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Harlem-Ontario Development Discussions to Continue

The Village Board will host a public meeting at 7:30 p.m., Wed., Sept. 10, at Village Hall, 123 Madison St., to discuss future development of the publicly owned property at Harlem Avenue and Ontario Street. Wednesday's meeting will be the third in what is expected to be four special public meetings on the topic.

The first two meetings focused on community concerns and specific development ideas created and presented by neighborhood residents. This upcoming meeting is expected to include a presentation by Whiteco Residential LLC, suggesting redesign options for its original proposal for the site based on the more than 50 hours of public input and testimony before the Plan Commission and Village Board.

Whiteco's original proposal, which included more than 200 rental apartments, a 450-plus-car public parking garage, an upscale health club and a *Trader Joe's* market, was withdrawn from consideration in response to neighborhood concerns. A revised proposal has not been officially filed with the appropriate Village municipal authorities, and is not expected until some time after the Village Board's series of public meetings.

Wednesday's meeting will be a working session of the Village Board for discussion purposes only. No public comment or official actions on a specific project or redevelopment agreement is planned.

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