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Request ID: 2021-001

Name of Request: Renaming Shady Shores Park to Waterside Rotary Park

Address: Between the S side of Shady Shores Dr W & Seaside Dr

Demonstrated Community Support:

- Petition submitted: yes, with 7 signatures
- Letters of support provided: 3

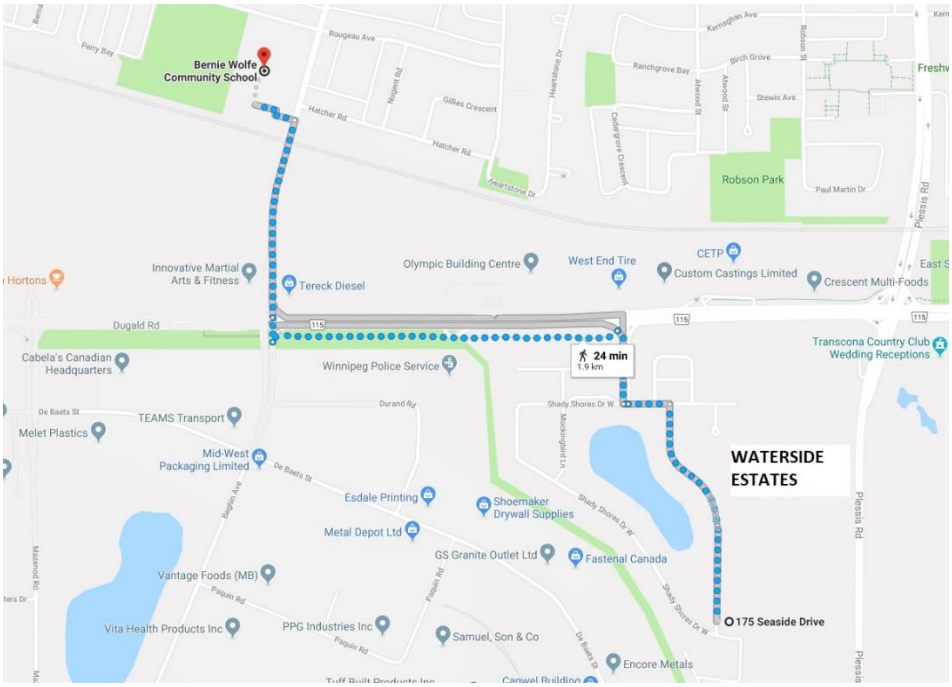
Project Details:

Waterside Estates is a small, secluded community made up of about 360 homes plus three apartment complexes, located in South Transcona in the St. Boniface Industrial Park. We are surrounded by industrial buildings and right next to the East District Police Station on Dugald Road.



Our development was constructed in 2012 and finished in 2018. We have two small green spaces that we call the North Park and South Park. The South Park (at the bottom of this photo in red) is where our new play structure was built in the summer of 2020.

Prior to this project, due to the location of our neighbourhood the nearest play structure was a 24-minute walk away, crossing Dugald Road and the busy CN train tracks to get to Bernie Wolfe Community School. (illustrated route in photo below)



It was not ideal or safe to expect our young families to walk that distance. We estimate we have about 500 children living in our neighbourhood.

With guidance from Councilor Nason, the Winnipeg Transcona Rotary Club came aboard and offered to help the group with applying for grants, fundraising, providing tax receipts for donations and managing a bank account.

May 26, 2019, the residents group hosted a community open house at the Transcona Country Club just down Dugald Road. With Councilor Nason and the Rotary club in attendance, the residents group laid out their plan and design for a play structure and asked residents what their thoughts were on renaming the park from Shady Shores Park to Waterside Rotary Park. It was widely welcomed by all.

The Rotary Club is well-known and very much respected in the Transcona area. The group felt it was appropriate to name the park something that would include the entire

neighbourhood and honour a humanitarian organization that not only was helping make our dream come true but has done so for others in Transcona, Winnipeg, even around the world. (More on that later)

Our initial fundraising goal was $120,000.00. That night alone we raised over $7000 from resident donations.

