

October 23, 2014

Mr. Thomas Kuehne Ms. Robin Ward Village of Arlington Heights 33 S Arlington Heights Rd Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Dear Thomas and Robin,

Johnson Consulting is pleased to submit this proposal to update the analysis it performed for the Village regarding the Metropolis Theatre. Since our last report, several events have transpired:

- The Village has purchased the theater
- A Management entity, Performing Arts Metropolis (PAM), has been formed to operate the theater
- Several theater directors have come and gone
- The Village continues to subsidize the venue annually and has done so since its purchase.

The Village has requested an update of our prior analysis. Specifically, the Village would like to confirm or revise its strategy regarding the venue. The following topics are to be addressed.

- An economic impact assessment to see if the volume of spending caused by the theater justifies the Village's continued investment
- Update of our prior study
- An options assessment, looking at management options, perhaps closing the venue and using the space for alternative uses, etc. Specifically:
 - Maintain the current manangement approach
 - 0 Integrate operations into the Village, with or without an advisory board
 - 0 Align with another public entity
 - 0 Close theater and sell property
 - o Add 200 seats
 - 0 Other options as identified by us.

Our work plan is presented below.

TASK 1. ORIENTATION

Johnson Consulting will meet with the Village staff, the Oversight Committee and the management team at the theater. At these meetings we will:

- Understand the history of operations of the theater since Village purchase
- Discuss operational and economic goals for the theater and discuss issues and opportunities seen
- Obtain demand, revenue and expenses and Village outlay data since our last report to develop time series information to use in our report



- Obtain any benchmarking comparisons that may have been prepared by the management team, and obtain names of comparative facilities to be considered in the update
- Fund raising and grant efforts.

TASK 2. SURVEYS AND INTERVIEWS

We will prepare survey instruments to send to a couple of audience groups:

- Regular attendees(assuming management maintains a database)
- Nearby residents, assuming the Village has a database, or via posting on the Village website
- Nearby businesses.

These surveys will:

- Ask businesses about the benefit they see in terms of their store and restaurant sales during events, the contribution the theater provides in terms of image to the market, ideas they have regarding improving impacts.
- Ask current attendees about the theater and what they would like to see. The survey would also ask
 what they do before and after events.
- Ask similar questions to local residents.

TASK 3. REPORT UPDATE

Our analysis will update market demographics, case studies, and provide demand and financial comparisons to our original projections and the case study examples. The analysis will also summarize how the case study venues "Own," fund and operate the venue and discuss if private management is used, or if there is an association with other venues that drive demand. The analysis will also revisit number of seats and discuss how the size of the theater affects performance.

TASK 4. ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The analysis will result in an updated report that will address:

- Strengths, weaknesses opportunities and threats
 - Options and their benefits and consequences if:
 - The venue was closed
 - The venue was managed by others
 - The venues was expanded
 - Other factors, as discussed at the Task 1 meeting and throughout the engagement.

Our report will also include a full economic and fiscal impact analysis section.

TIMING AND FEES

Johnson Consulting can complete the analysis over an eight week period. We can work faster if needed, but typically this is an appropriate study time frame.



Our prior assignment was done in 2002-2003 for a budget of \$49,000 plus \$6,000 in expenses. For this update, we budget \$23,000 plus \$1,000 in expenses. We will bill on a monthly basis, commencing upon the authorization to proceed.

MEETINGS

Up to four meetings are contemplated for the analysis and included in this budget.

- An initial workshop to occur any day during the first week of December (Village to choose)
- An internal Oversight Committee draft report review session
- A Village Board presentation
- A possible second Village Board presentation

We may be also in the market to meet with Theater staff to obtain and understand information they compile for us. We will always avail ourselves to the Oversight Committee during those occasions.

CONTRACTUAL CONDITIONS

Subject to the actual terms and conditions of any subsequent agreement with you, the following conditions are standard policy for Johnson Consulting and are customary for engagements of this type. Should you have any questions concerning any of these conditions, please feel free to contact us.

