several parcels of the old Burlington Northern Right-of-Way throughout the last several decades as parcels became available. These parcels were never annexed to the City, as we were allowed to “jump over” the right-of-way under State Statutes. The parcels acquired include several acres of land in total and all are contiguous to the existing City limits.

The properties include various uses along the stretches owned by the City. Beginning at the north, there is a pedestrian trail from Walnut Street south to Morton Street. South of that includes the right-of-way of Morton Street and Garfield Street. Continuing south is the access drive to the former Mill Creek substation, as well as the substation site itself. Further south on this same parcel is the right-of-way of Hoover Road. A separate parcel south of that is the right-of-way of part of Bernadette Lane. Lastly there are four separate vacant parcels that are landlocked parcels adjacent to several single family parcels.

These properties can be simply annexed by the City by passage of an Ordinance annexing them under 65 ILCS 5/7-1-9 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes. Upon annexation the properties would be placed in the “default” R0 District. No rezoning of the properties is necessary at this time since they are primarily being used as open space, public roadway and trails. Notices are required to the Township and the Fire District at least 10 days prior to the annexation. In addition, notice is also required to the Township Highway Commissioner since several parcels are technically Township roads. This includes portions of Morton Street, Garfield Street, Hoover Road and Bernadette Lane. This notice has been or will be provided before action by the City Council.

## Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the annexation of these City owned parcels.

## Attachments:

1. Ordinance 13-12 Annexing City-Owned Parcels.
2. Plats of Annexation.
3. Area Map.

Cc: Mayor & City Council  
City Administrator  
City Attorney  
Press  
File

CITY OF BATAVIA, ILLINOIS  
ORDINANCE 13-12

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND ZONING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO  
THE CITY OF BATAVIA, KANE AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

CITY OWNED PROPERTY-FORMER BURLINGTON NORTHERN PROPERTIES

ADOPTED BY THE  
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

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This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

Prepared by:  
  
City of Batavia  
100 N. Island Ave.  
Batavia, IL 60510

CITY OF BATAVIA, ILLINOIS  
ORDINANCE 13-12

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND ZONING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO  
THE CITY OF BATAVIA, KANE AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS  
CITY OWNED PROPERTY-FORMER BURLINGTON NORTHERN PROPERTIES

**WHEREAS**, the City of Batavia, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, owns several parcels of land that were formerly a part of the Burlington Northern Railroad all of which is legally described and depicted on the attached Plats of Annexation, attached as **EXHIBITS “A” and “B”** (“Subject Realty”); and

**WHEREAS**, the said territory is not within the corporate limits of any municipality but is contiguous to the City of Batavia; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is desirous of having these properties annexed into the City of Batavia; and

**WHEREAS**, legal notices regarding the intention of the City to annex said territory have been sent to all public bodies required to receive such notice by State Statute; and

**WHEREAS**, all petitions, documents, and other necessary legal requirements are in full compliance with the terms of said annexation, the Statutes of the State of Illinois, specifically 65 ILCS 5/7-1-9, and the requirements of the Batavia Municipal Code; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City of Batavia that the territory described and depicted in **EXHIBITS “A” and “B”** be annexed thereto and the territory be zoned R0 Single Family pursuant to the City of Batavia Municipal Code;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Batavia, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That the territory described as attached hereto on **EXHIBITS “A” and “B”** is hereby annexed to the City of Batavia, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois.

**SECTION 2:** That said territory described as attached on **EXHIBITS “A” and “B”** is hereby zoned R0 Single Family, under the terms and conditions of the Batavia Municipal Code.

**SECTION 3:** That the City Clerk is hereby directed to record with the Kane County Recorder and to file with the County Clerk a certified copy of this Ordinance, together with an accurate map of the territory annexed appended to said Ordinance.

**SECTION 4:** That the official zoning map of the City of Batavia is hereby amended in conformance with the terms of this Ordinance.

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**SECTION 5:** This Ordinance 13-12 shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, presentation and approval according to law.

**PRESENTED** to and **PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Batavia, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

**APPROVED** by me as Mayor of said City of Batavia, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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Jeffery D. Schielke, Mayor

Ward	Aldermen	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain	Aldermen	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
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6	Liva					Clark				
7	Tenuta					Brown				
Mayor Schielke										
<b>VOTE:</b>		Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstention(s)					
Total holding office: Mayor and 14 aldermen										

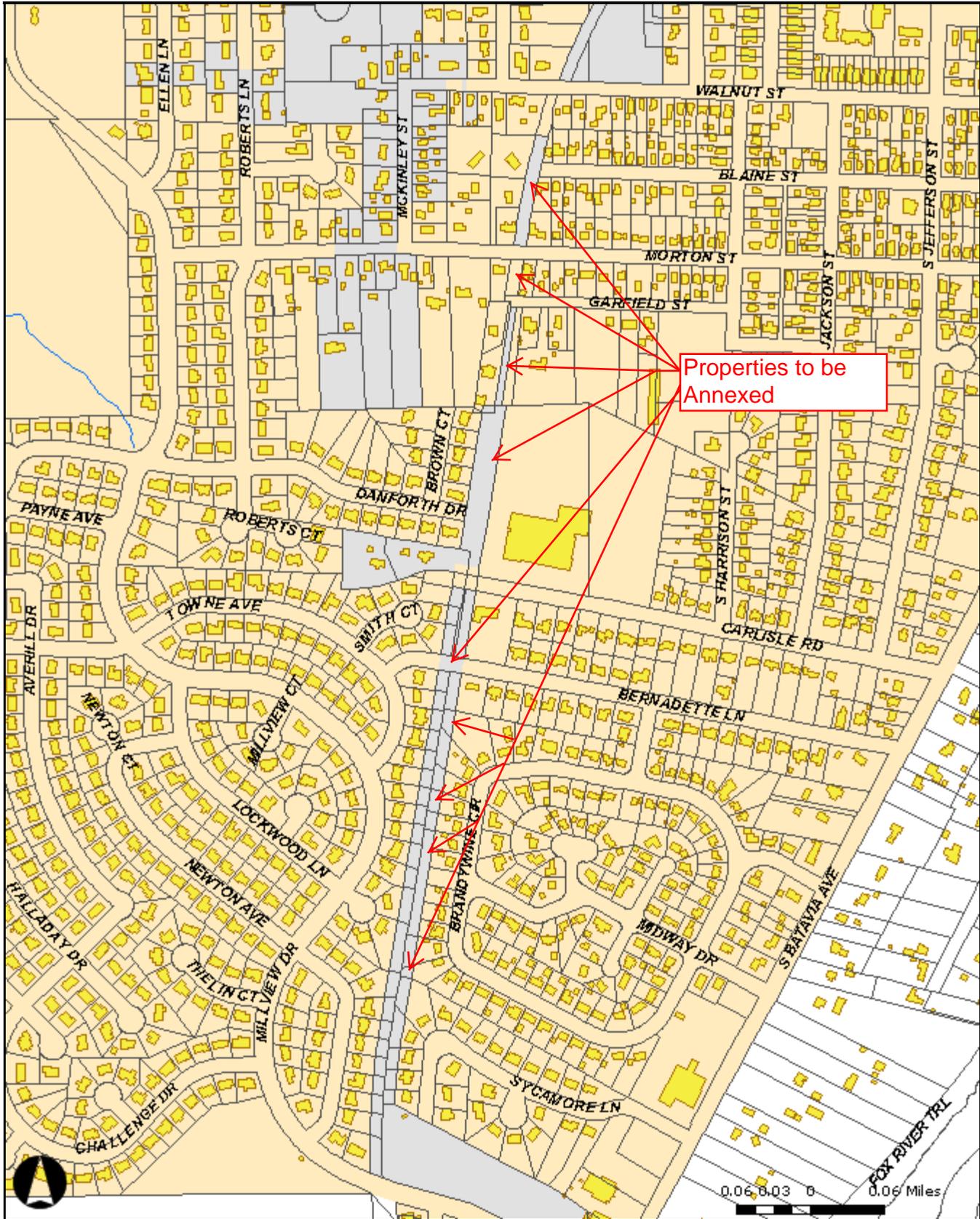
ATTEST:

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Heidi Wetzel, City Clerk





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# CITY OF BATAVIA

**DATE:** February 5, 2013  
**TO:** Community Development Committee  
**FROM:** Jeff Albertson, Building Commissioner  
**SUBJECT:** Ordinance#13-10 & 13-11: Amending Historic District Property Classifications

## Background

The Batavia Historic Preservation Commission has been working for approximately two years on an update to the Historic District Property Classifications. The update includes a review of the Historic Property Classification listing for each property in the Historic District. The Commission used several criteria including age of the structure, architectural style, historic use or events that took place in the structure, and potential for upgrades that are historically consistent.