Less than a year later, the group had raised $201,000.00 with the help from resident donations, grants and local business support.

Working closely with several play structure companies and City of Winnipeg Architects, the community made sure to include items community children had asked for at the open house in May. The new design and cost of the project would come close to $200,000.00.



Photo: After more than a year of changes and re-designs, this was the final design.

In the summer of 2020, the groundwork was done, and we were ready to build a large enough play structure for our neighbourhood. It included a 2–5-year-old structure (on the left), a 5–12-year-old structure (on the right), a huge climbing rock, monkey bar structure, six swings, two of which are accessible swings for kids living with a disability, two benches, garbage and recycling bins (the first in our neighhourhood) a bike rack and a $5000 entrance sign, which currently sits blank, waiting for approval from this committee so we can router the new park name on it, Waterside Rotary Park.



Photo: This is the entrance sign. It currently only has the address on it for safety reasons. The name will be routed as soon as we can.

Who is the Rotary Club?

The Winnipeg Transcona Rotary Club is a part of Rotary International with clubs worldwide that all share the common motto: Service Above Self.

Rotary is for people who want to give back. Each member who joins the Rotary does so for the opportunity to serve their local and global community, for growth and development in ethics, world understanding, equality, and peace.

The Rotary Club was chartered in 1981 and each year the club selects a community project to champion. In 2019, they chose Waterside Estates. Along with helping the community, the Rotary Club also recognizes the truth and reconciliation and the wrongs that were made against the First Nations, Metis and Inuit Peoples. The club holds regular training workshops for anyone in the community to learn how to walk the path of truth and reconciliation, in fact their next workshop is being held in February via zoom. (details below)

How did the Rotary Club help Waterside Estates Residents?

When we formed our residents' group, we did not have any funds. In-order to fundraise we needed a charity number which costs money to get. Councilor Nason put us in

touch with the members of the Winnipeg Transcona Rotary Club and soon we met with their President Dr. David Marsh. The group was excited to help us financially, giving us advice on how to apply for grants and fundraise. They provided tax receipts and managed our donations and bank account. I have attended several of their weekly board meetings to inform them of our fundraising goals, project scope and scale and deadlines.

This is not the first time the club has helped a community group in this fashion. That is why we want to honour them by including their name in our park so we can bring awareness to all the work they do locally but also worldwide. Below is a list of projects the Winnipeg Transcona Rotary Club has helped with in the Transcona neighhourhood and abroad. (source: transconarotary.ca)

- Community projects
  - Parks: Centennial and Heritage, upcoming: Waterside Park
    - Helped by working with them to build it, donations of funds, and knowledge of how to support new parks in the city
  - Supporting Annual hockey dinner ($1,000 scholarship to Railers)
  - Scholarships to the local schools (Transcona area & Springfield)
  - Scholarships to ANCOP for education in Philippines
  - Contributions to local organizations. This includes things like a van for L'Arche Winnipeg.
  - Supporting Shelter box (disaster aid)
  - Supporting of youth (RYLA)
- International projects:
  - 2019 water project
  - Supplying water and sanitation to school (2016) - contributed financially towards this major project in Nigeria, with grants from Rotary International and Rotary district 5550

Does the Rotary Club know about our desire to put their name in our park name?

Yes. They are in full support of our desire to honour them in this way and are thrilled we have chosen to do so. You will see attached a letter of support from the club's President Dr. David Marsh.

Was the neighbourhood consulted on this name change?

Yes, several times. We held an open house in May 2019 at the Transcona Country Club that Councillor Nason and the Rotary Club attended. We had a great turn out and informed residents about our desire and quite frankly our dream of building a play structure and what our fundraising goal would be. We asked them what they thought of

changing the name of the park to reflect the entire community of Waterside Estates as well as honour the Rotary Club. It was wildly accepted and agreed that that would be a great name.