The findings and recommendations of our research will reflect analyses of primary and secondary sources of information. Estimates and analyses presented in our report will be based on economic trends, market assumptions, and financial data that are subject to variation. Johnson Consulting will use sources that it deems reliable, but will not guarantee their accuracy. Recommendations will be made from information provided by the analyses, internal databases, and from information provided by management.

It is understood in accepting this proposal that neither fees nor payment thereof is contingent upon the findings of the study. Upon receipt of invoices, payment is to be made within 30 days of receipt unless prior arrangements have been made with management. Additionally, all outstanding invoices must be current prior to the release of any draft and final reports.

Johnson Consulting will have no responsibility to update its report for events and circumstances occurring after the date of its report. If you decide not to proceed with the project, or if it appears that the study will result in a finding that the project cannot achieve its required results, Johnson Consulting would, at your request, terminate its work and would only bill you for fees and expenses incurred to that point in time.

If you require us to attend meetings and make presentations beyond the scope of services, Johnson Consulting will charge separately for its actual hours of professional time incurred in preparing for and attending the meetings. Professional time will be billed at Johnson Consulting's standard hourly rates plus travel and incidental expenses. Billing rates are subject to a minimum five percent increase as of January 1, 2015.



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Invoices outstanding after thirty days of receipt shall accrue at the interest rate of one percent per month until paid. If we need to bring action to enforce the terms contained in this letter, you will be responsible to pay our reasonable attorney's fees, costs and expenses.

We commit to delivering the highest quality product within the timeframe we have proposed. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 312-447-2001.

If the above is acceptable, please sign below as our authorization to proceed.

Sincerely,

C.H. Johnson Consulting, Inc.

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AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED

| Signature: | | | | | | |
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If you wish to wire payments, our wire information is provided below.

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FIRM OVERVIEW

Johnson Consulting, Inc. is a corporation founded in 1996 in Chicago, Illinois. Since inception 16 years ago, Johnson Consulting has conducted hundreds of engagements in the U.S., Canada, Central and South America, Asia, Africa, and Europe with a focus on the development of urban renewal districts, public assembly facilities, hotels and surrounding districts, and the broader real estate markets.

Our staff at Johnson Consulting has worked in the real estate planning, hospitality, and sports consulting fields for over 35 years. The majority of this work is focused on planning, market and feasibility studies, economic and fiscal impact assessments, economic development, strategy development, tax analysis and projections, site selection, development consulting, developer and investor recruitment, as well as downtown and suburban development and redevelopment planning. These engagements involve a variety of land uses, including mixed use development districts, retail, office, industrial, housing, and special uses such as hotels, arenas, sports facilities, entertainment and tourism, and specialized development, including university facilities.

The majority of our clients are cities and counties, although we also perform studies for private developers and quasi-governmental organizations, such as universities and, convention and visitors bureaus and authorities. With both our public and private sector clients, we deliver highquality work in a timely manner. Numerous repeat engagements with several clients are evidence of our reputation for quality and client satisfaction.

We have provided analysis, insight and recommendations for various development and real estate projects, providing both comprehensive evaluation of an entire area and specific evaluation of individual facility concepts and economic development. Our expertise allows us to counsel communities on whether development is appropriate, and if so, what should be built, where it should be built, and how to finance and develop the project. Johnson Consulting is noted for providing straightforward opinions and will say 'no' if the project does not make sense.







