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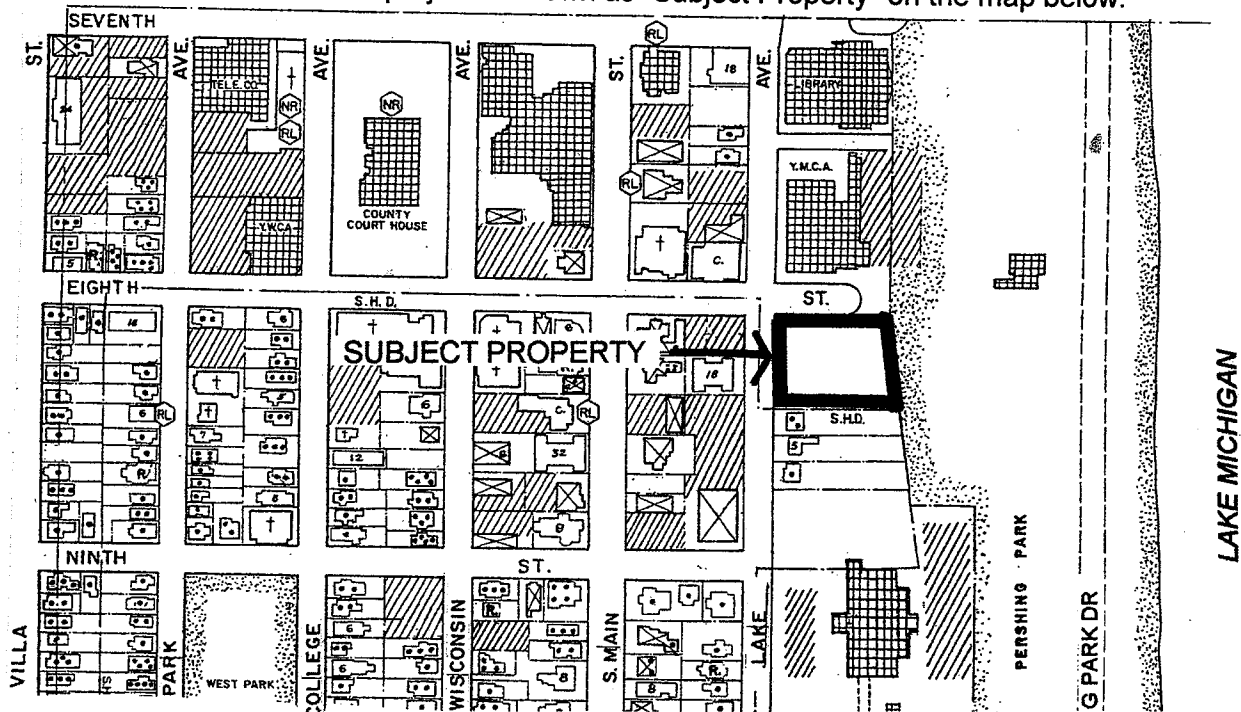
Dear Property Owner:

The City of Racine Plan Commission has received an application from Robert Watring of Virginia Towers, LLC. seeking consideration of a request to rezone property at 73 Eight Street from O-I Office Institutional District to B-5 Central Service District. Also sought is a conditional use permit for a mixed use planned development having a building with over 18,000 square feet of ground floor commercial retail space, over 18,000 square feet of second floor conference and meeting space, and an 18 floor 140 room boutique hotel tower situated between two 15 floor 72 unit condominium towers (144 total condominium units).

When including the underlying three stories of commercial and conference space the total height above the Lake Avenue street surface for the central core hotel tower is 21 stories or approximately 255 feet, and the flanking condominium towers are 18 stories or approximately 216 feet. As a point of reference, the Racine County Court House is approximately 155 feet above the Wisconsin Avenue street surface.

Below the Lake Avenue street surface the building's "basement" contains four levels of parking totaling 308 parking spaces.

The specific location for this project is shown as "Subject Property" on the map below.



The Commission has scheduled a public hearing at which you can be informed of the details of the request and where your views regarding the proposal may be expressed. The hearing will be held on **Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.**, or soon thereafter, in Room 205 of City Hall, 730 Washington Ave.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Department of City Development at 636-9151.


Brian F. O'Connell
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