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Board to Take Public Comments on Proposed High School Garage Design

The Village Board will host a public meeting for residents to comment on the design of a parking garage under consideration for construction on property owned by Oak Park-River Forest High School District 200. The meeting is scheduled for 7 – 10 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 20, in Council Chambers of Village Hall, 123 Madison St. Comments to the Village Board also may be made via email to [board@oak-park.us](mailto:board@oak-park.us). Email messages must include the sender's name, address and daytime telephone number.

In a related matter, the Zoning Board of Appeals has scheduled a public hearing to review a request for a special use permit to build the parking garage on high school property just south of the field house along the Lake Street. The ZBA hearing is scheduled for 8 p.m., Mon., Feb. 24, in Council Chambers.

The garage design under consideration, which was unanimously approved by the Historic Preservation Commission, would provide parking for approximately 300 vehicles. During the day, garage parking would be restricted to high school staff. The garage would be available to patrons of nighttime and weekend activities at the school, as well as at Ridgeland Commons and the Farmers' Market.

The garage is part of a comprehensive parking management plan proposed by the Village for the area bounded by Oak Park Avenue, Ridgeland Avenue, Chicago Avenue and South Boulevard. The plan also includes new regulations intended to ease congestion and traffic on residential streets in the neighborhood.

For more information on the plan, call 358.5640 or email [devsvcs@oak-park.us](mailto:devsvcs@oak-park.us).

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