

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Monday, December 02, 2019 11:02 AM
To: Mayra Rodriguez Valladares, MRV Associates
Cc: Trustee Veron; Trustee Lewis; Trustee Ross; Trustee Waldman; Trustee Crandall; Trustee Arest; Donna Conkling; Steve Pappalardo
Subject: Re: Freightway December 11th (3)

Thank you for your email, Mayra, and we hope you had a nice Thanksgiving holiday.

As we have mentioned to you previously, your Freightway questions are relevant and will be addressed in detail over time as the land use process progresses. In the meantime, the Village Board is acting in its fiduciary capacity to maximize the value of this important Village-owned asset. While the Board is committed to an inclusive public process, public disclosure of financial information could impede the Village's negotiating position with the two finalists and therefore impact the value of the Freightway property. Like you, we are focused on the detailed responses to your questions and we look forward to the process moving forward to the point at which these items will be addressed in a public forum.

The Village is seeking to select a designated developer with which to move forward with a public-private partnership to redevelop the Freightway site - in similar fashion to the successful public-private partnership that was used to develop Christie Place and provide the Village with substantial parking capacity for Village residents. We have been informed by Village consultants that re-opening the RFP process to the entire development community would be a show of bad faith that may cause some of the parties that responded to the RFEI to withdraw from the process. Since the RFEI was widely distributed to the regional development community, it was determined that the risks of widely distributing the RFP outweighed the potential benefits, and, accordingly, the Village Board decided to follow the strong advice of its consultants and issue to those RFEI respondents that submitted proposals that met the primary objectives of the RFEI, including the visioning study.

As the Village Board has mentioned on a number of occasions, we are seeking a development proposal that provides the community with a net fiscal benefit. Like you, we are residents that are seeking to enhance the vibrancy of the Village Center, including the primary Village commuter parking facility, while being fiscally responsible to existing taxpayers.

As you are aware, there is a community meeting scheduled on December 11th at 7pm in Rutherford Hall. We hope you are able to attend the meeting. If you are not available, the meeting will be taped and available for replay at your convenience and the public comment period will be open until January 23, 2020.

With regard to your other comments related to financial and strategic planning, we invite you to attend the Village Board meetings and work sessions that deal with the Village budget. These meetings address, among other things, long-term strategic and financial planning.

Best,

Marc

> On Dec 2, 2019, at 7:14 AM, Mayra Rodriguez Valladares, MRV Associates <mrvassoc@yahoo.com> wrote:
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> Thank you for writing, Jane. I am particularly disappointed that those of you with an MBA refuse to answer my questions.

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> Why does Scarsdale Village not have a long-term financial plan?

> Why does Scarsdale Village not have a strategic plan?

> Has anyone at Village Hall or the Board run the numbers for the Freightway Development? If no, why not? If yes, when will you release your analysis to residents?

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> Why are you not releasing any information about the financial condition of the developers proposing projects?

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> Why are you not releasing developers' financial projections for Freightway? Who validated and audited their projections?

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> What effect will Freightway Development have on Scarsdale residents' taxes?

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> Will current Scarsdale residents have to subsidize any new residents?

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> Did you give the developers' the Forum report that Susan and Scott Douglass, Brice and I worked on?

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> Why did you limit the proposals to just a few developers?

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> Almost 90% of Scarsdale residents have a college degree, a rate much higher than for the whole United States. Almost 60% of us hold graduate degrees. Why do you think that you are fulfilling your fiduciary responsibilities to taxpayers by refusing to answer our questions and hiding critical financial information from us?

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> Regards,

> Mayra

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Trustee Veron <jveron@scarsdale.com>

> Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 7:15 PM

> To: mrvassoc <mrvassoc@yahoo.com>

> Cc: Trustee Lewis <jlewis@scarsdale.com>; Mayor <mayor@scarsdale.com>; Trustee Ross <sross@scarsdale.com>; Trustee Waldman <rwaldman@scarsdale.com>; Trustee Crandall <lcrandall@scarsdale.com>; Trustee Arest <jarest@scarsdale.com>

> Subject: Re: Freightway December 11th

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> Hi Mayra. I have not written directly as we felt it best for the Mayor to write on our behalf instead of each of us responding individually. However, I do want to assure you that we read all of your emails and have done our best to address your questions. The Freightway Subcommittee compiled FAQs that we posted on the website, and we have reviewed your questions to make sure to include what answers we can provide at this time.