The Commission and CDC recommended and the City Council approved the upgrade of two properties from “contributing” to “significant” and the downgrade of one property from “contributing” to “non-contributing”. The CDC and City Council requested that 335 First Street and 106/109 North River Street return to the HPC for further consideration and discussion

On January 14, 2013 the Commission held a public meeting to discuss 106/109 North River Street. Brett Larson spoke on behalf of the Larson Becker Company. His concerns were upgrading to “significant” would create additional scrutiny, steps, and possibly cost for an owner who wants to renovate the upgraded properties. It could also be restrictive and not protective from the property owner’s point of view. The Mayor spoke about concerns of the impact of the change on the potential future redevelopment of the property. On January 28, 2013 the Commission held a public meeting to discuss 335 First Street. Similar concerns with additional scrutiny, cost of upgrades, and increased standards were given by this property owner. The Commission acknowledged the concerns, but felt that their history of being somewhat flexible and working with property owners to make needed improvements in the best historical context, and also the need to preserve properties of historic significance outweighed the concerns. Specifically about 335 First Street they felt the “Italinat” architecture and the unique and original details and trim were very important to preserve. The Commission voted 2 ayes 3 nays on a motion to change their recommendation on 106/109 North River Street. There was no motion to reconsider the recommendation for 335 First Street. Both original recommendations stand and move forward.

## HPC and Staff Recommendation

The HPC and staff recommend that the Community Development Committee recommend approval of Ordinance#13- & 13-, amending the Historic District Property Classifications for 335 First Street and 106/109 North River Street.

Please consider these items at your February 13, 2013 Community Development Committee meeting.

Attachments:

1. Ordinance #13-10
2. Ordinance #13-11
3. 1-14-13 HPC Draft Minutes
4. 1-28-13 HPC Minutes

Cc: Mayor and City Council  
File

**CITY OF BATAVIA, ILLINOIS**

**ORDINANCE 13--10**

**APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HISTORIC CLASSIFICATION OF  
335 FIRST STREET**

**WHEREAS**, Title 12 of the City of Batavia Municipal Code provides procedures for the review and amendment of Historic District Property Classifications within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to said provisions, the City of Batavia Historic Preservation Commission (hereinafter the "Commission") did review and recommend changes to the Historic District Property Classification for 335 First Street, within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the owners of record of 335 First Street, proposed to be amended were provided notice as required by law notifying them that their property was recommended for a Classification Change and further notifying them of the date, time and place of the Public Meeting where the proposed amendment would be considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission held the aforesaid Public Meeting on November 26, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, following said review, the Commission recommended approval of the Historic District Classification Change:

**WHEREAS**, on February 13, 2013 the Community Development Committee reviewed the changes, the record of Public Meeting and the actions of the Commission and recommended approval of the Historic District Classification Change in accordance with the Commission recommendation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Batavia has received the recommendations of both the Batavia Historic Preservation Commission and the Community Development Committee and has considered same.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it hereby ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Batavia, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That the real estate listed as 335 First Street is hereby designated as "Significant" pursuant to Chapter 3, Section 2 of Title 12 of the Batavia Municipal Code.

**SECTION 2:** That this Ordinance 13-10 shall be in full force and effect upon its presentation, passage and publication according to law.

**PRESENTED** to the City Council of the City of Batavia, Illinois, this 18th day of February, 2013.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Batavia, Illinois, this 18th day of February, 2013.

**APPROVED** by me as Mayor of said City of Batavia, Illinois, this 18th day of February, 2013.

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Jeffery D. Schielke, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Heidi Wetzel, City Clerk

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Mayor Schielke										
<b>VOTE:</b>		Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstentions					
Total holding office: Mayor and 14 aldermen										

**CITY OF BATAVIA, ILLINOIS  
ORDINANCE 13-10**

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**CITY OF BATAVIA, ILLINOIS**

**ORDINANCE 13--11**

**APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HISTORIC CLASSIFICATION OF  
106/109 NORTH RIVER STREET**

**WHEREAS**, Title 12 of the City of Batavia Municipal Code provides procedures for the review and amendment of Historic District Property Classifications within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to said provisions, the City of Batavia Historic Preservation Commission (hereinafter the "Commission") did review and recommend changes to the Historic District Property Classification for 106/109 North River Street, within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the owners of record of 106/109 North River Street, proposed to be amended were provided notice as required by law notifying them that their property was recommended for a Classification Change and further notifying them of the date, time and place of the Public Meeting where the proposed amendment would be considered; and

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**NOW THEREFORE**, be it hereby ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Batavia, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That the real estate listed as 106/109 North River Street is hereby designated as "Significant" pursuant to Chapter 3, Section 2 of Title 12 of the Batavia Municipal Code.

**SECTION 2:** That this Ordinance 13-11 shall be in full force and effect upon its presentation, passage and publication according to law.

**PRESENTED** to the City Council of the City of Batavia, Illinois, this 18th day of February, 2013.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Batavia, Illinois, this 18th day of February, 2013.

**APPROVED** by me as Mayor of said City of Batavia, Illinois, this 18th day of February, 2013.

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Jeffery D. Schielke, Mayor

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**MINUTES**  
**January 14, 2013**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
**City of Batavia**

PLEASE NOTE: These minutes are not a word-for-word transcription of the statements made at the meeting, nor intended to be a comprehensive review of all discussions. Minutes are intended to make an official record of the actions taken by the Committee/City Council, and to include some description of discussion points as understood by the minute-taker. Any references to discussion and/or statements are only to provide greater clarity to the public and they may not reference all, some, or any of an individual speaker's comments.

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Chairman Bus called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Bus, Fessler (5:33 p.m.), Searl, Sherer, Sullivan (5:32 p.m.), and Vasilion.

**Also Present:** Jeff Albertson, Building Commissioner; Mayor Schielke, and Connie Rizo, Recording Secretary

**3. Items to be removed, added, or changed**

Jeff Albertson requested that Agenda Item #6 be continued until the meeting of January 28, 2013.

**4. Approval of Minutes: December 10, 2012**

**Motion:** To approve the 12/10/12 Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes.

**Maker:** Sherer

**Second:** Searl

**Voice vote:** 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

**5. COA Review: 90 North Island Avenue—Wall Sign Installation (Mario Aliano, applicant)**

Chairman Bus stated this agenda item was for a wall sign installation and that this property was classified as non-contributing.

**Mario Aliano, 90 N. Island Avenue, Batavia, Illinois**, introduced himself. Aliano stated the proposed wall sign was designed by a professional company according to the building proportions. Aliano indicated the proposed sign is LED illuminated. Aliano mentioned that the side of the building where the proposed sign is to be installed is dark and that when other festivals and carnivals are taking place nearby rides and machines block the restaurant, so the signage would make potential customers aware of his establishment.

Jeff Albertson demonstrated a picture of the potential sign. Steve Vasilion inquired about the banners in the windows. Aliano indicated the banners are stickers explaining the different types of food offered at Aliano's and they fall right above the fence area within eye view level of patrons sitting inside the restaurant. Albertson advised that the HPC does not have jurisdiction on window signs on buildings because they are exempt from building permits.

Doris Sherer was in favor of the sign.

Vasilion asked to discuss the construction of the sign cabinet. Ron Fessler inquired if the sign was internally lit. Aliano indicated it was internally illuminated with LEDs. Vasilion inquired as to the thickness of the cabinet. Albertson advised the thickness of the cabinet was five inches. Aliano mentioned the sign was the same sign as that which is in the front of the building.

Cathy Searl stated she liked the sign and inquired if there were lights on the building under the sign area. Aliano stated when the patio was put into place the coach lights were already approved with the awnings.

Doug Sullivan and Ron Fessler were in favor of the sign. Fessler indicated that the sign on that side of the building would help light it up since it is presently dark. Chairman Bus stated he liked the bold colors of the sign to help dress up the blank wall on this building. Vasilion commented that the sign had a pleasant design.

**Motion:** To recommend approval of the COA for the wall sign installation as presented at 90 North Island Avenue.

**Maker:** Vasilion

**Second:** Fessler

**Voice vote:** 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

Sherer inquired if the lamps affixed to the building were still there. Aliano stated the lamps were installed when the patio was put into place and he would not be removing the coach lights.

## **6. Historic District Classification Reconsideration—335 First Street**

This agenda item continued until the meeting of January 28, 2013.

## **7. Historic District Classification Reconsideration—106 North River Street**

**Brett Larson, 1025 S. Jefferson, Batavia, Illinois**, introduced himself and stated he represented the Larson-Becker Company.

Larson stated he did not understand why the property at 106 North River Street was recommended for a change in classification from contributing to significant. Larson commented he was trying to educate himself on this process to understand the recommendation more fully. Larson stated the only aspect of the building that would make it stand out was the unique signage on the surface of the building. Albertson demonstrated some photos that were taken today of the building at 106 North River Street.

Chairman Bus stated in the review required by the municipal code this building is classified as contributing. Chairman Bus explained that the HPC recommended to the City Council that this building be considered for the classification of significant. Mayor Schielke indicated the building was built approximately 90 years ago. Mayor Schielke advised that the south side of the building had asphalt siding circa 1950s and that the north side of the building had the shingle siding removed that uncovered the unique signs.

