



CBM changes plans, will not open in Whiting

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The Chicago Baseball Museum (CBM) has resumed efforts to locate its future bricks-and-mortar museum in Chicago.

This decision follows the amicable completion of many months of meetings, joint research and strategic planning with the city of Whiting, Ind. CBM would have been part of a very ambitious redevelopment of that city's lakefront.

“We thank Mayor Joe Stahura and his team for everything they did to explore the possibility of CBM calling Whiting its home and we wish them the best with all they hope to achieve. A lot of time and effort went into the idea, on both sides, and at the end of the day we all realized that some matters remained which likely couldn't be worked out,” said CBM Founder and President Dr. David Fletcher.



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The Chicago Baseball Museum continues its active role in the Chicago baseball scene. This season, it has worked with the Jack Brickhouse family on the Cubs' Jack Brickhouse Day at Wrigley Field and with the Double Duty Classic staged by the Chicago White Sox. CBM also provided on-site coverage of Induction Weekend at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, N.Y., where Frank Thomas, Greg Maddux and Tony LaRussa were among inductees.

Most recently, CBM covered the wonderful celebration of the Little League World Series United States Championship Jackie Robinson West team, the pride and joy of Chicago.

Said Dr. Fletcher, “It is a pleasure to maintain our web site, www.chicagobaseballmuseum.org, and we recognize the value placed on it by baseball fans in Chicago and nationwide. The reaction we get to our content makes it all worthwhile. We know that the appeal to Whiting of the CBM brand and future museum is shared by other civic officials in Chicagoland. The web site and events are big parts of that.”

Events planned and presented by CBM in the past include the Dick Allen Return to Chicago at U.S. Cellular Field and a memorable reception and panel discussion on William Louis Veeck and Bill Veeck at the Chicago History Museum.

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