



CVS Project Update – December 2015

Nearly eight years have passed since Pellini Chevrolet closed their business. Many of us wonder how much longer the corner of Sebastopol Avenue and SR 116 will be inhabited by vacant buildings, chain link fences and giant weeds. Hence, my request to meet with Kenyon Webster (City Planner) for an update.

The bullet points that follow come from my meeting with Kenyon on Wednesday, December 30, 2015. His time and willingness to clarify the project's current status are much appreciated.

- Since settlement of litigation, CVS has been working on initiating construction.
- CVS has reconsidered costs to construction by employing “value engineering” to lower some costs.
- The Plan Check process has moved forward without any unnecessary delays and CVS is close to obtaining construction permits.
- With all matters considered, City staff believe that razing and then construction will begin in 2016. Inordinately wet weather may affect the schedule.
- CVS chose not to demolish the existing structures until construction is cleared to begin. Their approach is to put the entire project in the hands of one general contractor.
- Chase Bank is no longer a part of the project and it is not clear what will be done with that small portion of the total property.
- Barnes Avenue, which currently bisects the property, will be moved east and run adjacent to Benedetti Tire and be further from the main intersection of SR 116 and Sebastopol Avenue.

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