

January 5, 2015

To: Property Owner

via certified mail

Re: Buchanan Energy, LLC
Highland Park, IL - 1333 Half Day Road
Kurtz Project No. 12003



I am the architect for Buchanan Energy, LLC, the owner of the Mobil Station on the Northeast corner of Half Day Road and Route 41. I am also a neighbor who lives in the Highlands.

In 2012, we received preliminary approval from the City to reconstruct the Mobil Station. To receive final permission, the City requires a number of steps to be completed, including going through the Plan Commission to insure the final plans substantially conform to what was preliminarily approved. Normally, you have 6 months to apply for final approval. You can apply for, and we received, a 6 month extension.

The process of coordinating this project with The Exchange's plans for the Highland House property has taken us beyond this date. Now that we have these issues worked out, we have re-started the process.

We are appearing before the Highland Park Plan Commission on February 3, 2015 to request approval of a Planned Unit Development that will allow us to re-build the existing station. A legal notice of that hearing is attached to this letter.

Our plan is identical to what was previously approved except that the access from The Exchange property to Route 41 has been moved about 10 feet north of its existing location. This request, made by IDOT, was part of their recent approval to operate an outdoor car lot on the site.

As a reminder, our plan is to rebuild the gasoline fueling islands and the car wash while adding a convenience store. While we will be using more of the site, we have made every effort to maintain the existing oak trees on the site, and supplement them with additional landscaping. We will also be replacing the existing fence with a new, 8 foot high fence, which requires an exception from the Zoning Code.

I'm personally very excited about this project, and would be happy to talk with you regarding any questions you might have. Please call me at the office or my home (I'm in the phone book) to discuss the project further.

Sincerely,


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