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Community Invited to Help Plan Chicago Avenue Improvements

The first in a series of three public meetings to craft a vision for future improvements to the Chicago Avenue Business District from Ridgeland Avenue to Austin Boulevard is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tues., Dec. 7 at West Suburban Medical Center, 3 Eric Ct. Meetings also are scheduled for Jan. 11 and Feb. 8.

Representatives of Solomon Cordwell Buenz (SCB), an architecture, urban planning and interior design firm chosen through a competitive selection process to conduct the study of the eastern end of Chicago Avenue, will lead the public meetings. Ample opportunity for community dialogue is planned for all three meetings.

The final plan, expected to be complete in spring, will cover a wide range of options, from improving the business district's physical image to increasing the market potential for both current and future businesses. Design guidelines, development ideas and business strategies for improving the district will be part of the plan.

Residents unable to attend a session, but who wish to keep up to date on the project will be able to find the latest information by visiting www.oak-park.us, the Village's official website where information presented and gathered at the sessions will be posted. Comments also can be made via email at ChicagoAvenuePlan@oak-park.us or by phone at 708.358.5418.

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