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Oak Park, Berwyn, Cicero Officials to Discuss Roosevelt Road Recommendations

Members of the Oak Park Village Board, Berwyn City Council and Cicero Town Council will gather at 7 p.m., Thurs., Oct. 5, in the Grand Ballroom in the Carleton Hotel, 1110 Pleasant St., in Oak Park, to discuss how the three communities can work together to implement recommendations from a comprehensive planning study for Roosevelt Road.

The *Roosevelt Road Planning Study*, prepared by Chicago-based planning consultant Farr Associates and funded by a state grant, identified the corridor's assets and offered a range of ideas on how best to invigorate the area. Recommendations, which grew from extensive public involvement in the process, include encouraging pedestrian travel with wider sidewalks, landscaping and better lighting; improving traffic flow and control with medians; and attracting specialized boutiques and residential development to the area.

The study can be viewed at www.oak-park.us – mouse-over the Departments tab, click on Planning and look for the link along the right margin.

While residents of Oak Park, Berwyn, and Cicero are welcome to attend the joint meeting at the Carleton Hotel – and even encouraged to do so – a public comment period is not planned. Much of the discussion will focus on updating officials elected on discussions members of the Roosevelt Road Advisory Committee had during the past three months. These discussions focused on coordinating efforts in areas such as zoning and capital improvement funding. Next steps in this process also will be discussed.

A video recording of the meeting will be broadcast on VOP-TV, the Village's television station available to Oak Park cable subscribers on Channel 6, at 11 a.m., Sat., Oct. 7; 7 p.m., Tues., Oct. 10; and 11 a.m., Thurs., Oct. 12.

For more information on the meeting or the study, contact the Village's Community Planning & Development Department at 358.5425, or email planning@oak-park.us.

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