

## RAVINIA NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION MEETING NOTES - JULY 31, 2008

On Thursday, July 31, staff met with Ravinia Neighbors Association (RNA) President, Don Miller, Vice-President, Eve Tarm, and Publicity Director, Doug Purington to discuss the status of the Ravinia TIF funding and streetscape plan, new leases, the status of Abigail's at 493 Roger Williams Avenue, and current vacancies in the Ravinia Business District. Staff noted that 2008 TIF collections are estimated to be \$140,000, and recommended that funds be allowed to accumulate in the TIF prior to initiating the streetscape work due to current City economic constraints. Staff also recommended that market analysis be performed on the Ravinia Business District. Subsequently, it was requested that a copy of the CBD Market Study be forwarded to the attendees for review.

### New Leases in the Ravinia Business District 2007 - 2008

1. Jill Alberts Jewelry, 469 Roger Williams Avenue
2. Kathy Halper Studio & Gallery, 467 Roger Williams Avenue
3. Sunshine Crafts, 479 Roger Williams Avenue
4. Belle Fleur, 487 Roger Williams Avenue
5. Essence Pilates, 455 Roger Williams Avenue
6. Principessa, 453 Roger Williams Avenue
7. Trattoria Valle D'Itria, 581 Roger Williams Avenue
8. Look Alike Solutions, 473 Roger Williams Avenue
9. Spa Nail City, 525 - 535 Roger Williams Avenue
10. Abigail's, 493 Roger Williams Avenue - Opening delayed to January, 2009 due to change of contractor, and retrofitting of sprinkler system.

### Current Vacancies in the Ravinia Business District

1. 625 Roger Williams Avenue; 7,000 Sq. Ft. - Office Space
2. 647 Roger Williams Avenue; 1,825 Sq. Ft. - Retail Space
3. 595 - 599 Roger Williams Avenue; 3,365 Sq. Ft. - Retail Space

It was requested that staff provide the attendees with a list of core City staff with their contact information and main areas of responsibility.

To maintain communication with the RNA and address their concerns, staff scheduled meetings with the RNA for the last Thursday of every other month, beginning in September. Prior to each meeting the RNA will submit one list of issues they would

like to address at the meeting, and subsequently, staff will set and distribute an agenda to all attendees in advance of the meeting.