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River South Mega-Development Meets the Plan Commission http://chicago.curbed.com/

The September meeting of the Chicago Plan Commission was held yesterday and at the end of the agenda was an unveiling of plans for the empty riverfront property south of River City to be developed by a joint venture of Chicago based CMK and Sydney, Australia based Lend Lease. Developer CMK Companies had purchased nearly all of the vacant property along the South Branch of the Chicago River between Harri-



Rendering via CMK]

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son Street and Roosevelt Road

winter in three different transactions and proposed a mega-development for the site called**River South**. Chicago based architecture firm **Perkins+Will** was then hired to lead the site planning for the project to be constructed on both sides of the existing River City.

Original plans for the mixed-use River City complex by architect Bertrand Goldberg were much grander than what ended up getting built, including a visionary concept of three 72 story cylindrical towers. These towers, referred to as the "River City Triad" were to be similar in design to the famous towers at Marina City on the main branch of the river, except this version was 11 stories taller and was to include three intermediate skybridges linking the towers roughly every 18 floors. The River City building as it exists now, was only phase one of a serpentine like structure which was to extend southward towards Roosevelt Road and continue the twisting form along the riverfront. The Planned Development for it was passed in 1980, allowing for a total of 1500 units extending from Polk Street to Roosevelt Road, but as anyone cruising the river can see, the former railroad land to south of the first building has

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□ Promoting quality education, recreation, services, retail, community activities, and events □ Maintaining a socially, culturally, and economically diverse neighborhood

Developing strong relationships with key city officials to ensure they respect, hear, and act on the concerns and ideas of the South Loop community. South Loop Neighbors serves members and residents within the area bounded by Congress Parkway to approximately 25th Street and from the

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Join the South Loop Neighbors on Saturday, October 10th, 2015 for the 17th annual Loft Walk from 12 noon until 5 p.m. Registration / Check in at

Dearborn Station opens at 10:30 am, 47 W. Polk Street, Chicago.

"This highly anticipated event offers visitors the unique experience to see inside 100-year-old printing factories on Printers Row and 1920's-50's automobile showrooms on Motor Row, that have been converted into stylish urban residences as well as shiny new high-rises and "soft lofts" that offer all the modern amenities" said Jim Michaels, Chairperson of the 2015 Loft Walk. "Annually the LoftWalk attracts over 500 attendees from the Chicago Metro area. This self-guided tour begins at

Dearborn Station. Participants can either walk the route or take advantage of the free trolley."

All proceeds will benefit South Loop Neighbors, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that was founded in 1996 as Historic Printers Row Neighbors. South Loop Neighbors is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the quality of life in South Loop landmark districts and neighborhoods.

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A look at Columbia College Chicago before it was our Columbia College Chicago _{Sept 15, 2015}

<u>Columbia College Chicago</u>, believe it or not, has been around since 1890. In and around the Loop--and sometimes, it's even branched into north and south side neighborhoods.

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Today, it's a fixture in the South Loop. <u>Adapting and reusing</u> historical buildings. And building many <u>new</u> <u>ones</u>. Departments of dance and journalism and photography and many many many more disciplines line the South Loop streets via classroom buildings, galleries, dorms--and of course, tons of students. And faculty. And administrators and support staff.

The reason I bring it up is that there is a gem of <u>a little exhibit</u> in the school's library at 624 S. Michigan right now. Open to the public on the second floor. It shows a smattering of "then and now" photos of Columbia locations back in the day--and modern pictures of what's happened to the sites. Although the exhibit is definitely on the small side, it does give a nice overview of how Columbia fit into the Chicago scene for a good century, geographically at least.

Although I knew Columbia had sites in the Loop and South Loop and here and there in Lake View and Uptown through the years, I never knew <u>they had space where IIT is</u> <u>now</u> on the Near South Side--before IIT did. I never realized that Columbia College at one time had a geographic spotlight on itself in the Loop--just as it does now in the South Loop.

Taking a few minutes to peruse the photographs--old and new--in this little exhibit is time well spent. And a fitting tribute to the history of a Chicago institution that is sometimes overlooked.