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| Independent analyses for public sector agencies, lenders, underwriters and joint venture partners | Devise management and operating structures for public and private clients |
| Substantiate investment & policy decisions | Maintain a single point of responsibility, as asset manager and owner's advisor |
| Tiger grant and EB-5 applications | asset manager and owner's advisor |
| Feasibility analysis for hotels, convention centers, and public assembly facilities | Develop data and benchmark reports for legal and financing staff |
| Conduct studies for bond offerings, loans, and private placement memorandum | Manage selection and oversight of design and construction partners |
| Evaluate site feasibility for development proposals & recruitment of commercial and private sector developers, investors & operators | Owners representation, project management & asset management services |
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| OPERATIONAL AUDITS AND MANAGEMENT/OPERATOR SOLICITATION | REVENUE FORECAST AND TRANSACTION ASSISTANCE |
| Analyze management, leadership and organizational structures | Analyze funding mechanisms and finance plans for use by financial authorities, municipalities, lenders and stakeholders |
| Perform operational audits, organizational reviews and benchmarking analyses | Forecast project-based revenues and taxes generated, such as income, property, hotel occupancy, auto rental, and food beverage taxes |
| Analyze efficiency of operations and adherence to mission objectives | Identify additional revenue sources - county, state, & federal grant programs/finance initiatives |
| Generate revenue and cost analyses | Project Tax Increment Finance district collections |
| Recruit executives and management companies | Research & Analysis for use in issuance of bonds |
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REAL ESTATE AND TIF DISTRICTS Bay St. Louis Marina District Bradenton, Florida-Real Estate MXD & TIF Boston Redevelopment-District Funding Plan Centerpoint Development Lex, KY Cotton Mill District- Starkville, MS Commonwealth of KY-KTDA TIF Manager Corpus Christi Bayfront Masterplan Distillery District- Lexington KY Houston Casino Developer-Proposal Review 4th Street Livel Retail Complex-Louisville KC Live/ Entertainment District—Kansas City New Orleans Land-based Casino Nashville Tourism District Orlando, Florida- Real Estate PUD Rio Nuevo, Tueson Rockford, IL Downtown Events Center Masterplan Roebling Resort Redevelopment (New Jersey) Royal Gorge Park Masterplan (Colorado) San Juan, PR—Office, Retail, Hotel, Residential TIF Advisor—West Virginia and Kentucky Waterpark of America (Bloomington, MN) West Palm Beach Meals Tax Analysis 12 World Trade Centers worldwid Waukegan Waterfront Masterplan (Illinois)

MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS American Airlines Center, Dallas American Airlines Arena, Miami -2008 Olympics **Beijing Olympic Facilities** Boston Red Sox- Economic Impact Analysis Chicago Bears- New Stadium Chicago Olympics Bid 2016 Charlotte Hornets Arena DC United Stadium Edward D. Jones Dome- St. Louis Georgia Dome-Atlanta Golden State Warriors Arena (Oakland) Lambeau Field Improvement Plan Maryland Minor-league Ballparks Impact Analysis Miller Park-Milwaukee Brewers Nationwide Arena—Columbus New York Jets- Economic Impact Analysis Seattle Supersonics Expert Testimony Tampa Sports Authority NFL Stadium Tampa Major League Baseball Stadium St. Pete Times Forum Washington Redskins-New Stadium

MINOR LEAGUE & COLLEGIATE Albuquerque Downtown Arena Alcoa, TN Proposed Arena Feasibility Arlington Heights—Metropolis Performing Arts Ctr. (II.) Atlanta Minor League Baseball—Jackson, MS BI-LO Center (Greenville, SC) Biloxi Proposed Minor League Stadium The Citadel—Proposed Football Stadium Des Moines Arena Chesterfield County VA Arena & Soccer Complex Delaware State Univ. Arena/Football Feasibility East St. Louis Motor Speedway Erie Civic Center- Feasibility Study/Masterplan FAU- New Football Stadium FIU- New Football/ Soccer Stadium Formula Motorsports Park – Pennsylvania Green Bay Veterans Memorial Complex Holland Arena Feasibility (Michigan) Iowa Motor Speedway-Jasper County, Iowa Kiel Center Arena-Opera House (St. Louis) Manchester Civic Center—Proposed Arena (NH) Olathe Arena and Retail District (Kansas)

