

MINUTES

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Capital Improvements DATE: May 8, 2012
MEETING: Regular X Special _____ CALLED TO ORDER: 7:43 PM
QUORUM: Yes X No _____ ADJOURNED: 9:27 PM

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Colliander, Commissioners Brugh, Burton, Lindquist, O'Carroll and Pryde

OTHERS: Trustee Liaison Hartweg, Public Works Director Julius Hansen, Professional Engineer Bob Minix

ABSENT: Commissioners Popp, Ryne and Thelen

AUDIENCE: None

CALL TO ORDER:

The May 8, 2012 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission was called to order at 7:43 PM by Chairman Colliander, with a quorum being present.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Lindquist moved to approve the March 13, 2012 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pryde. The Motion carried unanimously.

P.E. Minix said that the CIC recommendations concerning new sidewalks in the Hawthorne project and nearby Glenbard West areas, the main topic of the March 13 meeting, will be considered by the Board of Trustees on May 21. Commissioner Pryde will prepare an exhibit for the Board package. The materials in the package will be essentially what the Commissioners have seen along with the March 13 minutes and the exhibit. P.E. Minix would like to have a Commissioner present to discuss the recommendation. The Board will make a decision at the May 21 meeting. P.E. Minix will send a letter to the residents with an invitation to the Board meeting.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

Trustee Hartweg reported that the ethics officer has had 14 inquiries and has prepared one memorandum.

Regarding the central business district, Trustee Hartweg said that the Board decided to not endorse any traffic pattern or parking changes in the downtown area at this time, and will wait until the location is determined of a possible future downtown parking garage. However, there will be angle parking provided right away in front of the Village Hall, with a net gain of up to 9 spaces. P. E. Minix noted that a feasibility study led by the Planning and Development Department will look at parking garage locations and downtown landscaping. This report will include review of alternate parking garage sites. The Commissioners discussed the possibility and cost of a pedestrian walkway under the railroad tracks. There was also discussion concerning the possible building materials for a parking garage, and agreed that this Commission should be the group to review and make recommendations on such a project. There will be a new commuter parking lot on Duane which P.E. Minix said will be very "green" with some sort of pervious pavement.

Trustee Hartweg said that College of DuPage will be meeting next week with nearby residents to present a long range plan that is raising concerns. Showing three new buildings for the first time, the concern is that they could ultimately become dormitories.

Commissioner Pryde asked if the Village has considered looking at electric agreements such as the one just signed by Lombard. Trustee Hartweg said that the original plan was to work with other municipalities to create a larger area. The new Village Manager has had other issues on his agenda and this is not a priority.

BIKEWAY FACILITY PLANNING

P. E. Minix opened the discussion concerning bicycle path plans for Glen Ellyn. The Wheaton Bicycle Plan, completed in 2011, was circulated to Commissioners with a comment that Wheaton shares many similar characteristics with Glen Ellyn. A student-based study was completed one year ago at UIC entitled "2016 Glen Ellyn Bike Plan". This report was provided to the commissioners and provides another perspective on bicycle planning for the Village.

Village President Pfefferman is a proponent of biking, and has met with Village Manager Franz and Director Hansen concerning a possible North-South bike path from the Arboretum, through Willowbrook Wildlife Center and the Links. It could include several outdoor attractions/ stopping points. President Pfefferman asked if it could be done fairly inexpensively and at least a portion of it installed in the very near term.

Director Hansen said that a lane could be striped and some signs erected. The infrastructure is already on Lambert by the Public Works Building. There could be a connection with the County-planned trail along the DuPage River, and also with the Wheaton system. President Pfefferman would like this Commission to discuss the possibility and report back to him.

P.E. Minix reviewed a map of possible stops along President Pfefferman's route starting near Willowbrook Wildlife and terminating at Manor Woods north of Roosevelt Road. It has a green space / natural area trail theme. Several points and ideas were raised by Commissioners. Other appropriate stops including the pool, Newton Park and Panfish Park should be included to create a loop trail. Director Hansen said his objective is to create a bike route that is safe and has some attractions. Parking versus a bike lane issues were noted, and that it is usually one or the other on a street. However, biking on sidewalks causes conflict with driveways. Bike racks were considered. P.E. Minix said that a bike loop should include a combination of signage, striping, bike racks, drinking fountains and creation of a map. It's not necessarily a major cost item. Commissioner Pryde suggested putting up the signs and see what happens. Commissioner Colliander expressed that it should be on the north side of the railroad tracks as well. Signage would be needed on the Prairie Path, Pennsylvania Avenue and Harrison. There was also discussion concerning bikers using the Taylor Street underpass. There was discussion concerning reaching out to the biking community for comment, although the feeling was when signage is installed, people will know.

