

February 14, 2008

To: ZND re #071365 on Resolution connected to File No. 070964.

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ZND Committee Members,

A resolution permitting the "minor modifications" of the Phase 1 DPD parking structure is peculiar when the modifications, which are not in accordance with information given at public hearings, are already structurally in place.

I can understand the City's efforts in attempting to provide for procedural errors. Hopefully the City has new awareness that such resolutions need to be in place prior to construction.

Procedures related to this already have subjected the City to litigation. I'd like your assurance that the City Attorney's office has informed you that such a resolution "after the fact" is not likely to put the City at legal risk, and if it does, is legally defensible.

It's astounding to me that the modifications are considered "minor". The changes are certainly radically different from the description in the GPD. Perhaps the terms and conditions of what constitutes "minor", should have been and need to be shared with the public and at Public Hearings.

One change made as recently as the January '08 HPC meeting, has to do with the snow chute. It was changed to a snow gate. Statements at the HPC January meeting said that snow would be pushed through it to land in a truck that would cart the snow away. The truck would pull into the bank drive-thru driveway. That drive is located on the North side of the building. The notch related to the snow gate is located on the East side of the building, a far cry from dumping snow into the truck.

After the January HPC meeting Alderman D'Amato said to me, "You have to stop causing all these delays." At the CPC meeting last Monday, Feb 11, with two new members attending on the Commission, Alderman D'Amato included in his statement: You can see the project still has opponents. They continue to use every opportunity to stop the project. The same people show up again and again... He also asserted that public input and HPC involvements resulted in a parking structure building that nobody likes.

I resent the implication that being a concerned and vocal citizen translates into such personalized and inaccurate assertions.

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