Mayor Schielke explained that he was the executor of the estate of William Wood, town historian, and that he was in possession of items from his library that included old city directories and books. Mayor Schielke relayed that by using that information he was able to determine that the building was built approximately between 1910-1915 by someone named George Howarth who ran a feed and seed store business servicing the local farmers. Mayor Schielke pointed out that history shows this area of downtown was frequented by farmers. Mayor Schielke stated prior to this building being known as 106 North River Street the building was 34 North River Street in the years prior to 1945. Mayor Schielke advised a business known as Andy's Tin Shop was previously in this building and that the unique signage was from that business. Mayor Schielke spoke in favor of preserving the signs for historic memorabilia if the building were to be demolished. Mayor Schielke commented on potential future development of this portion of River Street where the building of 106 North River Street is located and the impact it could likely have on this portion of downtown. Mayor Schielke also advised that he wrote a memo on 12/17/12 to the City Council and Department Heads explaining the history of this building and suggesting that 106 North River Street be removed from being motioned upon in changing the classification from contributing to significant until further review and clarification could take place.

**Motion:** To recommend Mayor Schielke's 12/17/12 memo be added to the minutes of the 1/14/13 HPC meeting minutes.

**Maker:** Sullivan  
**Second:** Sherer  
**Voice vote:** 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

Chairman Bus inquired if changing the building from contributing to significant would preclude demolition of the building for redevelopment purposes. Mayor Schielke and Albertson confirmed that changing the building from contributing to significant would not preclude demolition of the building for redevelopment purposes. Albertson indicated that the City Council has to approve demolition of any principle building in the Historic District whether contributing or significant. Mayor Schielke stated he was hard pressed from researching the historical perspective to find any significant history on this former feed business and tin shop building. Mayor Schielke opined he would not like to see any redevelopment process jeopardized because of this building. Albertson commented there are more parameters in the Historic District for demolishing a significant building over a contributing building; both would require City Council approval. Sherer indicated that during the StreetScape process there was conversation of opening a gateway for redevelopment all the way up to the Challenge building. Sherer indicated she loves the signage and gray color of the building. Sherer opined if the signage was never revealed it was likely this building would not be a topic of discussion. Sherer also shared that she would not like this building to have the classification changed to significant if it would stand in the way of future development of River Street. Sherer expressed the signage should be retained.

Cathy Searl declined to comment since her father represented Larson-Becker when the building was purchased and has also done work for this company.

Doug Sullivan inquired as to the building's current use. Larson replied the building has some surplus personal family and business storage. Sullivan conveyed after listening to Mayor Schielke's account of the history of this building he understood if there was a future redevelopment plan the City would likely be inclined to allow a demolition in favor of a different, more useful business at this site. Sullivan stated he was inclined not to upgrade the classification to significant because future Commissioners of the HPC might have the wrong impression of the level of historic protection needed for this building.

Steve Vasilion stated this building has the gray weathered siding, 90-year history, and painted signage that captures a certain time period in Batavia's history. Vasilion indicated the HPC standards have several criteria of how buildings are evaluated. Vasilion pointed out what make this building special is the signage on the building. Vasilion pointed out the building has changed over the years and that not a whole lot of the original building remains. Vasilion added that an argument could be made both ways for how to proceed relative to 106 North River Street. Vasilion agreed with Sullivan and commented that for the right kind of future development it is conceivable the HPC could yield and change. Vasilion relayed that the HPC is charged with

preserving the history of the City of Batavia and, thus, guardians of the history. Vasilion stated he was inclined to let the City Council decide what to do on the classification for this building. Chairman Bus pointed out the HPCs recommendation to the City Council on all the buildings recently recommended for change in classifications is just that, a recommendation.

Ron Fessler agreed with Vasilion. Fessler expressed it was unsettling that the HPC is being told to yield for development, which is against what the HPC should be doing in preserving history. Fessler stated the existence of the HPC comes into question if not reclassifying structures as significant when it is thought prudent to do so is then stifled because of potential future development. Fessler expressed difficulty in knowing where to draw the line when considering what is heritage or part of the community for historic preservation. Fessler was in favor of classifying 106 North River Street as significant.

Chairman Bus inquired if documented plans exist currently with the City of Batavia for redeveloping north River Street. Mayor Schielke indicated the City is always reviewing ideas and that the HPC is a recommending body. Mayor Schielke commented that inevitably 106 North River Street would come down in the face of any redevelopment in that area because it has no historical value.

Chairman Bus inquired if the building was on a foundation, a slab, or grade. Larson stated it is a combination of solid stone or stacked limestone. Larson stated the northwest corner is a rock slope that goes up to the corner that was not excavated out. Chairman Bus stated it would not surprise him if there was something at this location before this building. Mayor Schielke stated there was no evidence of that. Chairman Bus stated River Street is one of the oldest streets in the City of Batavia. Larson stated he was an historic buff as well as was proud of the way the City has done restoration in the downtown. Larson stated he understood the significance if there were a number of other wood buildings downtown that would provide a cohesive look, but now River Street is a modern looking brick street that is pedestrian friendly. Larson stated if he was a developer he might view any building classified as significant as one that would cause more work and involve more cost to do anything with the building.

Chairman Bus stated he was comfortable with the recommendation the HPC had made in the past. Chairman Bus indicated he wanted to honor the process and decision the HPC had already made. Chairman Bus opined it was important for the HPC to continue to view the historic district survey as a long term process and the update is an important part of the process. Searl mentioned if the classification of significant is upheld it could also be re-reviewed at the next HPC historic district survey periodic review. Albertson stated that the other three properties that were made in the original recommendation have already been acted on by the City Council.

**Motion:** To amend the previous recommendation of significant for 106 North River Street and to return the classification to contributing.

**Maker:** Sullivan  
**Second:** Sherer  
**Roll Call Vote:** Aye-Sherer, Aye-Sullivan, Nay-Bus, Nay-Fessler, Nay-Vasilion,  
Abstention-Searl, Motion Defeated.

Albertson advised after the other property in question is discussed at a future HPC meeting then the next action would go through the CDC.

#### **10. Other**

Jeff Albertson requested that the Commissioners who have not completed their open meetings act training complete it as soon as possible. Albertson stated he would resend the link for the training to the Commissioners.

#### **11. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sullivan and Searl seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Minutes prepared by  
Connie Rizo

Att. Schielke memo 12-17-12

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## CITY OF BATAVIA

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DATE: December 17, 2012  
TO: City Council and Dept. Heads  
FROM: Mayor Jeffery D. Schielke  
SUBJECT: **Amending the Historic Preservation District**

I regret that another engagement prevented me from attending last week's CDC meeting where the topic of changing the status of four properties from "contributing" to "significant" as to their Historic Property Classification listing was advanced by our Historic Preservation Commission.

I want to express my reservation about making such a change as is proposed for the wood frame two-story property located at 106 North River Street, a building located due north of the Tusk Restaurant at the northeast corner of N. River and State Streets.

From a pure historical importance standpoint my research leads me to the opinion that this particular building has no historical importance other than some 1940's era signage found on the north side of the structure which advertise heating and air conditioning services. It is my opinion that if we desired to save this signage that the easiest way to do so would be to carefully cut its presence away from the existing building and preserve it as a piece of downtown memorabilia.

The existing building appears to offer little to preserve in my opinion. It remains as one of the few remaining all wood frame structures to be found in our downtown. I highly doubt that our current building codes would allow any structure similar to it to be built today. Given this fact, it appears to me that its historical importance, if such an aspect exists, is that it is an example of non-conforming building construction that Batavia would never allow to be built today.

The history of the building is that for many years, before the 1945 renumbering of our street network, the structure was numbered as 34 North River Street. It was occupied by George Howarth to run his business of grain and feed bag distributions. It appears that Mr. Howarth retired from the business around World War II and the structure was then occupied by Batavia resident Edgar "Andy" Anderson who ran a heating and air conditioning installation and repair business in it until the 1960's known around town as "Andy's Tin Shop." The address was changed to 106 North River Street and it was during this time period after World War II that the signage on the north side of the building was added. After Andy's Tin Shop left the business world, it is in my head that the building was used as a storage unit for the Thomas and Carlson Farm Implement firm which sold tractors and combines from the concrete block building now occupied by Tusk. Later it was purchased by Larson and Becker Company along with several other neighboring pieces of land on the east side of River Street. I know of no historical events which occurred within this particular property.

At the public meeting held by the Historical Preservation Commission on November 26, 2012, Brett Larson, representing the Larson family which owns the building, raised several questions about this proposed move. His questions would be the same one's I would have. Given the major investment which our city has made on River Street, I feel that this designation could offer a number of problems in the future redevelopment of the street which would be counter-productive to what appears to be the desire or direction that the current city council is seeking to go.

If nothing else, I would suggest that the 106 North River Street action be removed from any motions made tonight to allow for its further review and clarification.

