

From the Association President

Dear CC Residents:

As most of you have probably heard by now, the discussion about the widening of Route 45 has started in earnest. The Illinois Department of Transportation is accepting public comment until June 5, 2009. While none of us are happy with the short notice, the Board has begun engaging IDOT and the Village to ensure that the Association's voice is heard concerning the project.

Recognizing that there are significant differences of opinion within the neighborhood concerning the Route 45 expansion, the Board is not taking a formal position in favor or against same. However, we want to make sure that if the expansion occurs, the impact upon our residents and common areas is minimized. To that end, we are engaging IDOT in a dialogue about using a greater amount of right-of-way along the cemetery, as opposed to our side of the street, as well as related issues such as turn lanes, medians, construction impact, landscaping, etc.

IDOT has indicated that, while current plans are to not impact the cemetery right-of-way (to the detriment of CCHOA right-of-way), that issue may be revisited if enough residents complain. To help make our feelings known on this issue, we are creating a petition advocating for the use of cemetery right-of-way, and are hoping we can get as many of you to sign it as possible. Even if you favor expansion of Route 45, and/or don't live backing up to 45, this is still an important issue for all Centennial Crossing residents, as it relates to safety and even potentially home values. Mike Ryan is in charge of the petition drive, and will be circulating information about the petition once it is ready.

Regardless of your opinion on the expansion issue, it is important that your voice be heard. To that end, attached is a comment form for submittal to IDOT. Remember, the more input they have from Centennial Crossing residents, the greater likelihood that we can affect the process. Make sure you also let your elected officials on the state, county and municipal level know how you feel about this project and the construction's likely impact on our development.

Thanks to the Board members for mobilizing so quickly in response to this matter, and a special thanks to all the residents who have been getting the word out and working to make sure that Centennial Crossing has a voice in the discussion.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, feel free to contact any of the Board members.

Very truly yours,

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President, CCHOA