

October 13, 2009

TO: County Board Members

FROM: Bob Sabonjian, Mayor
City of Waukegan

The City of Waukegan wishes to express its disappointment regarding the recent decision not to act on our Brownfield Grant request for the Slip 3 location on Waukegan Harbor. The Board Member who spoke at the Financial & Administrative Committee last week did not contact the City regarding her intended actions nor were her efforts sanctioned by my office.

The City clearly stated a preference for that particular grant earlier in the summer. The reason we did so was to fulfill a contractual obligation with Larsen Marine regarding their desire to erect a boat storage facility on that site. We were notified by them of their intent to move forward this fall and we are obligated to move with them. If the City is unable to fulfill their obligation at this site, Larsen Marine will obtain the rights to 10 acres on the Coke Plant site located across the Harbor. This would complicate that project to the point of placing it in legal limbo while parties squabble over development rights.

It is the hope of the City of Waukegan that you will move forward with this grant next month so that we may begin to fulfill our legal obligation to Larsen Marine.