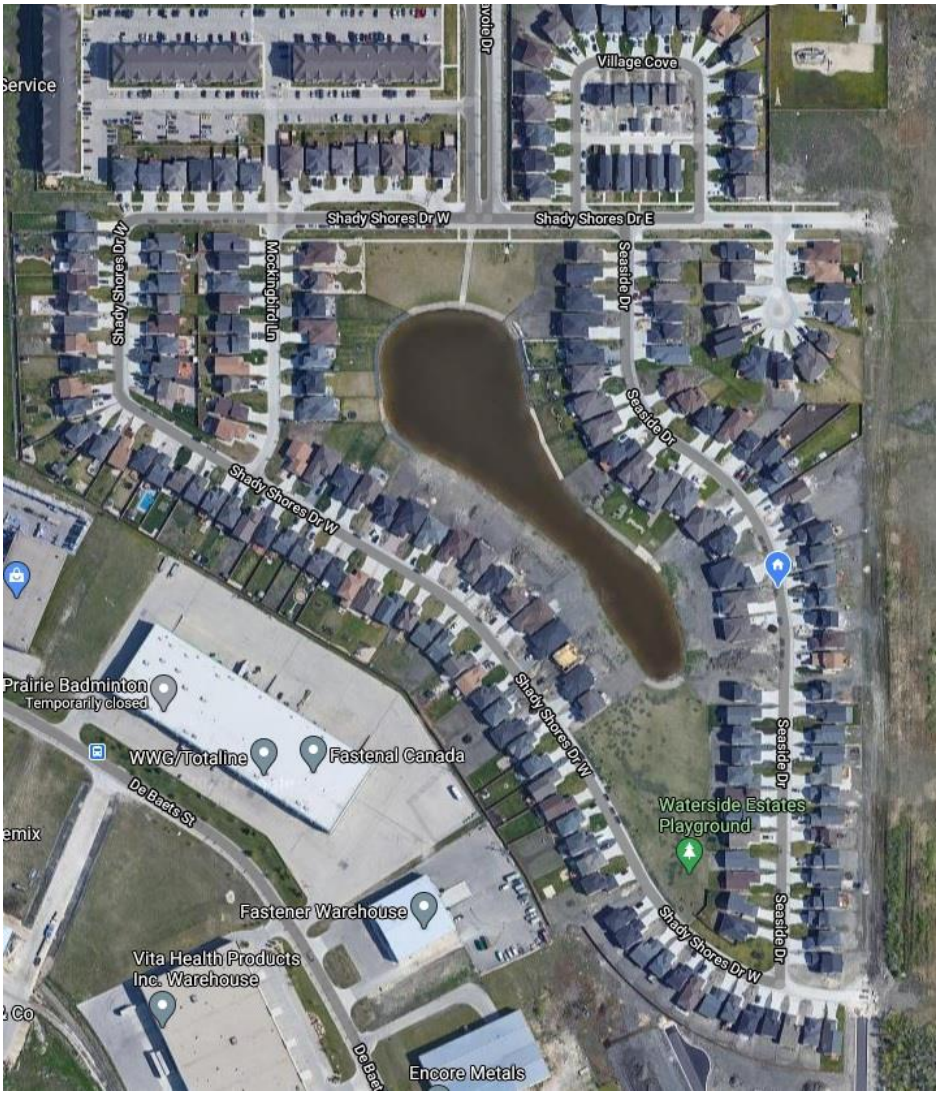
And again, on September 1st, 2020, at our grand opening ceremony, which saw a huge attendance from the neighbourhood as well as several federal, provincial, and civic dignitaries. We informed the crowd of our desire to change the park name, and it was met by a loud applause.

Rochelle Squires, Conservative Minister of Urban Affairs spoke at the grand opening on Sept. 1, 2020.

How does this renaming contribute to a 'Welcoming Winnipeg', as defined in the policy and what kind of evidence/research can be provided to support this statement:

As outlined in the policy, renaming our park to Waterside Rotary Park contributes to a 'Welcoming Winnipeg' and ultimately achieves a balanced perspective and story.

Currently the name of our park is called Shady Shores Park. It is located on Shady Shores Drive. But it is not just the people living on Shady Shores Dr. who helped make this park happen. Those who live on Seaside Drive, Wavecrest, Mockingbird Lane and Village Cove, also contributed to this park. Along with the Waterside Estates Residents Association, a volunteer group of residents that made this possible. Currently, we find the name not very inclusive to the entire neighbourhood.