This now demolished building once housed Columbia College Chicago at 24 E. Adams

Bonnie McGrath



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Mondays with Mike: We interrupt this debate for the truth



Sept 29, 2015

by <u>mknezo2014</u>

Here's an idea: how about we use instant replay in the presidential debates?

After the last presidential debate, I did look at various fact-checking services—and it's incredible how many outright lies and unforgivable exaggerations the candidates put forth. More incredible is that the so-called journalists don't have the backbone to call them on the spot. But they don't. At least not during the debate, when it would matter the most. You have to go to alternative sites for that, later.

A confession: I haven't watched Donald and Company mix it up on stage at the debates. I haven't wanted to and I haven't had to. Because it's reality TV, packaged to benefit everybody but the voters, and you hear snippets accordingly from mass media. All because it's an inexpensive way to get ratings and attention. So I hear about it whether I want to or not.

Major sports have adopted instant replay challenges in various forms. The idea is to get the call right. It doesn't always work, but it does move toward greater accuracy.

So why not something similar in debates? The candidates have been coached not to answer questions, and to ignore the question and go off on their own talking points. When they do answer, they often spout lies or exaggerations. And sometimes they strike a chord with a segment of the audience, and it looks like a win.

But what if, in real time, they were checked. And they got called on their BS. In real time. On TV. In front of real people when it would make the greatest impact. That would be what we call a teaching moment.

Not sure how it would work, but I'm certain it could be made to work. I wouldn't leave it to the other candidates to call for a challenge, because, well, that's the problem: I don't trust them. And none of them wants to be challenged back, so there'd be a reluctance.



It could be a bipartisan panel consisting of reps from conservative and liberal groups (for primaries, too, yes, because BS is BS). They'd have a limited number of challenges each. They'd throw it to <u>factcheck.org</u> or <u>politifact</u> or some agreed upon combination of organizations. Or an agreed upon panel of reps from research institutes and news organizations, fully wired and equipped in a war room. There'd be a pause, yes, but it'd be worth it.

If there's a challenge, and the candidate is vindicated, fine. But if it's BS, as with the vaccination thing that got circulated in the last debate, the challenger in the panel gets up to three minutes to grill that lying candidate about why (s)he lied.

It's not perfect. But since these debates have devolved into bad reality TV, it'd be nice to inject some realtime accountability into it.

And then it'd really be reality TV.



South Loop Referral Group Meets every other Friday at 7:30 am

At Dearborn Station Atrium

Next Meeting Fri Oct 2nd at Au Bon Pain 7:30 am

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<u>Music@Grace</u> is proud to present advanced music students and faculty of the Chicago College of Performing Arts (CCPA) at Roosevelt University in performance. These take place on Thursday dates at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor sanctuary of Grace Place, 637 S. Dearborn Street, in Printers' Row. A reception with the artists follows each 45- to 60minute performance. A \$6 per person donation benefits the performers. For further information, visit http:// gracechicago.org/programs/.

October 8: Piano Students, All-Scriabin Program (in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the composer's birth)

October 22: CCPA Opera presents Thomas Pasatieri's The Women and a special preview of a new opera, Connla and the Fairy Maiden by composition student Heidi Joosten

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November 19: Jazz Combos

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Dearborn Express Book Review: September 30, 2015

Lorraine Schmall

A brilliant Chicago Public Library staff pick, Heather O'Neill's <u>The Girl Who Was Saturday Nigh</u>t (Farrar, Strauss and Giroux 2014) tells the improbable story of neurotic nineteen-year-old twins, Nouschka and Nicholas, abandoned by their teen mother at birth, barely raised by a dotty grandpa, and visited occasionally by their father, a has-been French-Canadian folksinger who materializes only when he needs his attractive children for his own self-aggrandizement.

It is, at once, a touching coming-of-age novel, an insider's view of North America's only French city, and a hilarious reservoir of metaphors.

