



WESTERN AVENUE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY FORUM

Now that the Western Avenue Overpass is demolished and being replaced by a newly constructed landscaped parkway, Roscoe Village Neighbors ("RVN") believes that we have an opportunity to rethink the commercial and residential activity along Western Ave. As such, the RVN Zoning and Land Use Committee has engaged The Lakota Group to help us identify what opportunities may exist to integrate this stretch of Western Avenue into the current new developments happening nearby. With the Lakota Group's help, we will also attempt to reach a consensus from various neighborhood stakeholders as to what they would like to see in terms of new development given market conditions and underlying zoning.

The outcome we are seeking is to develop what would be, in effect, a plan for this stretch of Western Ave. It's not a design project, but rather a document where we can encourage zoning in a direction that is compatible with the new infrastructure and landscape. We also want to make sure to attempt to knit the new development together with the emerging green spaces and recreational amenities along the Chicago River. Among the various topics to be discussed are (1) attracting appropriate density residential with retail to support these new populations and (2) the future of the police station property at Belmont and Western.

In addition to meeting with other neighborhood stakeholders (local businesses, Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce, local Aldermen) RVN will be hosting a Community Forum for the residents who are most directly affected by the redevelopment of this area. Please come and share your comments, concerns and vision for this stretch of Western Avenue.

Date: Tuesday, February 28th
Time: 6:30 to 8pm
Where: Lincoln/Belmont Branch – Chicago Public Library

If you are unable to attend the forum on February 28th and would still like your voice to be heard, please send your thoughts in an email to roscoevillageneighbors@gmail.com.

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