

# MINUTES

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BOARD OR COMMISSION: Capital Improvements      DATE: March 11, 2014

MEETING: Regular  X       Special \_\_\_\_\_      CALLED TO ORDER: 7:08 PM

QUORUM: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X       ADJOURNED: 8:30 PM

## MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Colliander, Commissioners Lindquist, Pryde and Ryne

OTHERS: Trustee Liaison Dean Clark, Professional Engineer Bob Minix, Planning Intern John Carlisle

ABSENT: Commissioners Burton, Lane, Thelen and O'Carroll

AUDIENCE: None

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The March 11, 2014 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission was started at 7:08 PM by Chairman Colliander. **A quorum was not present.**

## **MOVE GE BIKE PLAN INITIATIVE OVERVIEW:**

This year's intern for Planning & Development, John Carlisle, presented an overview of the Move Glen Ellyn initiative, which started in January 2014. John and Jake Rueter, a fellow graduate student at UIC, have been retained by Public Works to develop a Bicycle Plan document for the Village in conjunction with the submittal of their joint master's level project. The goal of the project is to identify and propose needed improvements to better bicycle routes through the Village. The project schedule calls for a first draft of the plan by April 11, receive comments and have a second draft by mid-May as the internship ends near Memorial Day. Over 300 on-line survey responses revealed that 94% have regular access to a bike; 45% ride only for recreation and 45% sometimes ride purposefully, i.e., to commute or shop. Several other local agencies, groups and businesses have been consulted. Part of the feedback has been that the Village has streets that are problematically narrow for bike riding.

Priorities include better north-south routes, particularly between the Prairie Path and the Great Western Trail. Covered parking at the Metra station, and safer crossings across Roosevelt Road are also needed. Professional Engineer Minix mentioned that grant money has been secured to cover engineering and construction for new cross walks on the west side of Roosevelt at Nichol and Lambert as well as the entire Route 53 and Pershing intersection.

The Commission can help by providing assistance in reaching out to the school districts and suggesting how to fund and implement the Plan. Any recommended improvements will likely not be expensive, but the planners would like Commission feedback on feasibility. The plan will be discussed again at the May meeting following receipt and review of the draft document.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the January 14, 2014 meeting could not be considered due to the lack of a quorum. It was noted that the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation for new sidewalk on Elm and Chidester that came out of the January meeting.

**BUDGET DISCUSSION:**

Chairman Colliander asked about the budget for pothole repairs, and whether there are things the Village can do for repairs that do not raise taxes. P.E. Minix said that, while the road budget may be cut, there are ways to address road conditions, such as shifting scopes of work and doing less intensive repair work. Commissioners discussed the road conditions in various locations in the Village.

P.E. Minix said Village staff and Trustees are in the midst of budget discussions. The Board of Trustees will be considering only the short year budget now, and will go through the budget process again in October for fiscal year 2015, which will be from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. It is a critical decision-making year for the Central Business District. The Lenox-Linden-Chidester-Elm project is going forward in 2014, and bids are going out shortly. Other projects may be delayed. There was general discussion concerning possible use of various Village funds for CBD projects, and what those projects may be. Once the Board makes some decisions on CBD capital projects, the Commission will have much work in front of it.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Chairman Colliander expressed hope that another Commission member will be chosen by the next meetings, as there have been two months with no quorum.

There was discussion concerning the work to be done on Crescent by the high school. The School District has expressed desire for replacement parking (likely to be on Park Row), median planters and perhaps a fence to discourage students from crossing at undesignated locations. The Crescent project is slated for the summer of 2015.

It was noted that pedestrian and vehicular over/underpasses at the train tracks in the Central Business District and Taylor Avenue (pedestrian only) are part of a current feasibility study.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting ended at 8:30 PM without a formal motion, as there was no quorum present.

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