

**CITY OF DARIEN**  
**GOAL SETTING SESSION**  
Minutes of the Special Meeting

November 13, 2013  
**Police Department Training Room**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Kathleen Weaver, Treasurer Michael Coren, Clerk JoAnne Ragona, Alderman Ted Schauer, Alderman Tina Beilke, Alderman Joe Kenny, Alderman Joerg Seifert, Alderman Joe Marchese, Alderman Sylvia McIvor, Alderman Tom Belczak, City Administrator Bryon Vana, Director of Municipal Services Dan Gombac, Assistant Administrator Scott Coren, Police Chief Ernest Brown

**Call to Order:** 6:00 P.M.

**Cass Avenue and 75<sup>th</sup> Street Development**

Mayor Weaver discussed the report from Batistich Architects that provided estimates on repairing and remodeling the existing center in the amount of \$1,330,000 and demolishing and rebuilding two buildings with a community area and fountain for \$2,580,000. All aldermen asked were in favor of demolishing and rebuilding two buildings. Administrator Vana said the funding for this project and options including spending current fund balances, or issuing a bond, could be discussed along with the rest of the upcoming FYE 15 budget. Staff was directed to solicit bids for architectural services for constructing the building.

**Crime Free Housing**

Chief Brown discussed the concept of a crime free housing ordinance, which would require licenses to rent property, similar to a business license. Chief Brown said this would give the City of Darien more strength to work with leasing agents of multi-family complexes to ensure criminals do not have an easy location within the community to operate. The aldermen were in agreement that they wanted to look more closely and more forward with this concept. Staff was directed to prepare a draft ordinance for review.

**Video Gaming Review**

The City Council discussed video gaming in the community, which is currently allowed after an ordinance prohibiting gaming was repealed earlier in 2013. The majority of the City Council wanted to continue to permit video gaming. Several aldermen expressed concern about large signs that announced video gaming at certain locations, and staff was directed to investigate and bring options on amending the sign code to prohibit video gaming. Administrator Vana suggested the staff could also review the sign code in its entirety and bring this to the City Council at a later date.

**Aldermen Service/Priority Survey Review**

Each alderman discussed their survey and future priorities for the community. The aldermen agreed that improving the website, communicating with seniors, and having a “Senior” section in the *Neighbors* newsletter were priorities.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 pm.

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KATHLEEN MOESLE WEAVER, MAYOR

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JOANNE E. RAGONA, CITY CLERK