

DTOP Sub Area Plan
Steering Committee Meeting
August 23, 2005, 6:30 p.m.
Colt Building / Walking Tour

Present: Greg Marsey, Ray Johnson, Ilhan Avcioglu, Doug Gilbert, Sonny Ginsberg, Colette Lueck, Rich Carollo, Vince Michael, Steve Rouse, Carolyn Saxton
Absent: Bob Tucker

Village staff: Craig Failor, Doug Kaarre

The Committee reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from August 2 and August 16. There was a question regarding the August 9 minutes which will be investigated by staff. Review of the August 9 minutes were continued to the next meeting.

Motion by Rouse to approve the August 2 meeting minutes as submitted. Second by Ginsberg. Motion approved.

Motion by Rouse to approve the August 16 meeting minutes as submitted. Second by Marsey. Motion approved.

Walking Tour of Colt Building, 1118 Westgate, 1122 Westgate, 1145 Westgate, and Lake, Marion and Westgate Streets.

Approximately 40 people were given an interior tour of the Colt Building, led by Tim Hague and Stacy Taxman of the Taxman Corp., owners of the building. The group visited vacant spaces in the basement and first floor, as well as the mechanical room.

Following the tour of this building, the group was led down Lake Street to Marion Street, down Marion Street to Westgate, and then onto Westgate. This tour was led by Frank Lipo, executive director of the Historical Society of Oak Park & River Forest. Mr. Lipo provided a handout featuring historic photos of several buildings along the tour. This portion of the tour focused on the history of the buildings and general area and exterior facades.

The building at 1118 Westgate, owned by the Village of Oak Park, was opened on both the first and second floors for viewing. The second floor office of Dr. Gene Reisinger, who owns 1122 Westgate, was also available for viewing.

Mr. Hague and Ms. Taxman provided a tour of the 1145 Westgate building, owned by the Taxman Corp. Several vacant office spaces were viewed on the first and second floor, as well as the mechanical rooms.

Following the tour, the Committee met in the vacant retail space at 1133 Lake Street to discuss the format of the following week's meeting. Four consultants will meet with the

Committee on the 30th. Mr. Marsey suggested the Committee be prepared at the next meeting in case they are ready to begin sketching. Mr. Avcioglu suggested that the Committee would not be ready as there were still unresolved issues. Mr. Rouse requested copies of the environmental Phase I report for the Colt Building and 1145 Westgate. Ms. Taxman agreed to provide them. It was noted that the preference survey is available on the Village website, and that the meeting minutes will be posted on the website the following morning after they are approved.

The next meeting on August 30 will be held in Room 101 of Village Hall.

Adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Doug Kaarre