

Ravinia meeting tackles projects

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About 80 members of the Ravinia Neighbors Association gathered at the restored Ravinia railroad station for its annual meeting May 4 to hear about the area's proposed streetscape project and construction of condominiums by developer Robert Burack.

Linda Sloan of the city's Community Development Department said a proposed streetscape for the Ravinia business area can be paid for by means of Tax Increment Financing. This is the same public financing tool used for the Renaissance Place redevelopment project.

Burack plans to replace buildings at 625 Roger Williams Ave. with new retail space and an office building. Construction of his condominium project at Green Bay Road and Roger Williams should be underway soon.

"We're really getting some stuff done," said member Jeff Stern. "I think it went very well."

Four winners were present for the association's essay contest, and the first place essay by Tom Haile was read. Other winners were: Maddy Cristell, Grace Beitler and Shannon Geoghegan.