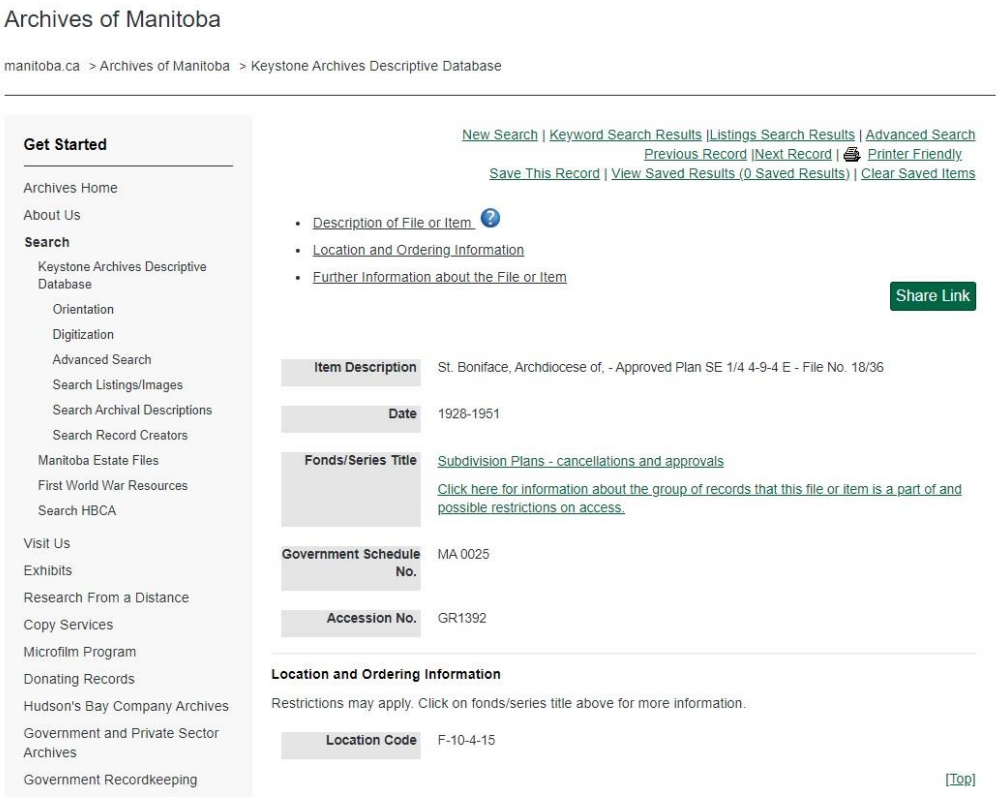
We are a small neighbourhood with about 360 homes and three apartment buildings and just one play structure. We believe including the name of the neighbourhood, Waterside, in the park name gives residents living on these other streets a sense of belonging, ownership and pride in the fact this is their park too.

Furthermore, by including Rotary in the name of the park, we are not only thanking the club for their help in making our dream come true but also honouring the work they do in and around Transcona and Winnipeg. The Rotary Club's motto is Service Above Self and they demonstrated that during the creation of this park.

As you have read in this document and will read in the three letters of support, we consulted with local resident's, a family member of the former landowner, and our current city representative and all have expressed that the name Waterside Rotary Park is not only a very inclusive name but also honouring the Rotary Club is a very noble thing to do. It is welcoming to all those that live in and out of Waterside Estates and is not and could never be offensive to anyone now or in the future.

Does this park/site have historical significance to the Indigenous community?
Research Support:

We do not believe this land holds any significance to the Indigenous community. We have done extensive research by digging into the Manitoba Archives as far back as it goes for the area as well as we spoke directly to the family who first owned and lived on the land.



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In 1969, the federal government expropriated a portion of the land for the future site of the Canadian National Railway now called Symington Yards.

