

**Resolution Regarding the Consideration of Building the District 97
Administration Facility Adjacent to Village Hall**

Whereas the 2006 Madison Street Plan, which was adopted by the Village Board on June 5, 2006, included the concept of using the existing surface parking lot and open space to integrate Village Hall into a civic campus; and

Whereas this concept included the potential creation of a mixed-use development that would incorporate the existing Park District facilities and District 97 properties; and

Whereas in December 2012, a concept for an administrative center that would align with the goals of the Madison Street Plan was presented to the Village Board; and

Whereas the Village Board expressed interest in further investigating the concept for an administrative center; and

Whereas the economic conditions have changed significantly since the Madison Street Plan was adopted and continue to be difficult to accurately project; and

Whereas the likely case numbers prepared by the Village in January 2013 may or may not reflect their current likely case scenario; and

Whereas the composition of the Village Board and the District 97 Board have changed since the proposal in December 2012;

Whereas the Village Board did not present evidence at the joint meeting on December 14, 2013 or in the time since about how building behind Village Hall will effectively serve the economic interests of Oak Park; and

Whereas District 97 is committed to finding an expedient solution for our administrative offices that best meets the needs of the community;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that District 97 is no longer considering the space behind Village Hall as one of the options for our administration building;

Be It Further Resolved that District 97 will continue to seek input from the Village Board about the economic impact of options under consideration; and

Be It Further Resolved that District 97 will also continue to seek input about this important endeavor from the citizens of Oak Park to ensure that the final decision we make is in the best interest of the community.

Proclaimed on this 14th day of January, 2014.