Olympic Center Modernization—Lake Placid, NY Osceola County Stadium and Sports Complex (FL) Richmond Coliseum and Mosque Theater Savannah Proposed Arena University of Northern Iowa Arena UCF Housing, Convocation Center and Football Stadium UC Sacramento Football stadium Victory Stadium—Renovation Analysis (Virginia) Warren Co. Sports/Entertainment Complex (Ohio) Wyandotte County Proposed Arena (Kansas)

CONVENTION/CIVIC CENTERS

Austin Convention Center Akron Convention/Conference Center (Ohio) Baltimore Convention Center (Maryland) Bangkok Convention Center Hotel Complex (Thailand) Bloomington Convention Center Expansion (IN) Boston Convention and Exhibition Center Broward County Convention Center (Ft. Lauderdale) Buenos Aires Convention Center Development Bryan-College Station Convention/Conference Center Feasibility (Texas) Cancun Convention Center (Mexico) Canton Civic Center (Ohio) Charlotte Convention Center Cheyenne Convention/ Multi-Purpose Center Cincinnati Convention Center (Ohio) College Park Convention Center/Hotel Complex Columbus Convention Center (Ohio) Dane County Coliseum/ Fairgrounds (Wisconsin) Des Moines Convention Center (Iowa) Detroit Cobo Hall Durham Civic Center (North Carolina) Gastonia Civic/Convention Center Feasibility-North (Columbus, OH) Heartland Events Center, (Grand Island, Nebraska) Hynes Convention Center (Boston) Jackson Convention Center (Mississippi) Jacob Javits Convention Center (New York) apan Convention Market Entry Study Kansas City Convention Center Kissimmee Civic Center (Florida) Kuala Lumpur City Centre Lansing Center (Michigan) Malaysia Expoland (Kuala Lumpur) McCormick Place (Chicago) Meydenbauer Center Expansion, Bellevue, WA Montego Bay Convention Center Feasibility Indianapolis's Blocks Theater Norfolk Scope Complex Operations and Exec. Search Myrtle Beach Convention Center National Trade Center (Toronto) Navy Pier (Chicago) Norfolk Convention Center (Virginia) Ocean Center- Davtona Beach, Florida Orange County Convention Center (Orlando) Oregon Convention Center-Benchmarking Analysis Overland Park Convention Center (Kansas) Oregon Convention Center (Portland) Peoria Civic Center (IL) Philadelphia Convention Center David Lawrence Convention Center (Pittsburgh) Richmond Convention Center (Virginia) San Mateo State Fair Expo Hall (California) San Juan Convention Center/WTC (Puerto Rico) Savannah Convention/Civic Center Singapore Trade and Convention Center South Padre Island Convention Centre St. Charles Convention Center and Hotel St. Louis Cervantes Convention Center South San Francisco Conference Center



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HOTELS

Austin Convention Center Headquarters Hotel Bangkok, Thailand - Headquarters Hotel Bloomington Convention Center HQ Hotel (IN) Calgary Convention Hotel-Land lease refinements Charlotte Convention Center Headquarters Hotel College Park, GA Convention Center/Hotel Concord Resort Conference Center (New York) Denver Convention Center Hotel Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ. Conference Center Erie, PA Headquarters Hotel Fresno Headquarters Hotel Ft. Wayne, IN Convention Center Headquarters Hotel Ft. Worth Convention Center Headquarters Hotel Hilton Garden Inn Conference Hotel at KFEC Houston Headquarters Hotel Macau Casino and Hotel Minneapolis HQ Hotel Melbourne, FL Conference Center Feasibility-Airport Nashville Headquarters Hotel New Orleans Headquarters Hotel Osceola County, FL Convention Center & Hotel Overland Park Headquarters Hotel (Kansas) Palm Springs Hotel/Golf Resort Purdue University Calumet Conference Center Salem, OR Hotel and Conference Center San Moritz, Switzerland Conference Center/Hotel St. Louis Renaissance Headquarters Hotel Syracuse, NY Hotel Development Tempe, AZ Hotel and Conference Center UTTC Hotel/Convention Center—Bismarck, ND Washington DC Headquarters Hotel Wausau Hotel/Conference Center (Wisconsin)