**MINUTES**  
**January 28, 2013**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
**City of Batavia**

PLEASE NOTE: These minutes are not a word-for-word transcription of the statements made at the meeting, nor intended to be a comprehensive review of all discussions. Minutes are intended to make an official record of the actions taken by the Committee/City Council, and to include some description of discussion points as understood by the minute-taker. Any references to discussion and/or statements are only to provide greater clarity to the public and they may not reference all, some, or any of an individual speaker's comments.

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Chairman Bus called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Bus, Fessler, Sherer, Sullivan, and Vasilion  
**Members Absent:** Searl  
**Also Present:** Jeff Albertson, Building Commissioner; Mayor Schielke, and Connie Rizo, Recording Secretary

**3. Items to be removed, added, or changed**

None.

**4. Approval of Minutes: January 14, 2013**

**Motion:** To approve the 1/14/13 Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes.  
**Maker:** Sullivan  
**Second:** Sherer  
**Voice vote:** 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

**5. COA Review: 227 West Wilson Street—Wall Sign Installation (Ossama Abdelnour, applicant)**

Jeff Albertson advised that this sign was for the Fantastico's building on West Wilson Street. Albertson explained that the sign was removed and stored while the building was the Thai restaurant and has now been brought back out and reinstalled on the building. Albertson indicated it is the same sign that was removed and rehung in the same location. Albertson mentioned that the sign did not have a COA originally

because it was put into place before the Historic District was enacted. Albertson indicated that because the sign was gone for over a year a COA and a permit is required to reinstall the sign.

Albertson stated the sign is a carved wood sign with the three existing gooseneck lights that light the sign externally. Chairman Bus asked for clarification on the classification for this building. Albertson advised the building was classified as contributing.

The applicant was not present for this meeting.

The Commissioners were in favor of this wall sign installation. Ron Fessler pointed out that in the future it would be good to have the information in advance to understand the circumstances, especially as respects items that did not have a COA or did not submit a COA previously.

**Motion:** To recommend approval of the COA for the wall sign installation as presented at 227 West Wilson Street.  
**Maker:** Vasilion  
**Second:** Sherer  
**Voice vote:** 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

## **6. Historic District Classification Reconsideration—335 First Street**

Jeff Albertson indicated 335 First Street was one of the five properties the Historic Preservation Commission began its review of last year. Albertson stated previously the HPC recommended four contributing properties to be upgraded to significant and one downgrade to non-contributing. Albertson explained that all five properties went to the **Community Development Committee** and the CDC at the request of the property owners asked that two of the properties return to the HPC for further discussion and review. Albertson added the other three properties have now been approved by the City Council for classification status as recommended by the HPC. Albertson indicated the property owners were present this evening to discuss this classification recommendation further.

Chairman Bus inquired if Albertson had a chance to further discuss with the property owner the difference between the classification of contributing and significant. Albertson stated he has not had any further discussions with the property owner since the HPC meeting of December 10, 2012. Chairman Bus asked Albertson to explain the difference between the classifications of contributing and significant focusing primarily on the different levels of protection afforded under the ordinance. Albertson stated there were no differences in process relative to renovation or demolition. Albertson explained that demolitions require a HPC recommendation and City Council approval whether the property is contributing or significant. Albertson stated remodeling is the same for both classifications and do not require City Council approval, but do require a

COA to be approved by the HPC whether classified as contributing or significant. Albertson pointed out the difference between the two classifications would be in the criteria and standards the property is held to.

Steve Vasilion stated that when façade grants are considered the HPC typically is more inclined to grant façade funds to buildings that are classified as significant. Chairman Bus inquired if 335 First Street was eligible for façade grant funds. Albertson replied 335 First Street was not eligible for façade grant funds because it is not in the TIF district.

Albertson showed a picture of the building that was part of the record for the historic district survey.

Vasilion stated there were a number of architectural features to the building at 335 First Street. Vasilion stated the home is a quaint and charming home with the level of detailing around the windows and bays that is exquisite, which is one of the characteristics that draws people to want to reside in Batavia homes such as these. Vasilion stated this Italianate-style structure was one of the reasons the HPC recommended the change in classification. Chairman Bus stated the building had vernacular carpentry and millwork. Vasilion stated it was more about the quality of the detailing and design of the building rather than any historically known person residing there. Chairman Bus pointed out the front porch had some alteration in the past, which differs from what the original front porch would have looked like. Chairman Bus commented that much of the original portions of this building were intact.

Chairman Bus inquired if Albertson knew when this building was constructed. Albertson replied he did not have that information. Vasilion opined the building was likely constructed in late 1800s or early 1900s.

**Atty. Ralph Beck, 303 Meadowrue Lane, Batavia, Illinois**, introduced himself and advised he was a member of the Bethany Lutheran Church, owners of 335 First Street. Beck stated along with him were John Clark, Ed McMullen, and Susan Witson. Beck indicated he had familiarity with 335 First Street since the early 1970s when the church purchased the building the first time. Beck indicated the church purchased the building the first time because of the landlock situation anticipating that at some point in time it might be necessary to make a trade. Chairman Bus explained that the house portion was sold off in 1978 or 1979 and they kept the back part and then repurchased it about 11 years ago because the church wanted to secure its borders. Beck stated there is no planned present use for the house, however, there potentially a possibility in the future to request for demolition.

Beck opined that 335 First Street had no compatibility with other properties on the same block, so that should not lend to being upgraded to significant. Beck commented he did not know whether the Italianate-style was distinctive enough to warrant an upgrade.

Beck asked for clarification on the degree of distinctiveness. Beck indicated the concern of the members of the Bethany Lutheran Church were if the property was classified as significant the property would be held to different standards and the church members would need to do comply with additional items.

Chairman Bus asked Beck to elaborate and provide specifics on the point he was making on the concerns of the church members.

Beck replied that it was there concern that at some point the church would not have the ability to use the building as much as desired for the use that they would like. Beck stated if 335 First Street was upgraded to the classification of significant the church was concerned about what may be required to maintain the building.

Beck inquired if there was a major renovation of the property what would be required to be approved and the cost associated if the building was classified as significant. Chairman Bus stated there is little, if any, difference in the standards between contributing and significant in terms of the HPC COA review. Albertson indicated the process for both buildings classified as contributing and significant is the same, but the level of scrutiny is different.

In reference to demolition, Albertson mentioned that one of the criteria is if preservation of a structure is deterrent to a major improvement, which is of benefit to the community, that is one of the criteria that the Commission can find in favor of demolition. Albertson stated even if it is a significant building, the standards for demolition are the same as they are for a contributing building. Albertson stated the standards of renovation may be different for buildings classified as significant and would be subject to more scrutiny and more work than possibly a contributing building would be for exterior portions of the building (i.e. siding, roofing, windows/trim, doors/trims, and porch). Albertson pointed out anything done inside the building is not subject to HPC review.

**John Clark, 314 North Avenue, Batavia, Illinois**, introduced himself and stated that he originally was before the HPC on 12/10/12. Clark stated the difference would be the HPC's scrutiny on projects like window replacement or siding replacement and cited that having the classification changed to significant would be more costly for the church to undergo remodeling projects such as those mentioned. Clark indicated these more costly projects would put an adverse burden on their non-profit organization.

Clark inquired why the HPC recommended upgrading 335 First Street to significant. Clark stated the area buildings do not share the same aesthetics. Vasilion stated it is not just the setting of the immediate block, but rather the community as a whole in the Historic District. Vasilion stated when the HPC was looking to make a designation on a building this building stands alone. Vasilion reiterated 335 First Street was a distinctive design type and the quality of the construction was nice, which would lead to its upgrade to significant.

Vasilion stated components that might be more costly to replace on 335 First Street would likely be window and door replacements because it would need to be correct for the time period the building represents.

Beck inquired if the HPC reviewed the properties in conducting the historic survey or did "experts" review the properties. Vasilion stated the HPC does the review.

Chairman Bus asked the Commissioners if they had any further comments. Vasilion stated he was comfortable with the recommendation previously proposed to upgrade 335 First Street to significant. Doris Sherer agreed with Vasilion and commented that when discussion took place originally on 335 First Street the discussion stemmed around the building being significant with the period of time in the history of Batavia when the residents lived there when it was originally built.

Mayor Schielke commented he was in agreement with the HPC on their comments about the architecture of 335 First Street. Mayor Schielke stated he possesses information from the previous town historian, Bill Wood, and commented that he reviewed the file on this property. Mayor Schielke mentioned that this property has had a number of occupants, so there is no one family or historical event that occurred on this property. Mayor Schielke stated behind this property to the north was the original addition of what became Grace McWayne School built in 1867, so this property would likely be from the late 1800s.

Chairman Bus stated when the HPC conducted its historic district survey 335 First Street stood out as being a building that should have been classified as significant from the onset. Chairman Bus stated 335 First Street is a great example of Italianate construction in Midwestern Batavia and has been remarkably well preserved.