The story is outrageous, replete with sex, beauty pageants, bank robberies, childbirth and lions. The twins, who still sleep together and dropped out of high school conjunto, were media darlings when their dad was the Bob Dylan of the doomed Quebec independence movement. The thinnest of plots centers on their father's efforts to get his children to be part of a documentary which he hopes will revive his career, but which is, ironically, the filmmaker's effort to use the family as a metaphor for the doomed THE GIRL WHO WAS SATURDAY NIGHT NIGHT HEATHER HEATHER

separatist movement---"animals whose habitats have been destroyed."

Montreal, a former French colony, established before the Enlightenment, and apparently untouched by it, is cast as seedy and irrelevant. Too many of her landsmen "want to end up as clowns." Her father was "born a bon-vivant" and she says of her twin birth: "When we were cast

out of heaven, God wished us luck and gave us a watch as a parting gift." Nouschka narrates their lives without judgment or self-pity, but with a surfeit of beautiful prose. "I was trying my best to straighten out my life but I always ended up in the middle of some festive waste of time." But evolve she does:

"There is nothing so wretched as being human...it's inevitable that you would, at some point, try to be something a tiny bit more."

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Safe & Sound Blog by Beth Finke



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Touching moments in architecture 9/23/15

Remember that <u>post I wrote about the Frank Lloyd Wright</u> <u>Trust offering touch tours</u> of its historic sites this year? My friend Linda Downing Miller lives in Oak park, Ill., and last Saturday she accompanied me on a special tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Home and Studio there.

Linda earned an MFA from Queens University of Charlotte — her fiction is forthcoming in Fiction International and appears in the current issue of Crab Orchard Review. She's a fine writer, and I was delighted when she offered to write this guest post describing our tour from her point of, ahem, view.

by Linda Downing Miller

Twenty years ago, I was infatuated with the architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Moving to Oak Park, Ill., can do that to you.

The village has a wealth of Wright-designed spaces, and I toured as many as I could in my first years here. My husband and I must have taken every visitor we had through <u>Wright's Home and Studio</u>, restored to its appearance when he last lived there in 1909.

When Beth invited me to go with her on a Touch Tour of the Home and Studio last Saturday, I said yes mostly for the chance to spend time with her. I figured I'd already seen and heard enough about Wright's work: his horizontal lines and ribbon windows and half-hidden entrances, reached by walking a "path of discovery" that usually includes a turn or two.

The Touch Tour took me on a new path. I was one of a handful of people accompanying friends or family members who are blind or have low vision. The <u>Frank Lloyd Wright</u> <u>Trust</u> offered the tour in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, part of <u>ADA 25 Chicago</u> -- a larger project to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. Being Beth's companion on the tour, alongside her Seeing Eye dog, Whitney, allowed me to "re-see" Wright's spaces and consider the challenge of making them accessible through other senses.

Fellow writers might appreciate this observation: details, creative comparisons, and specific word choices helped to convey Wright's work. Our tour guide, Laura Dodd, explained the position of design elements in relation to bodies ("about neck high"). She used similes (wood beams arranged "like an asterisk"). I told Beth that Wright's intricate, wood-carved designs on the dining room and playroom ceilings were a bit like the wooden trivets she'd felt in the gift shop. A tour volunteer described the vaulted ceiling in the children's playroom "like a whiskey barrel."

After thinking about Laura's description of the way the Wrights' piano sat in that room with only the keyboard.

showing, the back half hidden behind the wall, one of the visitors who couldn't see articulated it more clearly for all of us: "You mean, it's embedded in the wall." Yes.

Enthusiasm, curiosity, puzzlement and understanding moved across people's faces as they listened and asked questions, and as they touched things: fireplace tiles, wall coverings, sculptures, spindles, glass windows and Wright's famously uncomfortable straightbacked dining chairs. Some people lingered over each touch opportunity. Others eagerly applied their fingers and moved on. (Guess which style was Beth's?)



Frank Lloyd Wright played here. And now, so has Beth.

