



Mayor's Newsletter

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As you may be aware, the City of Jersey Village commissioned an economic study to determine the feasibility of a multi-purpose sports stadium in our area. The stadium has been proposed by KHJR as part of the Town Center development on Jones Rd. south of U.S. Highway 290. We're continuing to have discussions with KHJR regarding the development and we're getting closer to an agreement on terms that will be made part of a master development agreement for the land currently owned by the city in that location.

Earlier this year, our city was contacted by the commissioner of the American Association of Professional Baseball ("AAPB"), an independent professional baseball league. The AAPB currently consists of 12 baseball teams throughout the Midwest. The commissioner advised us that the league has plans to expand its presence in Texas (currently they have one team in the state), and they believe Jersey Village would be a good fit for one of those new teams.

While the prospect of having a professional baseball team in Jersey Village is certainly an exciting one, it is also a proposal that comes with potential risks. Your city council has discussed the concept at length during the continued negotiations regarding the Town Center development, and we believe there are a number of steps we can take to mitigate those risks and reap significant benefits for our community.

To help us make these important decisions in the months ahead, we need your feedback. Your city council is going to hold two town halls regarding the proposed stadium at the Jersey Village Civic Center on the evenings of Monday, December 5, 2022 and Monday, January 12, 2023. Exact times and details will be announced soon, but I wanted to ensure you had these dates marked on your calendar.

I know there are some for whom the prospect of a professional baseball stadium in Jersey Village will elicit a reflexive "no." There is no doubt in my mind that the Astrodome will be cited numerous times by citizens expressing their concern about the financial impact. I personally raised the same concern the first time I discussed this proposal. While such examples are helpful to learn from the mistakes of others, I think we do a disservice to our community if we assume that any such effort here is destined for a similar fate.

If all of us (both elected officials and citizens) keep an open mind, listen to one another, and do our research on the matter, I'm confident we'll find the right path forward together.

Your neighbor,

Bobby Warren
Mayor