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Bob,

Thank you for your email. I expected to see you last night. This is what happens when you don't attend a meeting (or come late - as we've seen recently). I hope you are fishing in Florida with your family.

The finalists' presentations will be made public on December 11th and will be posted on the Village website thereafter. There will be a 45-day public comment period so the community may comment on its priorities and preferences. Shortly after the public meeting, non-financial and otherwise non-confidential portions of the finalists' submissions will also be posted on the Village website.

The community meeting on December 11th will contain a public comment session that is designed to accumulate comments and questions and respond to process and basic information inquiries. We expect this to be the first public meeting with the selected developer, with more to follow.

We intend to respond to the communities' comments and questions shortly after the closing of the public comment period. Keep in mind that the Village will continue to accept public comments throughout the Freightway process. The public comment period is coming to a soft 'close' to enable the Village to issue a response to the items raised by the community.

It is important for the community to recognize that a redevelopment of the Freightway site would be a public-private partnership. Accordingly, the presentations on December 11th are preliminary and are not final designs of what would be built. We are there to assess the proposed development concepts and the developers, not necessarily a specific design proposal - as designs are very preliminary at this stage of the process.

As you know, this has been and continues to be a lengthy and deliberate process - with many details to be forthcoming in the months ahead.

I am available to speak with you in more detail about Freightway if you would like.

Wishing you and your family and great Thanksgiving holiday.

Best regards,

Marc

On Nov 27, 2019, at 11:03 AM, Robert Berg <robertbergesq@aol.com> wrote:

CAUTION: External sender.

Dear Mayor Samwick:

Although I have not been directly notified, I'm learning through the grapevine that last night you announced that the Village Board has selected two preferred developers for the Freightway project and that there will be a public presentation by them on December 11 at Village Hall.

That's just two weeks from today. Now that you've selected these finalists, the public must immediately be provided with their responses to the requests for proposals so that the public will be able to prepare, in advance, for their presentations.

I have persistently requested the responses for two months but you have refused. Now that the finalists have been selected, there's no arguable basis for withholding these public documents. To the extent that the finalists claim portions of their proposals contain confidential information that is exempt from disclosure under FOIL, that information may, for the time being, be redacted.

I, along with numerous residents, want to meet these finalists on December 11 fully knowledgeable about their submitted proposals so that I may intelligently question them. You should want the public to be able to do the same.

Please let me know when these finalists' bids will be posted on the Village website. Thanks very much, and I wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving. Best regards, Bob Berg.

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