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On Monday, May 15, the Deer Park Neighbors will be on the agenda at the Village of Deer Park Board of Trustees meeting.

For those of you new to the meeting process, being on the Agenda means that a dialogue can take place between the parties appearing and the board. On the other hand, when someone asks to speak during Public Comments (in our Village, these take place before agenda items), no response is required.

We believe this is a huge step forward in better communication between residents and the board, and we thank President Gifford for agreeing to our request.

Among other things, we want to clear up matters regarding the proposed Red Seal development at Quentin and Long Grove Roads. The so-called "Deer Park Estates" will include 61 townhouses and 11 single family homes. Also proposed is the sale of 2.3 acres of "surplus property" which this builder would need in order to get the density of homes down to 5.1 homes per acre. (See http://www.village.deer-park.il.us/municipal_code.htm, Title XV, Chapter 153, Planned Developments, beginning on page 258 of the Ordinances.)

What are your questions about this development? How will these 72 additional homes affect your life, home values, traffic in and past your subdivision? How well do you understand the development process in this village? What can we learn from this development that will benefit the village going forward?

While you are at it, please reply to let us know YOUR OTHER concerns. At our recent DPN Open Meetings, the two top issues are concerns with the Village Attorney, Deerpath Road traffic, and the Red Seal Development. Our organization is based on responding to residents' concerns.

WHAT YOU CAN DO RIGHT NOW!

*Attend this meeting, 7 pm, 5/14, Quentin School--and bring at least two other people with you. Demonstrate the breadth of this organization by representing all parts of the Village. We will send the agenda by email as soon as it is posted.

*Build our email list--Please provide us with as many email addresses of your neighbors and friends in Deer Park as possible. Communication is the key.

*Chip in. The people who work daily for Deer Park Neighbors are unpaid volunteers, but it takes cash to run an organization and provide print materials, a web site, mailings, etc. Active members have contributed from \$25 to \$200; any amount is

gratefully appreciated. (See address below.)

Do you feel you're too busy to attend? Are the rules and regulations too complicated to understand? Are you frustrated by efforts to communicate with officials?

Let's work together to make the future better; let's build on the successes we've already had. This village is our home . . . and like all homes, it requires attention and care.

Deer Park Neighbors has worked hard to bring the press, legal professionals and residents into the process of democracy in our village. The dialogue has begun, please join in.

Attachments:

[Membership flyer](#)

[Summary of 4/24 Extra Meeting \(NOT official, prepared by resident John Lahr\)](#)

[Summary of Proposed FY2007 Budget \(NOT official, prepared by resident John Lahr\)](#)

Links of Interest:

DPN has been very involved in ensuring that our Village follows the statutes per the Open Meetings Act. This issue is not confined to Deer Park. Read today's story in Daily Herald: <http://www.dailyherald.com/search/printstory.asp?id=187238>

DPN has been working with Attorney Sarah Klaper of the Citizen Advocacy Center, who has been at two recent Village meetings. You will want to know more about this organization: <http://citizenadvocacycenter.org>

As has been published in local papers, a number of residents have filed requests for investigation with the Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois. NOTE, these are individual requests, not a complaint made by this organization. To learn more about the Rules of Professional Conduct and the complaint process: <http://iadc.org>

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