Chairman Colliander instructed P.E. Minix to report back to President Pfefferman that the Commission is on board with the idea.

NEW BUSINESS - LONG TERM CAPITAL PLAN DEVELOPMENT

P.E. Minix said it is time to be considering a long term street plan again. There will be a pavement analysis done this year, and it will provide a good starting point to analyze where we stand. Then, the Commission will need to look at the fundamentals and possibly redeveloping priorities. The Finance Commission is scrutinizing the large sums scheduled to be spent in light of the Village deficit. Does what the Commission is planning for the next couple of years, which has a lot of funds allocated, mesh with other things going on downtown? By the end of 2012, the Commission should have an idea of the direction for 2015 and beyond. Also, concerns of the Village Board and Finance Commission need to be addressed. Staff will be working on this issue through the summer and fall. It will be a major effort, but something should be presented to the Board by the end of the year when budgets are being reviewed.

It was noted that the Village has been able to do more with the dollars allocated for capital improvements given the low rate of inflation and bids coming in under budget. The suggestion was made to perhaps in the future not spend the dollars saved if these conditions continue. P.E. Minix said that so much has been done within the scope of the past 20 year program, years 2018-2019 will show surpluses. He noted, however, that there is pressure for some capital improvement funds to be redirected elsewhere in the Village. New ideas will be considered on how to stretch dollars, including use of micro-surfacing and other pavement preservation techniques incorporated formally into the long-term plan.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Director Hansen said that workers broke through to a previously unmapped ComEd electrical vault when removing sidewalk squares at Main and Crescent. The delay in replacing the

squares resulted in flooding for some shops; however, it will be sealed in a way to help address the ongoing flooding problems experienced by the shops.

The Hawthorne project is starting well, and P.E. Minix said that the underground work is ahead of schedule. Curb will be poured on Pleasant next week. When the schools let out, work will move to the fringes of the project. A letter will be sent to residents concerning the upcoming Village Board consideration of the sidewalks. Residents will also be urged to bring up any drainage issues so that they may be addressed during construction.

The right turn lane on Lambert at Roosevelt went out to bid two weeks ago. Hopefully, IDOT will get it done before the fall COD schedule. It is an expensive project as the traffic lights will need to be reinstalled.

A report was recently received on Lake Ellyn and how to move water through the lake more efficiently and quickly through a channel to Perry's Pond and the DuPage River. Although the current pipes can handle the water, if there is a major "100 year" storm, there will still be overflow that will affect residents. There are alternatives, such as widening the channel by purchasing property and/or demolishing a house and leaving open space. There will be a presentation to the Park District Board next week. P.E. Minix will share the report when it is complete.

Chairman Colliander asked for a schedule showing milestones of current construction projects. His goal is to be able to remember why something fell behind schedule, and be able to see if contractors are keeping up to the schedule. P.E. Minix said that he will provide Commissioners with Hawthorne project schedules that are updated weekly.

P.E. Minix will be preparing a Request for Proposal for 2013 street and parking lot projects that will include preliminary design for the alley between Oak, Elm, Western and Prairie. The alley construction work will probably be done in 2014.

In response to questions, P.E. Minix reviewed how the pavement study will be done. The contractor takes digital images and identifies inputs into the PAVER analysis program to develop the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) for the roadway segments. The imaging takes two days, and the data takes about two months to analyze. The cost is \$18,000-\$19,000. The past focus has been on roadways with PCI below 50; however, those original roads have mostly been fixed at this time. This information will be packaged with needed sewer and water projects.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Pryde moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindquist, and was carried unanimously. The May 8, 2012 meeting was adjourned at 9:27 PM.

Submitted by Karen Blake, Recording Secretary
Reviewed by R. Minix, Village of Glen Ellyn Public Works