



E-News Update –4/23/09

DuPage County Development Committee Postpones Action on Overlay District

The DuPage County Development Committee Zoning Board of Appeals has tabled action on T-01-09, the Proposed Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance relative to Workforce Development Housing, until their May 19, 2009 meeting. After hearing testimony from several individuals, municipalities and groups both for and against the measure, the committee voted to postpone action in order to gather additional information.

Because the issue is still in committee, THERE WILL NOT BE ANY ACTION TAKEN AT THE COUNTY BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 28th, as had been indicated in previous E-News Updates.

At the committee meeting, opposition centered primarily on technical issues such as density and permitted use of well and septic. Opponents expressed fears that the workforce housing developments would not be in character with surrounding existing structures. Some opponents noted that, while they had concerns with the specifics of the proposal, they supported the larger goal of providing workforce housing.

Chairman Gilgis outlined the collaborative three-year process that led to the development of the proposed amendments and is inviting representatives from the DuPage Housing Authority, the DuPage Health Department and the Mainstreet Organization of Realtors to the May 19th meeting to provide additional information on issues raised at the session. Paul Hoss of the County's Development Department explained that developers wishing to build under the ordinance would have to be certified by the county and that the proposed amendments are designed to work in concert with existing building codes that protect health, safety and aesthetic concerns.

Many thanks to everyone who testified, wrote letters and emails, and attended the meeting to show support. **We will need you to continue your efforts by attending the Development Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 19th, at 11 am in Room 3500B of the County Administration Building, 421 N. County Farm Road in Wheaton.** We are not coordinating additional public comment at this time, but we do need a strong showing of supporters in the room. It would be particularly helpful if the people who testified on Tuesday could attend.

If you have not yet sent a letter or email supporting the amendments, you can still submit correspondence to

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You also can fax or email your letters to Chairman Gilgis at (630) 353-0117 or kgilgis@dupageco.org.

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