(source: MB Archives – 1936-1999 Deputy Minister of Urban Affairs)

Deputy Minister of Urban Affairs office files

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Title	Deputy Minister of Urban Affairs office files
Schedule	UA 0001
Dates of Creation	1936-1999
Physical Description	287 cu. ft. of textual records 43 audiocassettes
Scope and Content	Series consists of records created primarily by the Deputy Minister of Urban Affairs which document the development and implementation of departmental policy and the coordination of Urban Affairs program and activities. Records include correspondence, memoranda, reports, newspaper clippings, estimates, meeting minutes, speeches and project and subject files relating to housing, urban planning, employment, environment, industrial development, community committees, transit, transportation and historical preservation. The 43 audiocassettes are tapes from the Commission of Inquiry into the Expropriation of the Logan-C.P.R. Area and are in GR1064. Series also includes records documenting the Department of Urban Affairs' role in various bilateral and trilateral funding agreements including the Core Area Initiative and ARC (Agreement for Recreation and Conservation) as well as records of the Urban Affairs Committee of Cabinet. Series also includes early records relating to the reorganization of the boundaries of the City of Winnipeg including financial records of the municipalities which became part of the City of Winnipeg in 1971. These records were created by the predecessor to the Department of Urban Affairs, the Department of Municipal Affairs. Series ended in 1999.
Restrictions on Access	Access is subject to The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Please contact the Archives of Manitoba for more information.

The Manitoba Archives show that in 1979, Architectural drawings were made by MMP Architects and others outlining the design and even buildings inside the St. Boniface Industrial Park.

(Source: MB Archives 1979)

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Item Description	79091-1. Namasco Ltd. - St. Boniface Industrial Park, Winnipeg
Date	[1979]
Fonds/Series Title	MMP Architects drawings Click here for information about the group of records that this file or item is a part of and possible restrictions on access.
Notes	25 architectural drawings
Accession No.	PR1994-156

