

MEMORANDUM

TO: William T. Lichter, Village Manager

FROM: David A. Hulseberg, AICP
Assistant Village Manager/Director of Community Development

DATE: September 21, 2006

**SUBJECT: Downtown Improvement and Renovation Grant Program: Seamless Gutter,
601-609 E. St. Charles Road**

At its September 5, 2006 meeting, the Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) considered an application for a Facade Grant Program reimbursement for numerous improvements to the Seamless Gutter property at 601-609 E. St. Charles Road. The ECDC recommended that the Village Board approve the request for a grant disbursement in an amount not to exceed \$12,170 (i.e., the cost of the proposed fence required by the Board as part of the previous bay window variation). However, to ensure that the property is maintained in an acceptable condition, staff recommended and the ECDC concurred that the applicant bring their window signs into compliance with the Sign Ordinance regulations (i.e., no more than 20 percent of the window occupied by signage).

BACKGROUND

Seamless Gutter recently completed extensive exterior renovations to the façade of the 609 E. St. Charles Road building. The improvements include new windows, copper gooseneck down lighting, and a decorative roof element. The applicant has submitted a total of \$19,758.30 in paid receipts for these improvements.

The current fencing on the property varies in height and consists of sections of picket fence, chain link, and chain link with slats. As part of a front yard setback variation for the bay window on the 609 building (ZBA 05-20, approved March 2, 2006), the Village Board required that the fencing along the north property line be replaced. The applicant has provided four fence estimates, the lowest of which is \$12,170.

Requested Grant Amounts	Total Cost	Maximum Grant Amount (50%)
Completed improvements	\$19,758.30	\$9,879.15
Proposed fence	\$12,170.00	\$6,085.00
Total	\$31,928.30	\$15,964.15

ACTION REQUESTED

Please place this item on the September 21, 2006 Village Board agenda to approve a façade grant application in the amount of \$12,170.