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**Community Invited to Second Downtown Redevelopment Planning Workshop**

The second in a series of workshops to gather community input and comment to help craft a plan for the redevelopment of the greater downtown area is scheduled for 7 p.m., Wed., Sept. 22 at Oak Park-River Forest High School, 201 N. Scoville Ave.

Conceptual designs based upon an earlier community workshop and focus groups will be presented by Crandall Arambula, a planning firm with a national reputation for urban and community design projects that help revitalize aging business districts, while also maintaining their character and charm

Among the range of factors being considered are quality of life, economic viability, building height, building design, density, parking, traffic, housing types, public improvements, environmental impacts and land use. Information gathered at the workshops and focus groups will be incorporated in a plan for consideration by the Village Board early next year.

Crandall Arambula was selected from a field of 17 firms that responded to a request for qualifications (RFQ) issued by the Village as part of increased efforts to focus on planning in response to the growing interest of developers in the greater downtown area. The firm also has been charged with addressing the Downtown Tax Increment Finance District (TIF) plan, a necessary step should the TIF be extended beyond its 2006 expiration date.

For more information on the upcoming meeting or planning programs, call 358.5418, email [GDTMasterPlan@oak-park.us](mailto:GDTMasterPlan@oak-park.us) or visit [www.oak-park.us](http://www.oak-park.us), the official Village website.

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