Beck stated the members of the Bethany Lutheran Church object to 335 First Street being upgraded to the classification of significant.

Doug Sullivan inquired if the church had any concrete plans for 335 First Street.

Clark stated the church is in the process of going through a master plan and 335 First Street may have some significance to the church whether it be demolished or changed into a structure that houses offices. Clark mentioned that currently a family rents 335 First Street from the church. Clark mentioned just yesterday a task force was approved by the church to review their property matters.

Chairman Bus stated the standing recommendation from the HPC was to have the classification changed to significant. Chairman Bus asked if there was a motion by any of the Commissioners to amend the standing recommendation. No Commissioner made any further motion. Chairman Bus closed discussion on this agenda item.

Albertson added that this issue would now be heard before the CDC for the next step in the consideration process in the second week of February 2013. Sullivan asked why the CDC requested 335 First Street be returned to the HPC for further review.

Albertson stated it was at the request of the property owner. Clark pointed out at the previous meeting Vasilion was not present to offer his comments from an architect's point of view. Vasilion offered his appreciation to the church members for their interest in the building and participating in the process.

## 7. Other

- Ron Fessler inquired about the status of the inspection process that is in place for the downtown area. Fessler commented in the past he understood the reason for the delay was that the City was understaffed. Fessler inquired how City Staff plans to implement the program further so as not to cause further delay. Albertson stated currently the City has been under discussions on this same topic. Albertson indicated the three properties that have been inspected are the old City Hall, Robbins Flowers, and the Foltos building. Albertson mentioned that corrections have been made to old City Hall and Robbins Flowers. Albertson stated with the current staffing it is difficult to work on the inspections. Albertson mentioned if the desire is to have the inspections done sooner other alternatives would need to be considered.
- Fessler inquired about the signage that was installed on the west side of the building for Kiss the Sky without a COA. Fessler expressed his concern about items not being addressed that have been brought up in the HPC meetings. Fessler suggested creating a way to monitor items that have been raised during the HPC meetings and seeing them to finalization. Fessler stated items in violation of the City Ordinance need to be dealt with. Vasilion suggested on the HPC Agenda there should be included items that are ongoing to continue to have them before the Committee and seeing that follow through occurs. Albertson stated he would add an agenda item for future HPC meetings that address these open issues. Albertson asked the Commissioners to provide him with a list of any items they still feel are outstanding. Vasilion mentioned the windows on the Marconi building on Rt. 31 and Wilson were on outstanding issue. Fessler mentioned the Anderson block building has issues. Sherer mentioned the sign for Invitations should be inside the brick border.
- Sherer asked Albertson to refresh her memory on the City Ordinance for a building classified as contributing or significant. Albertson stated the program Sherer was referring to was that City Staff would review those buildings in an attempt to preserve them and deal with any significant issues before they were neglected to the point of needing demolition. Albertson stated if the Commissioners noticed any buildings that were neglected they should notify the City. Chairman Bus suggested as a future agenda item there should be

discussion of any significant structures that appear to be deteriorating or are being neglected. Chairman Bus noted the tough economic times and the opportunity to notify property owners on potential grant opportunities where applicable.

- Fessler inquired about the façade improvement grant program. Albertson advised the funds are budgeted with a change in the funding and that there has been no finalization to this point about the grant program. Fessler suggested the HPC and City should be proactive and remind property owners that there are programs available to potentially assist them. Albertson stated staff was proposing a one-time amnesty for a property owner and assistance and then would require the property owner after that assistance to maintain their properties. Albertson stated Jason Bajor was continuing to work on this matter.
- Sherer commented that what was mentioned this evening about 335 First Street was previously discussed on 12/10/12. Chairman Bus agreed with Sherer and pointed out 335 First Street did not have a specific historic event occur there or person live there, but that the reason for the recommendation to significant was the architecture of the building and the representation of a period of time in Batavia's history. Sherer stated 335 First Street also represented a different income level in Batavia and this was an average Batavian's house. Vasilion stated he would like to know when 335 First Street goes before the CDC and City Council and spoke of the importance of someone from the HPC being present at those meetings. Albertson agreed. Chairman Bus stated hearing demolition so frequently during the discussion of 335 First Street was concerning. Sherer stated it was important to explain the criteria defining the classification of contributing and significant to property owners. Vasilion stated he would not object 335 First Street being moved rather than being demolished. Sherer agreed with Vasilion.

## **8. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vasilion and Fessler seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Minutes prepared by  
Connie Rizo

# CITY OF BATAVIA

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**DATE:** February 12, 2013  
**TO:** Community Development Committee  
**FROM:** Bill McGrath, City Administrator  
**SUBJECT:** O'Sole Mio Economic Development Assistance Request

As you may recall, the Committee heard from the proprietors of the O'Sole Mio's gelato and restaurant about difficulties they were encountering with the project, and were seeking City assistance.

City staff had previously recommended against any assistance because the financial projections they had provided us with did not satisfy us as to the probable success of the business, plus the fact that staff had been told that the applicants would proceed ahead regardless. This occurred as the Council was discussing the desire for more accountability in the assistance programs.

Since that time, the applicants have found several additional items requiring expenditure of funds on the buildout. They met with the Mayor and myself, and at that time, we indicated that the Council was engaged in conversation which might actually lessen the assistance available for the programs, but indicated that it had expressed an interest in the difference between what would commonly be called "tenant build outs" and those expenditures that were related to code conformance and making the building better equipped for uses the City desired.

They indicated that they had expended significant amounts on the latter items, and we asked them to submit a breakdown of those items, as well as requesting them to review their projects.

They did so, and I have attached that material. It shows that approximately \$65,000 was related to code issues not discovered until the work began, while approximately \$85,000 was for "normal" build out items.

They also reworked their projections which still, to staff, seem unrealistic, and we have expressed that opinion to them. We did verify some sales projections for gelato sales and still think that the sale projections as lowered are high.

The applicant will be at the CDC meeting Wednesday evening with the attached power Point, as well as the building owner if you have any questions for him. He is already paying the City for an improvement loan to install sprinklers in the building, and has indicated to staff that he might be seeking a grant to assist with the required running of an additional 3-phase electric service to the building needed for this business, but also required by the City as part of a program to have separate service cutoffs for each business in the building.

The applicants are requesting a loan for \$65,000 payable at 2.5% interest, and staff cannot recommend same to the Committee or Council. We continue our opinion as to revenue projections.

The issue presented here is an applicant who has encountered large expenditures unknown at the time the business was created or the lease signed. They have done what they could to lessen the impact. Some equipment has been leased instead of purchased. Some training trips were cancelled. Staff has worked with them to make sure the building issues can be addressed as

economically as possible, and it is true that from under the surface of the building serious issues have emerged, even unknown to the building owner.

The amount of funds being requested at this time exceed any program we have at the moment other than development agreements, and thus, that mechanism would be the device to be used by the applicant, or the building owner, or both if there is a way to work this out. The applicants have indicated that they would be going on with the project regardless of the outcome of this request.

I would suggest that this matter be discussed *after* you have the discussion about the grant programs; there may be elements of that which help with this issue.

The applicants have worked very hard on their project and have the best of intentions. Staff wishes it shared the confidence they have as shown by their sales projections. The location is terrific and a successful business would be a welcome addition to River Street, and the business compliments the existing array of businesses there.

While staff cannot recommend City participation at this time, the applicant (and building owner) should have the opportunity to discuss this project with the Committee. Perhaps a different solution can be found.

This will be on the Community Development Committee agenda for Wednesday evening.

Please call with any questions. Thank you.

Attachments: Financials, Power Point, Applicant Analysis of expenditures

C: City Council  
Department Heads

### Projected sales

Area Population density	2600 Sq mile (data from Wikipedia)	
Year average kg per capita	18 Kg	Average american from Morning Broadcast, 20 Qrt = 18Kg
Estimate 25% eat gelato	4.5	
Est. Year production	11700 Kg	Kg x capita
Price sale per Kg	22 \$	
Projected gross income	257400 \$	
Serving size	100 gr	(90 gr small, 100 gr medium, 110 gr large)
Year production / serving	117000 EA	
Per month	9750 EA	
Per day	390 EA	
Per hour	43.33 EA	

### O'Sole mio estimate sale per day

<b>Serving size (gr)</b>	<b>100 gr</b>
Projected year production	11700 Kg
Serving per year	117000 EA
Conservative %	60% (High months and low months)
Serving per year	70200 EA
Per month	5850 EA
Per day	234 EA
Per hour	26 EA

**O'Sole Mio  
Gross Margins**

**What are the direct costs for producing your products and services and what margins will you achieve?**

<b>Gelato</b>		<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Percent</u>
-Type of Units	Each		
-Average Price per Unit	\$	3.50	100.00%
-Average Material Costs per Unit	0.40		
-Average Labor Costs per Unit	<u>0.22</u>		
-Total Product Costs per Unit	\$	<u>0.62</u>	17.71%
-Gross Margin per Unit	\$	<u><u>2.88</u></u>	82.29%
-Year Two Price per Unit	\$	3.50	
-Year Two Total Costs per Unit	\$	0.75	
-Year Three Price per Unit	\$	3.50	
-Year Three Total Costs per Unit	\$	0.75	