TOURISM/ENTERTAINMENT Ashland Motorsports Speedway (Kentucky) Boston CVB Funding Analysis Buffalo CVB Organizational Analysis Cincinnati CVB Membership & Organizational Study Columbus Museum of Science & Industry Colville Confederated Tribes—Tourism Plan Commonwealth of MA—Regional Tourism Study Environmental Education Center-Greylock Glen, MA Earthpark Environmental Theme Park Grand Rapids CVB Plan & Room Tax Projections Hamilton County Fairgrounds, Indiana Houston Casino Developer-Proposal Review Jefferson County CVB- Tourism Strategy Study (LA) New Orleans Land-based Casino Leu Botanical Gardens—Orlando Milwaukee CVB Organizational Study Orlando CVB Organizational Study Palmer Auditorium/Bass Hall (Austin) Salem, OR Fairground Analysis Tulsa CVB-Organizational Study Tampa CVB Organizational Study Toronto Tourism Strategic Plan Tourism Authority of Thailand Quad Cities Arts Tourism Strategy West Palm Beach Meals Tax Analysis WestWorld Equestrian Complex, Scottsdale Will Co. IL Environmental Education/Conf. Center

* Projects highlighted in blue refer to our international assignments.

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METROPOLIS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

Johnson Consulting was engaged by the Village of Arlington Heights to conduct a financial, development, and operating review of Metropolis Performing Arts Center with respect to potential purchase of the MPAC by the Village.

In the years since the MPAC opened, it has made an important contribution to the civic and cultural life of the Village. The MPAC is an integral part of the ongoing redevelopment of the Village's central business district and represents a significant level of public and private investment in these efforts. Despite this profile, the current owner can not sustain operations and has, based on the original development agreement, requested that the Village exercise its option to purchase the theater.

Johnson Consulting profiled financial and operational benchmarks within the industry, analyzed the MPAC's demand, reviewed facility limitations and potential enhancements that could improve functionality and appeal. Additionally, Johnson Consulting analyzed potential operating scenarios (public v. private) for the MPAC and identified management and marketing strategies that contribute to improved operations of the performing arts facility. The primary objective of the analysis was to provide options for the Village of Arlington Heights in terms of purchasing and financing the MPAC.

Johnson Consulting provided retained advisory services to the Village in the negotiation and purchase of the MPAC. Our objective was to work in tandem with Village officials, and other technical and professional advisors to structure an equitable purchase offer for the MPAC, establish the parameters under which MPAC will transition to a new ownership structure, prepare an asset transition strategy and timeline, and outline a governance structure.



- Review of financial and operation performance of MPAC
- Financing options through TIF funds
- Negotiation and deal structuring



PERFORMING ARTS CENTER & CONFERENCE CENTER FEASIBILITY FEDERAL WAY, WASHINGTON

Johnson Consulting, in association with LMN architects, was retained by the City of Federal Way, Washington to perform a comprehensive feasibility study addressing a proposed new performing arts center and the redevelopment of the existing Dumas Bay Conference Center, a retreat center on Puget Sound. At the time of this engagement the City of Federal Way was seeking to build a performing arts center as part of its efforts to revitalize the city center. It was intended by the City that a new venue would serve multiple purposes including performance, lecture series, and business conventions, and also include space for the visual arts and for events.

The primary objective of the study was to evaluate whether a performing arts center was viable and what its demand, operating profile and economic impact would be. Johnson Consulting provided the following:

- 1. Research services and market analysis and;
- 2. Financial projections, fund raising potential and economic and fiscal impact assessments.

We recommended a 500-seat theater, along with a ballroom/ meeting complex to help support a mid-priced hotel. We also recommended demolishing the Dumas Bay Retreat Center, but keeping its small theater and kitchen and then using the site to attract a corporate conference center user.