She and I talked afterward about the different frames of reference people might have brought to the experience. Beth knew something about architecture before she lost her sight. Other visitors may have been born blind. Laura is the Director of Operations and Guest Experience for the Frank Lloyd Wright Trust, and she asked us for feedback during and after the tour. (The Trust plans additional Touch Tours, and American Sign Language Tours, at its historic sites.)

Our group's consensus was that she'd done a wonderful job. I thought the three guide dogs in the group also handled themselves well in close proximity.

One of the highlights for me and Beth was when Laura invited her to sit at the piano in the children's playroom. After instructing everyone else not to pay attention, Beth put her fingers on the keys and ran through a short, jazzy tune. When she'd finished, she and I exclaimed over the fact that Frank himself no doubt played those keys. I felt the ghost of my old infatuation. On our way downstairs, Beth reached up to touch the back end of the piano, suspended over our heads, and continued on her path of discovery.

Photos courtesy of Christena Gunther, Founder & Co-Chair of the <u>Chicago Cultural Accessibility Consortium</u>

Beth Finke's books: "Safe and Sound" and "Long Time No See" can be purchased at Sandmeyer's Book Store.



Asian Outpost Restaurant Review by Margaret Wallyn



The front entrance, with an outdoor side-walk seating area.



There is also a patio area – so now I have yet another reason to return and explore.



On the right: BBQ Ribs – sweet, savory BBQ sauce with meat cooked to perfection.

On the left: Crispy Green Beans – you can't eat just one.

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By Margaret Wallyn Dearborn Park Affiliated with the Hot Woks Cool Sushi folks and opened in December of 2013, the Asian Outpost Restaurant is growing into a culinary gem in our South Loop corner of the city. The Asian fusion menu of-



fers dishes from China, Japan, Thailand to name a few and also offers a respectable assortment of cocktails, wines, beers and non-alcoholic drink options. The Asian Outpost is family run and has been in the restaurant business since the 1950s. Inspired by predominately Asian influenced family recipes, local influences, this restaurant is driven by a desire to create dishes that family and friends can gather and enjoy together. The dishes are presented in a family style fashion and the creative flavor combinations will surely tickle even the most refined palate. The restaurant ambience has a rustic Asian feel and nice ambiance with easy, jazzy music playing in the background and very attentive service. To the right of the front entrance with the blue awning, a sidewalk dining area is set up along Wabash Avenue, for outdoor dining on a warm summer day/ night. When you come in, you will pass an attractive bar area and be seated in the dining room in a table or a nice, comfy booth. I learned later that there is also a fun patio area - which I will definitely be back to explore.

I went to Asian Outpost with a friend from the neighborhood and we were so impressed with the helpful server as we decided what to order and how delicious every dish was. Each menu items were very reasonable portion sizes and reasonably priced, plus we left feeling so happy and comfortable. Our journey was definitely a truly East meets West experience. The picture (left) are some of the items we ordered – and each bite was better than the last. I just learned that in January, 2015, they opened a sister restaurant called "The East Asian Bistro," located at 8 E. Van Buren in the DePaul University Center downtown and in the spot previously occupied by the My Thai Restaurant.

You can tell that the restaurant owners and staff enjoy offering creative specials and they also enjoy providing American holiday inspired specials. As an example, I found some of these things on their Facebook page:

July, 2015: Offered Tie dyed Independence drinks in honor of the final Grateful Dead concert plus the 4th of July celebrations.

New menu items presented in April, 2015: Pad Thai with Zucchini Noodles and

Asian Quinoa Stir-fry.

Valentine's Day, 2014: Name that drink. Introducing a sake cocktail with a lemon cilantro sorbet, mixed berries puree, Tres agave and a prosecco topper.





Farewell to Dan. Dan Flavin, "The Computer Guy," is leaving for Ft. Meyers , FLA. The South Loop Referral Group is shown here to wish Dan well at their breakfast meeting. Dan is in the red shirt, clockwise with her back to the camera is Bonnie McGrath, Stephan DiSantis, Gail Merritt, Mary Ivory, and Jan Koerber. Not shown, Carole Hanzyk, Marlene Valero, Jaqi Green, and Al Hippensteel. The South Loop Referral Group meets bi-weekly at 7:30am at the East-West University Student Life Center, Au Bon Pain. The South Loop Referral Group sponsors the Dearborn Express and is a small business networking group.