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MMP Architects drawings

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Title	MMP Architects drawings
Dates of Creation	1911-2008
Physical Description	ca. 59,669 architectural drawings
Record forms part of	MMP Architects fonds
Scope and Content	Series consists of architectural drawings created by MMP Architects. There are also a few drawings created by other architects which depict buildings and projects with which MMP was involved. Architectural drawings are for the most part grouped by the job/project number assigned by MMP and there may be multiple sets of plans for a project. Drawings were done in a variety of stages and may include shop drawings, working drawings, finished plans, sketches and tracings done on vellum, sepia, onionskin, Mylar and print paper. Often a set of plans will include drawings done on more than one type of paper. A set of drawings may include drawings for renovations, foundations, floor plans and details, systems layouts, heating, ventilation, plumbing, and electricity.
Restrictions on Access	There are no restrictions on access to these records
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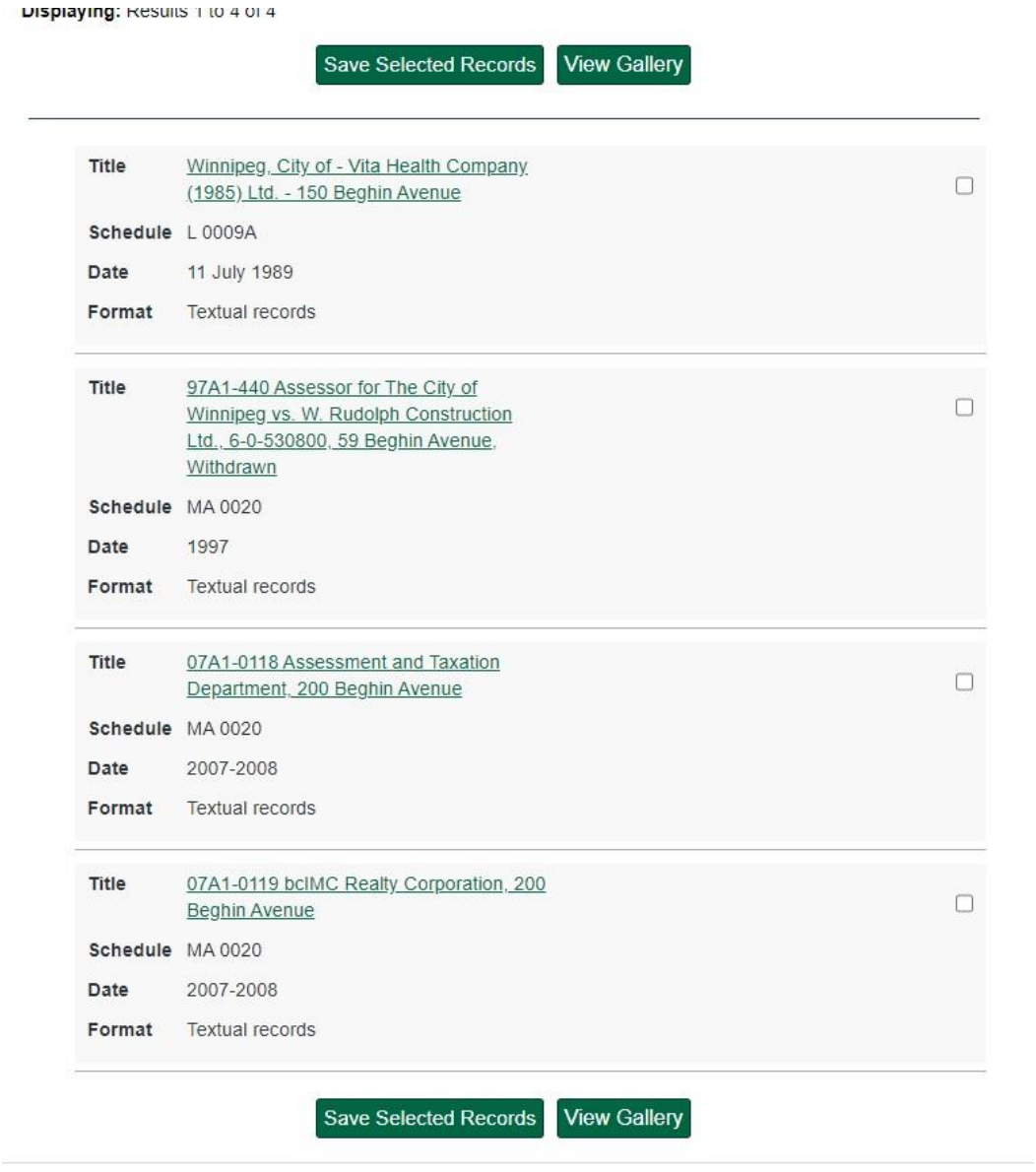
Between 1989 and 2008, businesses like Vita Health Company and the bcIMC Realty Corporation built and moved into the St. Boniface Industrial Park.

(fun fact: Vita Health donated to our play structure)

(Source: MB Archives – Beghin Avenue)



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Schedule	L 0009A
Date	11 July 1989
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Title	97A1-440 Assessor for The City of Winnipeg vs. W. Rudolph Construction Ltd., 6-0-530800, 59 Beghin Avenue, Withdrawn
Schedule	MA 0020
Date	1997
Format	Textual records

Title	07A1-0118 Assessment and Taxation Department, 200 Beghin Avenue
Schedule	MA 0020
Date	2007-2008
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Title	07A1-0119 bcIMC Realty Corporation, 200 Beghin Avenue
Schedule	MA 0020
Date	2007-2008
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By 2008, There was only a small portion of land that remained empty. The developers, Terracon Development Limited approached the City of Winnipeg council members and asked for the zoning to be changed from industrial to residential for the purpose of building Waterside Estates. It was approved with no opposition and in 2011, work began on this development.

(Source: City of Winnipeg EPC meeting minutes - November 26, 2008)

Minutes - Executive Policy Committee - November 26, 2008

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Minute No. 36 **Subdivision and Rezoning - South Side of Dugald Road, west of Plessis Road (Phase 1b)**
(St. Boniface Ward)
File DASZ 33/2008 [c/r EP-1.1(PW 5/2008)]

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee did not hear any representation on the application and adjourned the public hearing to its meeting on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., in the Council Building, 510 Main Street.