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August 4, 2011

Mr. Steve Wilson
Executive Director and FOIA Officer
Wilmette Park District
1200 Wilmette Avenue
Wilmette, Illinois 60091

RE: FOIA Pre-Authorization Request – 2011 PAC 15684

Dear Mr. Wilson:

We have received the written notice from the Wilmette Park District of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information as exempt under section 7(1)(f) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f) (West 2010)). On July 13, 2011, the Park District received thirteen separate FOIA requests from [REDACTED] seeking documents related to plans for Wilmette's lakefront. The Park District filed a single preauthorization request for approval to withhold certain of the documents responsive to [REDACTED] requests four, five, seven, eight, nine, and ten.

Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA exempts from inspection and copying "[p]reliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body."

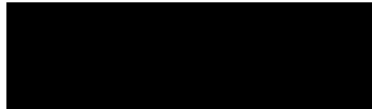
DETERMINATION

According to the Park District's written notice, the withheld documents consist of preliminary drafts that are subject to revision and documents that have been provided to the Park District for its consideration in an ongoing decision-making process. The Park District has asserted that none of these documents has been publicly cited or identified by the head of the Park District. Therefore, we find that the Park District has sustained its initial burden of demonstrating that these documents are exempt under section 7(1)(f).

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (312) 814-2086. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

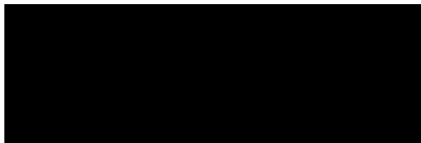
Very truly yours,

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Public Access Bureau

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