River South Development (continued from Page 1)

Been empty since the initial phase opened in 1986. CMK's plans for the south stretch of riverfront property includes three residential high-rises as well as 62 townhomes. Two of the towers will be located at the north end of the site, adjacent to the existing River City building. The two towers will then flank a dedicated right-of-way for the reestablishment of a bridge crossing the river at Taylor Street. The third high-rise would be placed alongside the Roosevelt Road viaduct. Between the taller buildings would stand clusters of townhouses arranged into nine stand-alone buildings with courtyard layouts which would open towards Wells Street. Additional townhomes would also be included into the bases of the high-rise towers to screen the parking levels from view. A total of 942 residential units is planned for the southern stretch of land, which CMK does not need a zoning change for. Since the original Planned Development concept included allowances for high-rise structures and 1054 units beyond the 446 in River City's first phase, this unveiling was only a courtesy presentation to the Plan Commission and no formal vote was taken.

CMK expects to move forward on the southern property first and then proceed to the empty 7.3 acres to the north of River City, where as many as 2700 units are planned.

– Shawn Ursini

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Literacy Chicago to host Mandela grandson for annual "Well Read Affair"

Funds raised support adult literacy programs in Chicago

(CHICAGO) - Zondwa Man-

dela, grandson of the South African President and freedom fighter Nelson Mandela, will keynote <u>Literacy Chi-</u> <u>cago's</u> *The Well Read Affair 2015* on Friday October 16, at the Union League Club at 65 West Jackson Blvd.

Mandela will discuss the importance of efforts to provide all citizens with opportunities to pursue education and achieve basic literacy, while also highlighting how doing so brings greater prosperity to communities across the globe. The 30-year-old serves as the managing director/ chief executive officer of South African based Aurora Empowerment Systems, which invests in emerging markets within Africa. Mandela, who has a background in marketing management and economics, is a proponent of literacy and education programs in his native South Africa.

This annual benefit brings together donors, volunteers, friends and community members in support of Literacy Chicago, Chicago's oldest literacy organization providing tuition free classes and/or one-on-one tutoring in Adult Basic Education (ABE), General Education Development (GED) preparation and English as a Second Language (ESL). Past speakers for the *Well Read Affair* have included Linda Yu of ABC 7 Chicago, attorney and best selling author Scott Turow and journalist Nancy Giles.

"Literacy Chicago is extremely proud to have Zondwa Mandela join us for our annual fundraiser," said Shirley Evans-Wofford, chair of the Literacy Chicago Board of Directors. "His message is in line with what our organization has been doing since its founding, assuring the basic literacy skills are accessible to all citizens."

For more information on sponsorships or to attend the event contact Rich Dominguez, Executive Director at 312-870-1100 or email: rdominguez@literacychicago.org. Tickets begin at \$150.00

About Literacy Chicago

Literacy Chicago is a nonprofit organization that empowers individuals to achieve greater selfsufficiency through language and literacy instruction. Formed by the merger of Literacy Volunteers of Chicago and Literacy Council of Chicago, literally thousands of area adults have participated in the broad range of programs Literacy Chicago has developed, including basic literacy, GED preparation, and English as a Second Language. Literacy Chicago continues its learner-focused programming by relying heavily on the efforts of volunteer tutors, frequently offering ancillary classes such as health literacy, computer literacy, and financial literacy, to support their language/ literacy options.