<b>Antipasti</b>		<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Percent</u>
-Type of Units	Each		
-Average Price per Unit	\$	7.50	100.00%
-Average Material Costs per Unit	0.78		
-Average Labor Costs per Unit	<u>0.42</u>		
-Total Product Costs per Unit	\$	<u>1.20</u>	16.00%
-Gross Margin per Unit	\$	<u><u>6.30</u></u>	84.00%
-Year Two Price per Unit	\$	7.50	
-Year Two Total Costs per Unit	\$	1.20	
-Year Three Price per Unit	\$	7.50	
-Year Three Total Costs per Unit	\$	1.20	

<b>Bar</b>		<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Percent</u>
-Type of Units	Each		
-Average Price per Unit	\$	7.50	100.00%
-Average Material Costs per Unit	0.90		
-Average Labor Costs per Unit	<u>0.18</u>		
-Total Product Costs per Unit	\$	<u>1.08</u>	14.40%
-Gross Margin per Unit	\$	<u><u>6.42</u></u>	85.60%
-Year Two Price per Unit	\$	7.50	
-Year Two Total Costs per Unit	\$	1.08	
-Year Three Price per Unit	\$	7.50	
-Year Three Total Costs per Unit	\$	1.08	



# O'Sole Mio Project Update

Andrea and Tory Chiappelli

February 5th 2013



## Project Overview

- O'Sole Mio is a Gelateria Café Bar
- Serving Gelato, Appetizers, Panini (Italian sandwiches)
- Fountain drinks, Italian aperitif's, coffee, tea, wine and beer.
- Hours of operation, Tuesday thru Thursday 11:00am to 8:00pm, Friday and Saturday 11:00am thru 10:00pm, Sunday 8:00am thru 6:00pm. Monday closed. (Making Gelato)





## Current Status

- Project Budget.
  - Estimated business build out budget of \$65,000
  - Current investments in construction \$145,000
  - Capital invested for business build out \$75,800
  - Capital invested for upgrades (code and safety) \$65,200
  
- Estimated opening date 3-1-2013
  - Original opening date; 2-1-2013



## Timeline





## Issues and Resolutions

### ■ Building upgrades

- The existing furnace room along the back of the space was not fire rated. The following is a list of what needs to be done:
  - 5/8" fire rated drywall on both the inside and outside of the space
  - Additional sprinkler heads added to closet
  - Fire rated drop ceiling added to space
  - 1 hour fire rated doors (total of 5 needed)
- Gas pipe was used for 60% of the electrical conduit in the existing space- existing electrical outlets not done to code
  - All was removed in demolition of the space
  - New electrical conduit run throughout
- Electricity from the space next door was run to light the bathrooms
  - Existing electrical lines from space next door removed
  - New electrical lines run from the correct location
- Electricity from OSM run to power furnace in apartment upstairs



## Issues and Resolutions

- Electricity was coming from out of date electrical box from far north end of building
  - Existing electrical lines removed and capped at electrical box
  - Resolution in progress
- Bathrooms were not ADA compliant
  - Toilets and sinks not ADA compliant
  - Bathrooms were not big enough for ADA compliance
  - Missing ramp to bathrooms for ADA compliance
  - All plumbing not compliant to code
  - Space completely gutted
  - New plans drawn for space
  - Completely reframed and fitted for ADA compliance
  - Ramp built to bathroom
  - Fire rated doors for both bathrooms added
  - ADA bars added for compliance
  - New plumbing run throughout



## Issues and Resolutions

- Ceiling in bathrooms leaking
  - Currently investigating remedies for this problem
- Holes at top of bathroom walls currently covered with insulation only
  - Currently investigating remedies for this problem
- Code calls for second egress not currently existing
  - Second door planned for south end of space
  - Landing and ramp planned for south end of space
- Sprinkler system not adequate for space
  - Several sprinkler heads to be lowered
  - Plans for four additional sprinkler heads added to system
- Alarm system not adequate for space
  - Additional strobe alarms planned for space
  - Additional alarm equipment needed
- Existing space not insulated from apartment above
  - Insulation fitted in ceiling
  - Acoustic tiles fitted for space

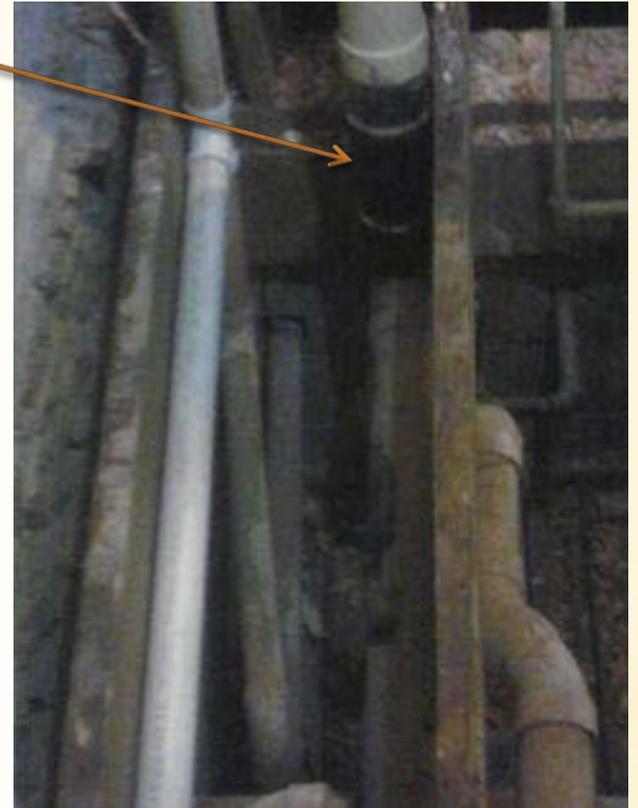


## Issues and Resolutions

- 3 foot by 7 foot hole at back of building currently supported by 2x4s and plywood (we're EXTREMELY lucky that somebody hasn't fallen through this floor yet)
  - 2x4s currently splitting and nails popping out
  - Current support system not anchored to wall
  - Completely remove current floor
  - Rebuilt support and flooring to code
- New plumbing throughout space
  - 25% old plumbing parts made of ABS (Illegal in Illinois)
  - New plumbing to be run throughout
  - Water supply to OSM bathroom supplying Pal Joey's bar
    - Fixed

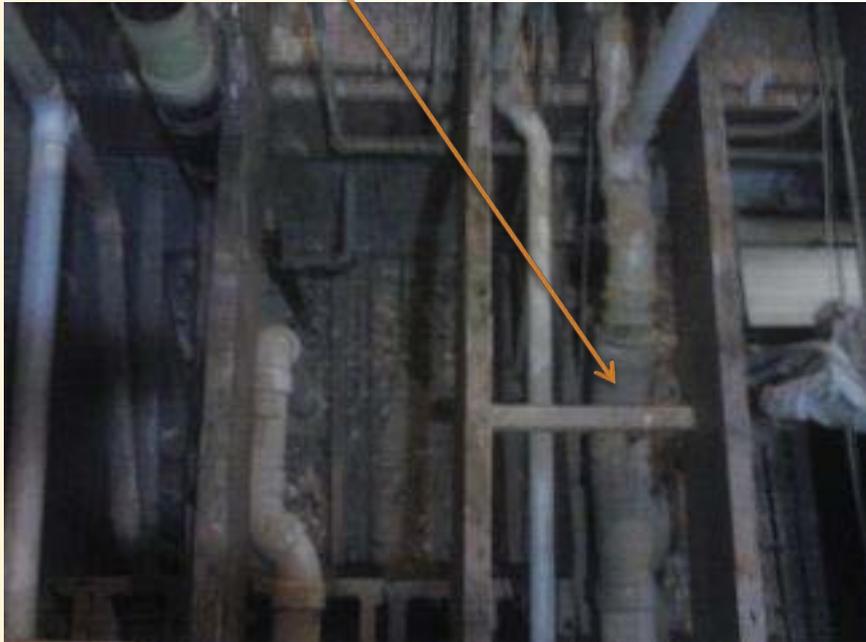


## Mix Pipes PVC ABS





Mix Pipes PVC ABS





Gas pipe (used for electrical)



Roof leak





3 foot by 7 foot hole at back of building currently supported by 2x4s and plywood (we're EXTREMELY lucky that somebody hasn't fallen through)



Floor fixed from the basement





## Looking Ahead

- O'Sole Mio is planning to start with a staff of 5 employees
  - We can teach the art to Gelato making to young generation
  - We will offer employment to Batavia residents
- O'Sole Mio will generate tax revenue for the city
- All of the improvements will raise the value of the building
- O'Sole Mio has the potential to bring more traffic to the new River Street in Batavia
- O'Sole Mio will be a complement to existing businesses

# CITY OF BATAVIA

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**DATE:** February 8, 2013  
**TO:** Community Development Committee  
**FROM:** Bill McGrath, City Administrator  
**SUBJECT:** TIF finances and planning

The last meeting did not leave much time for quality discussion of the TIF finances and the impact they have upon the 2 basic strategies for the downtown. Those are streetscape improvements (which includes purely aesthetic issues, infrastructure not paid for by utilities, and some safety improvements) and use of funds for property acquisition and actual redevelopment projects. Redevelopment projects include the grant programs currently under discussion and miscellaneous smaller projects such as assistance to upgrade the Riverwalk).

