



Community Meeting Notice for

## Planning/Design of Downtown Parking Garage and Street System

The Village of Oak Park is initiating a process to plan and design a new parking garage in Downtown together with improved streets and streetscape for blocks adjacent to the garage. This work is considered a key implementation initiative based on recent updates to the Village's Downtown Master Plan and additional technical studies that have been undertaken. The goal of this project is to develop a modern facility that accommodates the increasing parking needs of the active core of Downtown, along with associated street and streetscape improvements.

The Village would like to invite you to participate in this process by attending a series of community meetings. Public involvement in the design process is very important to the implementation of the future vision for Downtown. It will ultimately result in better planning decisions because you, your neighbors and local business and property owners will all be involved in the creation of much needed changes to our central business district.

**Planning/Design Team:** The Village of Oak Park has selected the Desman Associates planning and design team to conduct this process. The team includes *Desman Associates*, for the functional planning, design and engineering of the parking deck, *Ross, Barney & Jankowski* for architectural design of the parking deck, *The Lakota Group* for area planning and streetscape design and *Metro Transportation Group* for transportation and overall parking related issues.

*The following are the community meeting dates, locations, and topics:*

### **COMMUNITY SESSION I: September 13, 2006 7:00 – 10:00 PM**

This workshop will focus on planning goals, design issues/concerns, and transportation, as well as opportunities for Downtown development and improvement. The Team will present initial findings, observations and strategies.

### **COMMUNITY SESSION II: October 18, 2006 7:00 – 10:00 PM**

The Team will present a summary of the site/area analysis, as well as development options, design concepts, and preliminary transportation recommendations. Those in attendance will be invited to provide feedback on the ideas presented.

### **COMMUNITY SESSION III: November 15, 2006 7:00 – 10:00 PM**

The Team will present the preferred design direction that resulted from input gathered during the process. The community will be given another opportunity to provide feedback that will be used to finalize the design direction.

*All three Community Sessions will be held at: Oak Park Village Hall - 123 Madison Street*

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NOTE: If you are unable to attend a community session or wish to review or comment on the project, a special web site will be created which can be accessed via the Village of Oak Park's web site at [www.oak-park.us](http://www.oak-park.us). All of the information presented and gathered at the community sessions will be posted on the project web site. Also, a special e-mail address ([ParkingAndStreetscape@desman.com](mailto:ParkingAndStreetscape@desman.com)) has been created for public use at any stage of the process where you can comment or ask questions about the planning process. Your e-mails will be sent directly to Desman Associates' project manager. You can also contact the Village by telephone at 708/358-5722