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Helmut Jahn-Designed Supertall for South Loop Would Become Chicago's Fifth Tallest

Thursday, September 24, 2015, by AJ LaTrace

Not only is **Helmut Jahn** the architect behind a new tower planned for 1000 S. Michigan Avenue in the South Loop, but this new building is expected to stand at a whopping 86 sto**ries** — a height that would make this one of the tallest buildings in Chicago. Of course, the news comes literally just *hours* after a 76-story tower pro-



posal designed by architect Rafael Viñoly made its public debut. According to drawings uncovered by

the development watchers at Skyscraper Page, the tower would stand at a height of 1030', which would make it the fifth tallest tower in Chicago, or sixth if the 93-story Wanda Vista is completed before it. The tower would stand two hundred feet over the 76-story Viñoly-designed tower for 113 E. Roosevelt Road and would consist of **506 residential units**, 598 parking spaces and retail offerings.

The South Loop has been on a roll this week with major proposals making their debut and with more details on the Jahn-designed tower for Michigan Avenue surfacing. Just this week alone, developers have presented plans for the Rafael Viñoly tower(s), a new hotel and apartment combo next to McCormick Place, and a 48-story apartment tower from SCB. According to Crain's and the drawings, the tower is expected to contain both rentals and condos, but the exact breakdown between these residences is not known. It's also unknown when this new 86-story tower proposal will be presented to the public, but a community meeting may not be too far off. With a flurry of new exciting proposals, the South Loop area is one to truly keep an eye on in the coming months.



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Stop Telling Women to Smile, New Downtown Mural Says

By David Matthews | September 10, 2015 4:19pm



DOWNTOWN — The newest mural along the Wabash Arts Corridor strives to show the pervasiveness of street harassment against women.

"Stop Telling Women to Smile" went up Saturday on Wabash between 8th and 9th streets. Made by Brooklyn artist Tatyana Fazlalizadeh, it shows the faces of 25 young women who say they've been catcalled or otherwise harassed while walking outside.

"Catcalls, being sexually objectified aggressively by men on the street ... it's not just my experience but [the experience of] women across the country," said Fazlalizadeh, 29.

The mural is the latest installment in a three-year project by Fazlalizadeh, who has put up similar murals in Baltimore, Los Angeles and Oakland, Calif. She made the piece by photographing young women, including some students she met at Columbia College Chicago, printing out large versions of her drawings, and pasting them to the wall.

Though the comment may seem innocuous to some, Fazlalizadeh and others have said that telling women to smile is sexist: It is rare for strangers to ask men to smile, and some women feel the comment is an insidious attempt to control their emotions or the way they look.

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Third Ward Update

Pilgrim Baptist Trustee Board Decides Not to Rebuild Historic Church. The board members of Pilgrim Baptist Church, located at 3300 S. Indiana, have decided against rebuilding the historic structure gutted by fire in January of 2006. During an August 28th meeting with 3rd Ward Alderman Pat Dowell, Pilgrim Baptist board members Cynthia Jones, Robert Vaugh and others informed her of that decision based on the recommendation of their recently commissioned feasibility analysis. That study projected the cost of rebuilding and maintenance to be untenable and prohibitive for the Pilgrim Baptist congregation. The board is currently considering options for adaptive reuse of the property and particularly techniques in which to preserve the remarkable limestone walls as well as the church's rich tradition in civil rights and history as the birth place of gospel music. The board has assured Alderman Dowell that they are working towards a permanent solution and will report back within 90 days with an update.





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Chicago City Council Update

Yesterday was the first City Council meeting since late July of this year. Although we have many challenges, we must continue to move Chicago forward. I have introduced a number of substantive resolutions that protect working families, support affordable housing, and provide decent living wages for adjunct faculty at the City Colleges of Chicago, private colleges, and universities.

Child Care Assistance Program Resolution

I am proud to work with Illinois Action for Children on the very important issue for the Child Care Assistance Program. On July 1, 2015 Governor Rauner's administration froze new applications for the Child Care Assistance Program and reduced income eligibility levels from \$37,000 to \$10,000 for a family of three. For many moderate-income families child care costs are unaffordable without government subsidy. High quality child care is essential to ensuring that children are ready to learn and equipped to succeed beginning on the first day of school. Economists estimate that for every dollar spent on early childhood education there is a seven hundred percent return on the investment in higher rates of employment and lower rates of incarceration. The Child Care Assistance Program Resolution calls for Governor Rauner to return to previous income eligibility levels and restore funding for this vital program. We will continue to fight for the rights of Illinois families to receive the critical support needed to care for their children.