Attached are 2 spreadsheets. The first (Example #1) is the most recent rendition of the spreadsheet which includes conservative estimates as to continued TIF revenues, and the most accurate numbers we have on several projects. The River Street project is still being closed out, and we still have not received IDOT's conclusion as to the results of the Wilson Street project. We have third party engineer's estimates for Houston Street, staff engineers' estimates for Batavia Avenue and South Water. These comprise the projects that have firmly been discussed, though Water Street has not been formally adopted as following Batavia Avenue to my understanding.

Other costs that might arise on the "streetscape side" are upgrades to "neighborhoods" or areas not yet fully discussed or included in current projects, though they may appear in the Streetscape Framework Plan. These include the following, along with some relevant issues relating to each regarding timing or importance:

1. Wilson Street between River and Prairie Street. While we are getting new sidewalks and some rearrangement of lights, etc as part of the Interconnect project, there are no true streetscape elements planned for this area at this time. Unless there is a change to the actual Prairie and Wilson intersection required related to the tracks, the 2017 Prairie Street rebuild is independent of any further Wilson Street streetscape activities. The ½ block where the Baptist Church is located is also seen as a redevelopment block so there is a better chance for integrated design and improvements.
2. North Island Ave. and N Water Street. These two streets were the legs of the Houston Street project. Staff considers the 0-100 block of N. Water to be a redevelopment site, especially with the possibility of the Methodist Church acquiring the Hubbard's building. A sidewalk on the west side is on our "safety" list but we will be working on some right of way issues that have arisen when we began discussing a request by the Church to change the zoning of the former Hubbard's Office furniture building. It may require some survey work and involve the Open Range property. Island Avenue we feel, esp. with the corners at Wilson being improved, is not in need except for possibly bike route signage which is being worked on.
3. First Street & Shumway were the legs of the S. Water Street neighborhood. First Street will be a very expensive proposition and there is great uncertainty because of its designation as the bridge route which may involve road (and utility) relocation at the east end. We are concerned with the lack of sidewalk to service the BEI properties in the area and will be putting in a corner to accommodate a crosswalk this year. However, a new

sidewalk from the BEI offices west to that new corner may require some tough design work, not only because of drainage issues associated with its industrial nature and sunken dock, but the fact that several parking spaces are directly accessed by driving across what would be the sidewalk area. We will be doing some striping to make sure the recommended ped path is obvious. Shumway is in limbo because of the Walgreens project.

There are a few observations to be made about spreadsheet Example #1.

1. The costs for River St. and Wilson are not final. The Wilson St. low bid is apparently approximately \$400,000 below engineer's estimate, but IDOT has to finish its analysis of the bids and bidders before it is finalized. The magnitude of the difference between bid and estimate is concerning.
2. The costs for Batavia Avenue and S. Water are estimates only, and of course are dependent upon actual design. For S. Water we have designed a simple street with sidewalks and parking on both sides. It may require obtaining additional property, but in the far future. If and when a bridge is built, and this is still the preferred route, the NW corner of Main & Water will have to be reconfigured for trucks. We don't know the implications of improvements to the BEI property at the S.E. corner of First and Water as has been exhibited over the last few years.
3. We don't know what miscellaneous items will arise that would be TIF eligible and appropriate. As you can see we have budgeted \$200,000 annually for grants, etc, but a look at this year's TIF budget reveals there are many legitimate issues within the districts.
4. You will see a deficit shown at the end of 2013. We believe that the Wilson Street project, for which the cost is advanced by the State of Illinois and billed back to the City later, will actually be paid over 2013 and 2104, so we are not concerned. In fact, if you notice, we have shown the cost of Batavia Avenue, (which currently does not have the benefit of any outside funding at this time, is spread over 2 years, because that again will be a State-managed project.
5. Going ahead with Houston Street at its current estimated cost will require a loan from the General Fund for cash flow purposes, as has been discussed several times. We show it being paid off over the next 5 years.
6. Cell G26 shows a projected estimated sum of \$8.6 million for streetscape through 2017 and Cell N24 shows a projected \$7 million available from 2017 through 2027 for redevelopment projects aside from grants, loans and miscellaneous. This roughly approximates the 50/50 policy regarding use of TIF funds as between streetscape and redevelopment.
7. However, there are implications to the current timing shown in this spreadsheet. The \$7 million will be less in real dollars because of the period of time over which it is produced, the \$8.6 million is in current dollars, and the \$8.6 will be more because of rises in construction costs. There will most likely be a need for larger lump sums in terms of cash for redevelopment projects, so if borrowing is required, there will be a decrease in useful funds due to interest. There will also be a decreased number of years to pay a loan back, whether it is a City-issued bond or a developer-based bank loan, so less will be able to be financed and there will be much larger payments. Lastly, the decreasing term of the TIF will leave less time for the TIF to reap the benefit of the new values due to

redevelopment and reinvest them in additional TIF improvements. Of course, the real purpose of the TIF is for permanent eav increase, and the taxing bodies will be getting closer to getting the benefits of eav increase. To show the impacts of the current timing of streetscape projects, I have attached a second spreadsheet (Example #2) to show the availability of funds for redevelopment if the streetscape projects were spread over a larger period of time and another loan from the General Fund was used. This was just an exercise but I wanted to give you something to look at to get used to seeing the impacts caused by changing priorities and schedules, which is simply bound to happen. We can do more examples at the meeting.

It appears that the following are the decisions to be made:

1. Formally adopt the order of streetscape projects shown on the spreadsheet. I believe that everything but S. Water has been approved but there should be a vote by the City Council so staff can be confident in planning and budgeting.
2. Formally adopt a policy that the smaller streets mentioned in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above be dealt with individually and as circumstances dictate, but not to engage in formal planning nor set aside TIF funds for them, again unless circumstances dictate.
3. Determine a schedule for the streetscape projects with the notion that that schedule may have to be change depending on the value of redevelopment opportunities that come our way.

This matter is up for discussion at the Wednesday, February 13, 2013 Community Development Committee meeting.

Please call with any questions or with any other examples you would like us to show at the meeting. Thank you.

Attachments: spreadsheets

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**MINUTES**  
**January 29, 2013**  
**Community Development Committee**  
**And**  
**City Services Committee Joint Meeting**  
**City of Batavia**

Please **NOTE:** These minutes are not a word-for-word transcription of the statements made at the meeting, nor intended to be a comprehensive review of all discussions. They are intended to make an official record of the actions taken by the Committee/City Council, and to include some description of discussion points as understood by the minute-taker. They may not reference some of the individual attendee's comments, nor the complete comments if referenced.

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**1. Roll Call**

**Community Development Committee Roll Call-**

**Members Present:** Chair Brown; Vice-Chair Wolff; Aldermen Sparks, Clark, and Stark

**Members Absent:** Aldermen Chanzit and Atac

**City Services Committee Roll Call-**

**Members Present:** Chair Volk; Vice-Chair Liva; Ald. O'Brien, Frydendall and Jungels

**Members Absent:** Aldermen Tenuta and Dietz

**Also Present:** Mayor Schielke (arrived at 7:34pm); Jeff Albertson, Building Commissioner; Scott Buening, Community Development Director; Drew Rackow, Planner; Andrea Podraza, Civil Engineer; Deputy Fire Chief Randy Banker, Batavia Fire Department; and Jennifer Austin-Smith, Recording Secretary

**2. Approve Minutes for City Services on December 4, 2012 and January 8, 2013; Approve Minutes for CDC for January 15, 2013**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes for City Services on December 4, 2012 and January 8, 2013

**Maker:** Jungels

**Second:** Liva

**Voice Vote:** 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent  
Motion carried.

**Motion:** To approve the minutes for the Community Development Committee for January 15, 2013

**Maker:** Wolff

**Second:** Sparks

**Voice Vote:** 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent

Motion carried.

### **3. Items Removed/Added/Changed**

Buening stated that staff would like to remove agenda item number nine from the meeting. Additional information is needed for staff to investigate and discuss before presenting this to the Committee. There were no objections to the removal of this discussion.