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> I am writing today so that you hear my voice as well. Please know that we feel deeply the commitment to provide information to the community, and we continue to address as many questions as swiftly as we can. We hope you are feel to join us at our public meeting on December 11, and you will have ample time thereafter to provide additional comment.

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> Wishing you a happy, healthy Thanksgiving, Jane

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> Jane Veron
> Deputy Mayor
> Follow me @TrusteeVeron on Twitter and Instagram

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> On Nov 27, 2019, at 5:16 PM, mrvassoc <mrvassoc@yahoo.com> wrote:

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> Thank you for writing Jonathan. Thank you for acknowledging that I have presented numerous questions. As the liaison to Old Scarsdale Neighborhood Association (OSNA), I encourage you to get me answers. The Freightway Subcommittee has nevered answered any of my questions. I assure you that I am not the only resident who has unanswered questions. If, as you say, the subcommittee has driven the process and analysis, then those three individuals are responsible for answering residents' questions fully.

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> Best regards,
> Mayra

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> Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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> ----- Original message -----
> From: Trustee Lewis <jlewis@scarsdale.com>
> Date: 11/27/19 14:59 (GMT-05:00)
> To: Mrvassoc@yahoo.com
> Cc: Mayor <mayor@scarsdale.com>, Trustee Lewis <jlewis@scarsdale.com>, Trustee Ross <ross@scarsdale.com>, Trustee Waldman <rwaldman@scarsdale.com>, Trustee Crandall <lcrandall@scarsdale.com>, Trustee Veron <jveron@scarsdale.com>, Trustee Arest <jarest@scarsdale.com>
> Subject: FW: Freightway December 11th

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> Dear Mayra, Thank you for your note. Also, thank you for your work on behalf of our community raising important questions about Freightway. It's important we meet community standards for excellence and transparency in this process and I agree your questions are important.

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> I am only seeing my village trustee correspondence now as I have been in meetings since early this morning in my office. Trustee Crandall drafted a summary of the Mayor's announcement, she has shared it with me, and in the interest of time, I am sharing it with you. I could not have written a better summary.. The Mayor's comments cover this in greater detail.

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> With regard to your questions, as you may recall, the Mayor created a subcommittee to guide the Frieghtway process. The Mayor, Trustee Veron, and Trustee Arest are the subcommittee. They are the best informed on Frieghtway issues and have driven the process and analysis. The Mayor chairs the subcommittee and is the most informed to answer your

questions. He will get back to you soon with greater detail. Given the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, he may be in transit, and it may take him longer to get back to you.

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> Best regards,
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> Jonathan

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> From: Trustee Crandall
> Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 12:11 PM
> To: Seth Ross; rwaldman5@gmail.com; Trustee Lewis
> Subject: Fwd: Freightway December 11th

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> FYI- see below
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> Lena Crandall, Scarsdale Village Trustee
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> Begin forwarded message:

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> From: Trustee Crandall <lcrandall@scarsdale.com<mailto:lcrandall@scarsdale.com>>
> Date: November 27, 2019 at 12:08:54 PM EST
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> Subject: Re: Freightway December 11th

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> Hi Sarah,

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> I understand that there will be every effort to get the word out. I sent my message this morning to my liaison groups because I am hosting Thanksgiving and likely to be away from my email for a couple of days.

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> I'm including the Mayor, Trustee Veron and Trustee Arrest on this message. Maybe they can give you a more direct answer about the timing of a press release.

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> Best,

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> Lena

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> Lena Crandall, Scarsdale Village Trustee

> Cell: (914)874-3779

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> On Nov 27, 2019, at 11:00 AM, Sarah Bell <snappres10583@gmail.com<mailto:snappres10583@gmail.com>> wrote:

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> Hi Lena:

> Will the Village be issuing a detailed press release? We need something to be able to send to our NAs.

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> On Nov 27, 2019, at 8:14 AM, Trustee Crandall <lcrandall@scarsdale.com<mailto:lcrandall@scarsdale.com>> wrote:

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> Good morning,

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> As you know, I am your liaison to the Scarsdale Village Board.

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> Last night Mayor Samwick announced that two preferred developers for the Freightway redevelopment project have been selected: Avalon Bay and Gateway/East End Capital. There will be a public presentation on Wednesday, December 11, 7pm, in Rutherford Hall. Public comments will then be welcomed until January 23, 2020. The Village Board will then select one company. There will be more opportunities to voice an opinion on this potential project, but as you can appreciate, every step of the process has its value.

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> Please inform your respective groups. More information is, or will be, available on www.scarsdale.com<<http://www.scarsdale.com>>.

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> Best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving,

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> Lena

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