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Public Meeting Scheduled for Warehouse District Development

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, to discuss the preliminary plan recommendations for the Dubuque Warehouse District. The public is invited to attend to learn more about the plans and participate in a group discussion. The meeting will be held in the former Phoenix Fitness building 120 East 9th Street. Attendees should use the East 9th Street courtyard entrance.

The Dubuque Warehouse District is a 17-block area of significant, historic industrial warehouses which, once restored, will create a one-million square foot, energy-efficient, mixed-used neighborhood. This exciting initiative embraces the principles of sustainable and environmental stewardship, smart growth, economic prosperity and social/cultural vibrancy.

The restoration of the Warehouse District was selected by nearly 15,000 tri-state citizens as one of the “top 10” ideas through the Envision 2010 community visioning process. In July 2007, the Warehouse District Revitalization Strategy was endorsed by the Envision 2010 Committee. In September 2007 the City Council adopted the Warehouse District Revitalization Strategy, encompassing an estimated \$200 million in public and private improvements. In December 2007, the City Council amended the Greater Downtown Urban Renewal District to include the warehouse district in order to provide financial incentives to assist in the revitalizations.

The City has hired a consultant, The Cuningham Group, to develop a Warehouse District Master Plan to guide the redevelopment of the area. The goal of the October 7 meeting is to solicit public feedback on the consultant’s preliminary recommendations. This meeting is a follow up to the June 26 meeting where the Cuningham Group received input from the public.

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