

Lake Zurich hears plans for pair of hotel projects-11/30/06

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Lake Zurich could potentially get the hotel it has wanted for years, maybe even two.

Two competing proposals came forward for a courtesy review before the village board's planning and development committee Monday night.....

The second plan was for an potential 80- to 100-room hotel on an industrial park property at the northeast corner of Buesching Road and Route 22. A Rosemont developer proposes eight retail and office buildings on that site, including a possible hotel.

Both proposals had merits and drawbacks judging by the village trustees' reactions. But board members agreed a hotel is necessary in town because currently there are none.....

On the industrial park project, trustees were concerned about too many buildings planned for too small a lot.

Though both projects were given the green light to move to the plan commission for review, it appears only one hotel plan will get approved.

Developer Donald Shapiro of Foresite Realty Partners of Rosemont is prepared for that.

"Obviously everyone in Lake Zurich feels there is a need for hospitality," he said. "The reality is I don't think both can go forward."

Dale Perrin, Lake Zurich Area Chamber of Commerce executive director, said between the industrial complex businesses, which frequently draw visitors from out of town and country, and residents who have family over during the holidays there are plenty of potential clients.

"It's a very good thing," he said. "There definitely is a need for one. I think if it's the right hotel, there probably could be a need for two."