### **4. Resolution 13-14-R: Agreement with WBK for Braeburn Marsh Maintenance (Andrea Podraza 1/Ordinance 13-06: Variance for a Covered Front Porch Setback, 610 Ritter 18/13)**

Podraza updated the Committee on the Braeburn Marsh maintenance. Podraza reported there is a mandatory five-year monitoring to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). WBK did the work for the design for the Braeburn Marsh and did the first recording document that is going to the USACE. Staff has asked WBK to prepare a proposal to monitor the project which will be done twice a year, in the spring and the fall. WBK would then prepare the report. WBK would be charged with getting the Braeburn Marsh up to the standard in order to be released from the USACE. This resolution is to authorize an agreement with WBK for those services for five years.

Podraza continued that staff will be putting bids out for qualified consultants for services to actually do the work since staff was unable to do the work in-house last year. There will also be a scheduled burn this year as well.

The City Services Committee (CSC) discussed the five-year mandatory monitoring and invasive species removal. Mayor Schielke spoke in favor of approving this resolution. He noted that the marsh needs a lot of work. He shared that there is a lot of garbage in that area and the marsh's undergrowth has become significant. The marsh desperately needs to be burned off.

Jungels stated that a couple of years ago there were several residents in Braeburn who were interested in cleaning up the marsh. She stated that she has had residents contact her and ask her if City Staff and the Forest Preserve are forming a group for cleaning up the marsh. Jungels noted that this would be a good facet for cleaning up the garbage that has accumulated there as well. Podraza responded that the marsh is a Forest Reserve parcel. She will contact the Forest Preserve and speak with Noel Basquin, City Engineer, as well regarding this issue. Podraza shared that she will report back to the Committee sometime in February or March.

Liva discussed the contract. He stated that he would like the contract written per year, not to exceed on an annual basis versus a five-year total.

**Motion:** To approve Resolution 13-14-R: Authorizing an agreement with WBK for Braeburn Marsh Maintenance not to exceed \$25,591.11

**Maker:** Jungels

**Second:** O'Brien

**Voice Vote:** 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent  
Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

**5. Resolution 13-18-R: Authorizing Execution of Easement Agreement and Grant of Easement for 10-90 N. Island Avenue (Karen Young 1/24/13)**

Podraza reported that this resolution is for streetscape improvements. On Wilson Street there is a two foot easement strip that staff is requesting for additional sidewalk. On the corner on Island Avenue it is for the landscape improvements. She noted that all of the improvements are shown in the exhibits.

Brown stated that the landlord, Alex Brothers, have been very cooperative with the City and he would like to thank them for their support.

**Motion:** To approve Resolution 13-18-R: Authorizing execution of easement agreement and grant of easement for 10-90 N. Island Avenue  
**Maker:** Stark  
**Second:** Wolff  
**Voice Vote:** 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent  
Motion carried.  
CONSENT AGENDA

**6. Resolution 13-05-R: Declaring Surplus Property (Randy Banker 1/16/2013)**

Banker reported that the Fire Department recently took possession of a new Ford F550 Squad and it is now in service. This vehicle was a replacement for a 1991 GMC/Pierce Squad Pumper. Banker would like to recommend that the Committee declare the 1991 GMC/Pierce Squad Pumper surplus property so that we may sell or auction the vehicle.

**Motion:** To approve Resolution 13-05-R: Declaring the 1991 GMC/Pierce Squad Pumper surplus property  
**Maker:** Liva  
**Second:** Jungels  
**Voice Vote:** 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent  
Motion carried.  
CONSENT AGENDA

**7. Dedications Hamlet Union and Van Buren (Scott Buening 1/24/13)**

**Resolution 13-15-R Dedication of Part of Hamlet Street**

**Resolution 13-16-R Dedication of Part of Union Street**

**Resolution 13-17-R Dedication of Part of S. Van Buren Street**

Buening reported that these are parcels of land that the City owns that were acquired over a period of time through deeds from various property owners. They are all areas that are actively used as roadways but are not dedicated as roadways. That creates some problems when using motor fuel tax funds to improve the streets and there is some question on the ability to enforce traffic laws on these parcels of land that are not dedicated roadways. Staff is working on acquiring parcels under private ownership that Hamlet Street is over to dedicate as right-of-way. Staff has a couple other parcels that are unincorporated that are owned by the City. Once the City annexes those parcels staff will return to the Committee to have those dedicated as well.

**Motion:** To approve Resolution 13-15-R: Dedication of Part of Hamlet Street  
**Maker:** Wolff  
**Second:** Stark  
**Voice Vote:** 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent  
Motion carried.  
CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion:** To approve Resolution 13-16-R: Dedication of Part of Union Street  
**Maker:** Stark  
**Second:** Wolff  
**Voice Vote:** 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent  
Motion carried.  
CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion:** To approve Resolution 13-17-R: Dedication of part of S. Van Buren Street  
**Maker:** Wolff  
**Second:** Stark  
**Voice Vote:** 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent  
Motion carried.  
CONSENT AGENDA

**8. Ordinance 13-09: Granting a Variance for an Interior Side Setback (Drew Rackow 1/24/13)**

Rackow reported that the variance for an interior side setback would facilitate the construction of an elevator. The R0 setback is 15 feet. The request would be a 12 foot setback allowing the elevator to project three feet into the interior side setback on the east side of the property. Rackow stated that at the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing, one member of the public spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance. The Zoning Board felt that this would be an appropriate situation to use the reasonable accommodation provision that is allowed under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Zoning Board found in favor the subsequent findings required for a variance. The Zoning Board recommendation was a vote of 6-0 to approve this variance and staff recommends approval of this variance as presented.

The Community Development Committee discussed the variance and setback. Rackow noted that the elevator projection is a little wider than the standard chimney but will have a similar appearance from the outside. Sparks questioned if the applicant would still have to hold to the light and vent requirements under the building code for the basement due to the removal of a window. Albertson answered that the light and vent requirements can be provided artificially in the basement. The only requirement is that they have an escape window in which the applicants will still have. Wolff asked about fire protection requirements. Albertson stated that there is no fire protection in a single family house that the elevator would affect.

**Motion:** To approve Ordinance 13-09: Granting a Variance for an Interior Side Setback  
**Maker:** Wolff  
**Second:** Stark

**Roll Call Vote:**       **Aye:** Brown, Wolff, Sparks, Clark, Stark  
                              **Nay:**  
                              5-0 Vote, 2 Absent, Motion carried.

**9. Discussion: Multifamily Concrete Floor Separations (Jeff Albertson 1/23/13)**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**10. Project Status Update**

Buening reported that Wal-Mart is underway with construction. Chick-Fil-A is opening February 7<sup>th</sup> and staff is coordinating with them for crowd control with the Police Department. Pep Boys and the retail building next to it have submitted for permit and staff is reviewing the request and the permit should be issued in a few weeks.

**11. Other**

Volk stated that there has been a determination by staff to move the Peapod half marathon completely to the bike path. Volk stated that he and Alderman Clark have received several emails opposed to this change. Volk and Clark invited the organizers, runners and various stakeholders to the February 5<sup>th</sup> City Services Committee meeting. Also to be discussed at the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting is the issue with train horns.

Volk stated that several members of the public wish to address the Committee regarding the sidewalk program, particularly on Spring and Washington. Volk invited the meeting attendees to address the Committee.

Jerry Miller, 220 Spring Street, addressed the Committee. He stated that he and his neighbors have all lived at their homes for forty years or more. Miller stated that they have all survived without a sidewalk for those years. He was informed this week that the City would like to put in a sidewalk this year. Originally, the sidewalk was planned for 2015. Miller does not understand why there is a need for a sidewalk. There is not a lot of foot traffic on Spring Street. Having a sidewalk on his side of the street will result in a loss of privacy. He is totally opposed to the sidewalk.

Felix Bowen, 130 North Washington Ave, stated that he also received the letter regarding the proposed sidewalk. His main complaint with the placement of this sidewalk is that it would be very close to his bedroom window the way his house sits on the lot. He is very opposed to the sidewalk placed on his side of the street. He noted that if there has to be a sidewalk, he would like to see it placed on the north side of the street. He knows that it will cost more money on the north side of the street but if we wait five years longer to put it onto the north side of the street it would surely become more expensive. He does not see how being cheap this year will help.

Manuel Martinez, 129 North Van Buren St, stated that there is not a lot of foot traffic on their street. He has a problem with the sidewalk being close to his house. He shared that he already experienced theft at his house and does not want to encourage more. He asserted that the sidewalk would bring people closer to his house which may cause more theft.

Volk stated that staff will notify them once the discussion regarding the Spring Street sidewalk is scheduled for City Services. Brown stated that if there were to be a sidewalk on Spring Street, he feels that it would be more appropriate on the north side. Volk stated that he will email McGrath and Buening regarding the location of the sidewalk.

**12. Matters From the Public**

There were no matters from the public.

**13. Adjournment**

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Volk asked for a motion to adjourn the City Services Committee meeting at 8:04pm; Made by O'Brien; Seconded by Jungels. Motion carried.

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Brown asked for a motion to adjourn the Community Development Committee meeting at 8:04pm; Made by Wolff; Seconded by Sparks. Motion carried.