



May 20, 2011

Ms. Elsie Sutter
Freedom of Information Officer
Village of Elmwood Park
11 Conti Parkway
Elmwood Park, IL 60707

Re: Request for Public Information

Dear Ms. Sutter:

I am interested in learning about the facts surrounding the Village's acquisition and proposed use of the church and surrounding property at 76th and Armitage Avenues. In particular, I want to know the source of the grant(s) that the Village used to acquire the property; the legal limitations placed on the use of those grant funds; the proposed use of the property by the Village; and the legal limitations on the use of the property purchased with the grant funds.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I request the following:

Request #1: All documents related to the Village's acquisition of the church and surrounding property at 76th and Armitage Avenues. This request includes, but is not limited to:

1. The contract(s) for purchase of the property, and
2. All closing documents, including but not limited to financing documents and the H.U.D Settlement statement.

Request #2: All documents related to the grant(s) received from the State of Illinois, or any other source, that were used to acquire the church and surrounding property at 76th and Armitage Avenues. This request includes, but is not limited to:

1. Grant applications
2. Grant awards
3. Documents that explain the purposes for which said granted funds may be used
4. Documents that explain the limitations placed on the use of said grant funds
5. Documents that explain the limitations placed on the use of the property purchased with said grant funds.

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Request #3: All documents related to the planned use of the church and surrounding property at 76th and Armitage Avenues by the Village. This request includes, but is not limited to:

1. All proposals, bids, or contracts for the demolition of the current church building
2. All proposals, bids or contracts for the anticipated construction and/or the anticipated installation of any building, facility, recreational equipment, or other amenity planned for the property
3. All plans and drawings related to the anticipated use of the property by the Village
4. All documents related to the cost to the Village for the planned use(s) of the property.

The purpose of this request is to access and disseminate information regarding the safety, welfare, and legal rights of the children of our Village. I believe the documents are in the public interest and ask that the documents be furnished without charge.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at the below number.

Sincerely,

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