



July 29, 2014

Honorable Alderman Walter Burnett – 27th Ward
4 N. Western Ave
Chicago, IL 60612

RE: Zoning Change for 171 N Halsted

On May 7, 2014 Neighbors of West Loop (NOWL) – Ward 27 Committee met with representatives from the property located at 171 N Halsted. Representatives also attended the public community meeting on July 7, 2014.

Based on the discussions with the representatives and afterwards with the group, we offer the following suggestions;

1. We request the traffic changes that were proposed;
 - a. Left turn lanes off of Halsted at Lake & Halsted and Randolph & Halsted be implemented
 - b. Traffic signal at Fulton Market & Halsted be implemented
2. We have a concern about the impact to traffic due to the loading dock being positioned on Lake Street.
3. The proposed exterior of the building is glass. Ideally all glass buildings are better situated east of the Chicago River. This building will be on the east border of the Fulton Market area, which has a brick and concrete theme. The developer has provided us with examples of buildings with the reduced reflection glass and we are pleased to see the incorporation of it to reduce the glare.
4. Once a construction company is selected, we would like to know how much of the right-of-way will be closed for construction purposes. We would like the construction company held to the agreed to right-of-way impacts during the duration of the construction project. We would like to minimize any impact to existing traffic.

In our discussions, we were pleased to hear the following plans.

1. The proposed dog walk of 2,500 sq ft is a good fit. They said they plan to keep the dog size to 50 pounds and under, with no aggressive breeds.
2. The proposed widening of the sidewalk on Halsted to 16 feet.
3. We were pleased to hear that they had already reached out to the residential buildings in the immediate area (720 W Randolph)



The development team for 171 N Halsted as a whole has been very candid and open to working with us. We see that this type of attitude and relationship can help with a positive outcome to the proposed development for this project.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thanks,

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