

RESOLUTION 8-2006

A RESOLUTION OF THE VALPARAISO COMMON COUNCIL REGARDING  
TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT AND STATION AREA PLAN

WHEREAS the City of Valparaiso Redevelopment Commission ("RDC"), the Valparaiso Plan Commission ("Commission") and Common Council ("Council") have identified the development of a new commuter train line and station to the City of Valparaiso as a major priority for the future development of the City; and

WHEREAS it has been determined that the development of this type of area will significantly benefit the City economically through additional development and recapture and redevelopment of significant underutilized near downtown areas, as well as further enhance the quality of life enjoyed by Valparaiso residents via access to the greater Chicago metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS the RDC, Commission, and Council have begun planning for such efforts through the adoption of various documents such as the Strategic Plan for Commercial Corridors completed in early 2005 identifying the West Lincolnway portion of this plan as a potential location for such a station and associated transit-oriented development or TOD area; and

WHEREAS in an effort to investigate potential opportunities for TODs as well as foster and support both public and private development efforts toward the development of a commuter rail station and nearby TOD areas, the RDC contracted with the Lannert Group to develop a plan for this station and TOD area; and

WHEREAS a study area was identified as generally the portion of the City lying southwest of the existing historical downtown bounded by Franklin Street on the east, the Norfolk Southern Tracks/US 30 on the south, Joliet Road to the west, and Chicago Street on the north; and

WHEREAS a plan has been developed providing information regarding the location of existing features such as utility infrastructure, road patterns, and ownership patterns, and outlines potential development opportunities and partnerships for the development of TOD in downtown Valparaiso; and

WHEREAS this plan serves as a general guide for future development and direction for the RDC and City of Valparaiso in the area included in the plan;

WHEREAS on March 14, 2006 the RDC and Commission resolved to adopt said plan in the form of Joint Resolution 01-2006;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Transit Oriented Development and Station Area Plan should serve as a guide for the future development of the area included in the study and should be used as a reference in policymaking and decision making regarding future development of the station and surrounding area.

ADOPTED this 10<sup>TH</sup> day of April, 2006 at \_\_\_:\_\_\_ pm, by a vote of \_\_\_ in favor and \_\_\_ opposed by all members present and voting

By:

Valparaiso Common Council

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