- Performing Arts Center feasibility
- Dumas Bay Conference Center redevelopment analysis
- Market analysis, demand and operating projections
- Analysis of economic and demographic characteristics of the metropolitan area



PERFORMING AND CULTURAL ARTS CENTER DORAL, FLORIDA

Johnson Consulting was engaged by the City of Doral to conduct a market and financial feasibility study for a proposed performing and/or cultural arts center in Doral, Florida. As a suburban community, the City seeks to develop its urban core. With several commercial and residential projects servings as stewards for urban development and increased area construction activity, Doral leaders commissioned Johnson Consulting to document potential options for an arts/cultural/performance venue in the City. In this report we document gaps in the market, comment on what potential users have expressed from a needs standpoint, and provide performance benchmarks using other venues that offer elements seen desirable in Doral. The study presents findings and recommendations pertaining to the facility itself, as well as the broader market and industry trends. If designed appropriately, the proposed facility would serve as a regional facility.

The scale and nature of projects that are required to increase the visibility and economic profile of a community is a large undertaking and a performing and cultural arts venue helps in many ways. Through sustained and thoughtful initiatives and investment in projects such as a new performing and cultural arts center, Doral can be provided with an opportunity to continue its strong economic growth, and emerge as an economic center and resource for the local, regional, national, and international community. The realization of this potential will require targeted and continued investment in Doral. As this occurs, the City will develop an identity (in certain niches) as a destination for different entertainment and public events, and endow Doral with an increased sense of energy and vitality.



- Economic and Demographic Analysis
- Industry Trends and Local Market Analysis
- Survey Results Analysis
- Indicated Facilities Analysis
- Indicated Facilities and Operating Projections



DESOTO MULTI-PURPOSE EVENTS CENTER DESOTO, TEXAS

The City of DeSoto engaged Johnson Consulting and The Projects Group to prepare a feasibility analysis for a proposed events center to be located in the City of DeSoto Town Center. Our work was required to communicate the viability of a performing arts center in the local market. This area of the City had not seen much investment and economic development of late, with the exception of new residential development located across the street from the City center. Our analysis helped identify what size of facility would be appropriate and projected operating revenues.

Johnson Consulting's efforts concluded that the need for a performing arts center was not in the realm of reasonableness for the City. However, it additionally concluded a need for a Multi-Purpose Events Center, which would have the ability to host a wide range of conferences and events, cost effective operations, as well as management and promoter recommendations. We compared the proposed project to the Lake Terrace Convention Center in Hattiesburg, MS, which had very similar market characteristics.



- Events & meeting market analysis, including regional and national comparable facilities
- Projection of event and attendance demand
- Calculation of operating revenues available for debt service



PERFORMING ARTS CENTER FEASIBILITY

BURNSVILLE, MINNESOTA

Johnson Consulting worked for the City of Burnsville to perform a feasibility study for a performing arts center to be located within the Heart of the City (HOC) Development. The HOC development is a mixeduse, 54-acre site, with goals of developing a pedestrian-friendly downtown center, to bring arts and cultural opportunities to the area, and to increase the tax base through economic development.

The City commissioned a similar review for a Performing Arts Center several years ago which found the project to be feasible. This was interpreted as being a project that was financially supportable by the private sector. A subsequent developer RFP failed to attract a developer to build the facility at its cost. The community learned that puble and philanthropic support was required. The City had to view the project as a catalyst within the overall development, justifying its investment on quality of life and other real estate return on investment metrics. In addition to the feasibility work, our role was to help determine those various values. Johnson Consulting also performed a more in-depth study to allow the City to make a more informed decision about the possibility of public financial participation in the project.

The Performing Arts Center site is to be built on 6.24 acres and is also to include a hotel, retail and restaurant uses, and parking. This project was awarded the top small City project at the 2012 Mayor's Conference.



- Performing Arts Center feasibility
- Contributions of a Performing Arts Center to mixed-use downtown redevelopment
- Public financing options analysis