United for Homes Resolution

Housing Action Illinois and the Committee for Equitable Community Development are working to build support for action in Congress to increase funding for much needed affordable housing. The resolution expresses support for federal legislation that would reduce the size of a mortgage eligible for a tax break to \$500,000, and convert the deduction to a 15% non -refundable tax credit. The federal tax credit would significantly boost the number of moderate income homeowners who would receive tax relief for mortgage payments and provide \$20 billion per year for the next ten years to fund affordable housing.



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Can the South Loop Handle 3,800 New Homes?

By David Matthews | September 25, 2015 6:37am

SOUTH LOOP – The South Loop is getting dense.

The Downtown neighborhood that was once the city's epicenter of the 2000s condominium boom-and-bust is replete again with proposed high-rises. Two days after a Miami developer presented its plan for two skyscrapers that would rise at least 76 stories high at 113 E. Roosevelt Road, another builder filed a zoning application Thursday for an 86-story, 506-unit tower nearby at 1000 S. Michigan Ave. that would be the fifth-tallest building in the city.

That makes six residential developments that would add 3,886 new homes to the South Loop proposed in the last two weeks alone. They include:

The swell of development shows an economic cycle that has come full circle in the South Loop, where condo prices fell the most out of any Downtown neighborhood during the recession amid a glut of failed condo projects. Prices have since come back, and new developers are looking to move in, hoping to lure professionals who are priced out of more established neighborhoods such as River North.

"It's clear that there's been a migration of people heading to the South Michigan Avenue market," developer John Murphy, who proposed the 48-story tower at 13th Street and Michigan, told DNAinfo Chicago on Tuesday.

While the new development boom may bring back memories of the housing bubble, most of the new buildings are proposed apartments instead of condos.

But some South Loop residents are worried about the onslaught of new homes, feeling the developers aren't addressing ancillary neighborhood resources, including roads and schools they fear will be strained by thousands of new residents.

South Loop Elementary School, 1212 S. Plymouth Court, was built for 580 students in 1988, but now houses about 870, said John P. Jacoby, a lawyer who used to sit on the school's council. The neighborhood high school is Phillips Academy, a Bronzeville school with boundaries stretching from Wacker Drive to 67th Street.

Addressing the elementary's overcrowding, which is expected to only worsen amid new development, is "an issue that deserves a lot more attention," Jacoby said. Tara Shelton, South Loop Elementary's principal, did not return a message seeking comment.

Though living Downtown has never been cheap, a flurry of new towers likely won't help South Loop affordability, either, said Daniel Kay Hertz, a Chicago-based senior fellow at City Observatory who follows urban planning and other issues.

It's possible the influx of new apartments would push overall rents down, he said, but the newest luxury towers Downtown like the ones proposed this week will test or establish the city's high end of rental rates. But he thinks that's better than the alternative: nothing getting built and the neighborhood's housing stock remaining limited.

"That pushes people who would be living Downtown to whatever the next neighborhood is, and perpetuates the cycle of gentrification," Hertz said.

The new developments will add to the city's tax base during a time of need, beget retail and other neighborhood amenities, and the overall nationwide trend of investing in urban cores — instead of far-flung suburbs — is a smart one, Hertz said.

It's also true these projects are still merely proposals that, depending on politics or the economy, might never be built. But if they are, Feldstein and other neighbors hope their concerns are addressed. Two big ones: congestion on Roosevelt Road and Grant Park.

Feldstein said it took her more than an hour to drive from the historic Prairie Avenue District to the north end of Grant Park during last weekend's triathlon, an event she felt should not have shut down the city.

Feldstein said she didn't think three new skyscrapers at the south end of Grant Park would make matters better.

"We love development. Don't get me wrong. It's so exciting to have these iconic buildings coming to the area. We want that," she said. "But what we don't understand is why none of these plans are contributing or addressing the underlying issues of infrastructure and access."



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