



Eastside Pioneers Neighborhood Association

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Neighborhood Elections

The Eastside Pioneers Neighborhood Association elections are scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 7 PM at the St. Francis Parish Activity Center, 1114 Third Street SE.

We will devote the entire hour to our neighborhood elections. There are board of directors positions as well as the president's seat up for elections this year.

Presidential duties include the following: 1) Presiding at all meetings of the Association and of its Executive Board, 2) Preparing a tentative agenda, 3) Representing ESPNA to committees and commissions of the City of Rochester and shall perform other duties normally expected of a presiding Officer, 4) Being an ex-officio member of all committees,

5) Having signatory authority for checks drawn on the account of the Association and 6) Having the right to approve all statements made on behalf of the Association.

Board responsibilities include the following, 1) Managing the daily affairs of the neighborhood association, 2) Making decisions and representing the interests of the neighborhood association on all matters for which it is impractical to present to the membership in advance. All such actions by the board shall be reported to the membership at the next regular meeting. 3) Appointing committees to perform necessary functions and representing the neighborhood

association on specified topics and 4) Establishing a plan for maintaining and encouraging involvement in the neighborhood association.

You may self nominate or have someone nominate you at the meeting. All those considering positions on the board or as president should be able to make the time commitment involved including attendance at all board meetings.

This is a real opportunity to help shape the direction and future of your neighborhood and community.

For more information go to our website at www.espna.us or contact Mike LaPlante, President at 507 244 1898 or at mlaplante@aol.com

before Dec. 1.

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Concerns etc., contact Mike at 507 244 1898.

Alternate Side Parking

This following announcement is for Eastside Pioneer neighbors in the alternate-side parking zone only. The alternate-side parking zone is located south of East Center, west of 11th Ave SE, north of 4th Street SE and west of 6th Ave SE.

The Public Works Department sign crew is taking down the alternate side parking signs in order to change the dates to "Dec. 1 – Mar. 1". There are 135 signs to be changed, and we plan to have all of them changed and re-installed

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Planning and Zoning Meeting

Don't forget to attend the neighborhood elections on Thursday, November 10, 7 PM at the St. Francis Parish Activity Center. This is a real opportunity to help shape the direction and future of your neighborhood and community.

Neighbors are strongly encouraged to attend and/or submit your input regarding the proposed River Walk Development at the upcoming Planning and Zoning Meeting on Wednesday, November 9, at the Government Center. See page 2 for additional information.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8

Proposed River Walk Downtown City Apartments Development

Public meeting Notice from the **City Planning and Zoning Commission** regarding the proposed River Walk Development located north of East Center, just east of the Mayo Ball Park entrance.

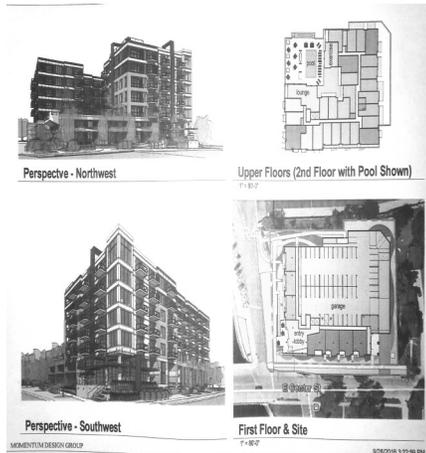
Notice is hereby given that the City Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public meeting at **6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 2016**, in the Council/Board Chambers of the Government Center, 151 4th Street SE, Rochester, MN to consider the following:

Restricted Development Preliminary Plan #R2016-034CUP Riverwalk Downtown City Apartments by GZ East Center Street, LLC to allow the development of a 6-story building with 149 residential units with 174 underground parking spaces, with a small area for a commercial use. The property is located along the north side of East Center Street east of the Zumbro River and south of Mayo Field.

All interested persons are invited to attend or submit written comment on this matter by 4 p.m. the Wednesday before the meeting date above. All interested persons are invited to attend or submit written comment on this matter. Agendas, staff reports, and minutes pertaining to this item will be posted on the City's website on the Friday before the meeting at:

<http://rochestercitymn.iqm2.com/Citizens/default.aspx>

The Eastside Pioneers Neighborhood Association (ESPNA) disseminated information re-



River Walk Downtown City Apartments Perspectives

garding the proposed development to neighbors prior to the Introductory Neighborhood Development meeting that was organized by the developer and held on Thursday, September 29 at the Residence of Old Town Hall.

The ESPNA board met with the developers a week prior to the September 29 meeting at which time we discussed their answers to our submitted questions regarding their project.

Discussion at the September 29 project introduction meeting revolved around concerns regarding impact on home values, property values, height of the project and shadow studies, setbacks on all sides of the project especially on the east side which would be closest to the neighborhood, traffic concerns, use of bump outs, traffic studies, proximity to Mayo Ball Park and to noise, parking concerns especially leased parking at Mayo Ball Park for guests etc., landscaping especially on the east side, nearest the entrance to the underground garage and to the residential home next door.

Requests were sent to the developer, Mike Zirbes, last week seeking the results of the neighborhood discus-

sion from the Sept 29 neighborhood introductory meeting. The requests were for information garnered by the developers at the meeting that could be provided to all concerned before the upcoming Planning and Zoning Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, especially those that were not able to attend the Sept 29th introductory meeting.

Specifically the request was for a summary of all discussion and developer's responses related to neighborhood thoughts and concerns regarding River Walk's impact on the neighborhood especially on the project's proximity to homes and other neighborhood structures, height of the structure and shadow studies etc., impact on traffic flow and parking, leased parking agreement with Mayo Ball Park for extra parking if needed, bump outs, installation of commercial business on main floor, set back and buffering concerns on the east side, the neighborhood side of the project, landscaping and buffering near the drive-in located on the east end of the project and impact of noise from Mayo Ball Park events on River Walk residents and assurances from River Walk management about a no complaint clause.

Mr. Zirbes, the developer, sent us a link today, Monday, October 31 to the city website where the entire project submittal package can be viewed. The traffic study, shadow study, neighborhood meeting minutes, etc., are part of the submittal and it is the most efficient way to view the material.

<http://www.rochestermn.gov/departments/planning-and-zoning/development-applications-and-fees/current-development-proposals>

If you have any questions, suggestions, thoughts or concerns regarding this project please contact Mike LaPlante, President at 507 244 1898 or at mlaplante@aol.com or go to our website at www.espna.us