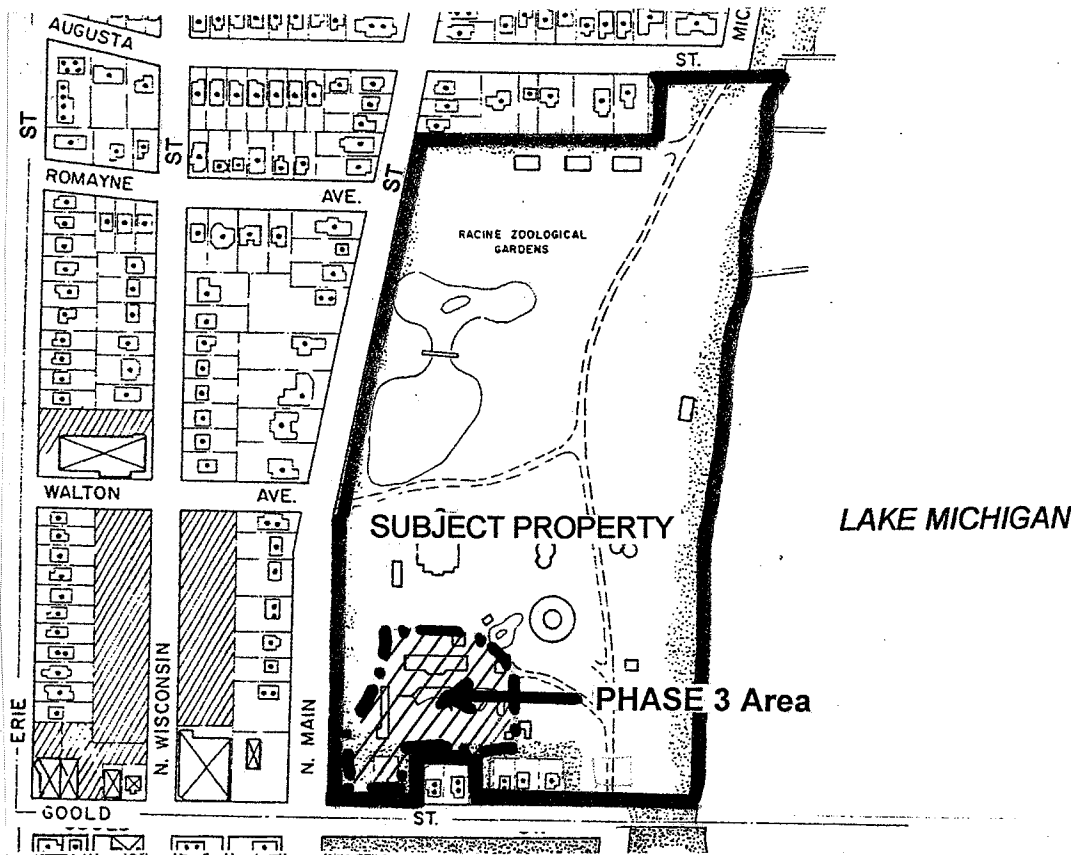


Dear Property Owner:

September 14, 2007

The City of Racine Plan Commission has received a request from Jay Christie, President and CEO of the Racine Zoological Gardens, 2131 North Main Street, seeking approval of a revised zoo master plan. Mr. Christie is also requesting a conditional use permit for implementation of improvements for Phase 3 of the master plan. Phase 3 improvements are found in the southwest portion of the zoo grounds and include new components such as an entry complex, a foot bridge over the existing pond, a parking lot north of Goold Street, and remodeling projects for the kangaroo house, the restaurant, and an exhibit building.

The property is zoned R-3 Limited General Residence District. The specific location is shown as "Subject Property" on the map below.



A neighborhood open house has been scheduled for **Monday, September 24, 2007 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the zoo Main Building (the castle building) 2131 North Main Street, first floor**, where you can be informed of the details of the master plan. Please enter the grounds at the main entrance. At the main entrance, **please present this notice to the gate attendant to enter the ground free of charge**, or state to the gate attendant that you are there for the neighborhood meeting.

The Commission has also scheduled a public hearing for **Wednesday September 26, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. or soon there after, in Room 205 of City Hall, 730 Washington Ave.** During this hearing you can be further informed of the details of the master plan and the requested conditional use permit for Phase 3, and you can express your views regarding the plans to the Plan Commission.

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

Brian F. O'Connell
Director of City Development

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If you are disabled and have accessibility needs or need information interpreted for you, please call the Department of City Development at 636-9151 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.