



Community Forum on 53rd Street Development and Zoning

In order to support a full community understanding of the issues surrounding the proposed Vue 53 (McMobil) development at 53rd and Kenwood and the future development of 53rd Street as a whole, the Hyde Park Kenwood Community Conference is holding a community forum:

Monday, May 6
6:30-8:30 pm
United Church of Hyde Park
1448 E 53rd Street (Blackstone Ave)

Speakers:

Tim Barton – Hyde Park resident and former staff at the Chicago Zoning department. He was the Project Coordinator for the new 2004 Chicago zoning ordinance. Tim will explain the potential within the 2004 ordinance for communities to plan their own futures in an open and comprehensive way by tailoring the zoning map to fit the community's many needs and hopes.

Adam Kingsley – Attorney (O'Donnell Law Firm) specializing in land use, zoning and historic preservation. He helped the Woodlawn Home Owners Association negotiate the PD43 Subsection 'O' agreement with the University and the City that now protects the 5700 block of Woodlawn Avenue. Adam will review the present zoning designations of the Vue 53 (McMobil) site – what's allowed now, what zoning changes the Alderman would have to give the University of Chicago to do the project as planned, the sequence of public meetings required, and what effect these zoning changes might have on subsequent development on 53rd Street. He will also discuss potential zoning options for 53rd Street in general.

John Norquist – President, the Congress for the New Urbanism and former Mayor of Milwaukee. The Congress (cnu.org) is the preeminent national proponent of "Jane Jacobs style" sustainable urban development. Their recent publication 'Sustainable Street Network Principles' speaks directly to our neighborhood issues. John will talk about 'best urban planning practices' regarding transit oriented development, pedestrian oriented development, and traffic/parking on 53rd Street.