

MINUTES

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Capital Improvements DATE: April 14, 2015
MEETING: Regular X Special _____ CALLED TO ORDER: 7:15 PM
QUORUM: Yes X No _____ ADJOURNED: 8:03 PM

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Colliander, Commissioners Biggam, Lane, Lindquist and Zucchero

OTHERS: Professional Engineer Minix; Civil Engineer Perrigo

ABSENT: Commissioners Burton, Kumar, Pryde and Ryne

CALL TO ORDER:

The April 14, 2015 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission, held at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center, was called to order at 7:15 PM by Chairman Colliander. A quorum was present.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Glenbard West student Cassie Kim observed the meeting as part of a school assignment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Biggam moved, and Commissioner Lane seconded, to approve the March 10, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

TRUSTEE REPORT:

Trustee Clark was unable to attend as the Trustees were hosting representatives from the Village's French Sister City. P.E. Minix said he did not know whether the election had been officially certified yet.

Commissioners discussed the situation with the IMET investments and about Governor Rauner's cutting of Motor Fuel Tax distributions for one month, thus eliminating 1/12th of that anticipated revenue for the year.

CONTINUING BUSINESS – DOWNTOWN STREETScape PROJECT AND DISCUSSIONS ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIFIC PLAN ELEMENTS:

P.E. Minix reviewed the project background. The challenge has been that implementation of the full scale streetscape is simply too expensive. With approximately \$3 million in needed road work, and the Board capping the downtown work at \$4.5 million, that leaves approximately \$1.5 million for streetscape improvements. The CIC has been requested to

recommend the type and extent of streetscape work to be installed in conjunction with the upcoming CBD roadway rehabilitation.

The Commission has been focusing on Main Street north of Duane and Crescent east of Main, involving five key intersections. Civil Engineer Perrigo said, based on Commission comments, staff has revised the plan to stop Main road reconstruction one-half of the block before Anthony north of Pennsylvania, provide a transition on Crescent from Main to about one-half block west, straighten out the prairie path crosswalk, and add a crosswalk on Crescent near the theater. Staff has reviewed bump-outs at the intersections and the detailed design needs to take into account sufficient turning radii. Civil Engineer Perrigo said that the new estimated cost is within \$10,000 of the previously presented proposal.

There is a need to address the trees in these corridors, which are not healthy and are too big. In response to questions, P.E. Minix said that District 87 is handling the tree replacements for the Crescent project and is selecting species based on the recommendations of their team.

Chairman Colliander stated that he was in favor of pushing the plan forward. The Village Board will review it, and hopefully, release it for engineering. In response to questions, P.E. Minix said that the roadway / streetscape construction work is scheduled for 2017. Construction of required underground improvements would take place in 2016.

P.E. Minix proposed that staff prepare a memo and present it in the form of a CIC recommendation in May. The presentation will include the cost estimate and discussion of plan elements and the process involved in developing the plan. Input from the Planning and Development Department will also be sought. The report will discuss replacing sidewalks with new concrete with a brick paver ribbon next to the curb, the bump-outs and location of sidewalk and crosswalk pavers. Staff will try to circulate the draft report for comments and fine tuning by commissioners at the May CIC meeting.

The new police station is a high priority and it is anticipated will be the first major item addressed by the incoming Board. Then, the Board can look at this downtown plan and approve moving forward with engineering.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Public Works staff has been working at Manor Woods (area roughly bounded by Illinois, Newton, Greenfield and Brandon) to clean out invasive species and create a better path system.

There are some LED street lights installed on Roosevelt Road and in the Central Business District as test-cases. Staff is looking at different color temperatures to achieve more of a yellow glow. The energy differential between the current high pressure sodium and LED street lights is at least 30-50% less for LEDs, and LEDs have a much longer life than conventional street light bulbs. The Village will be installing LEDs exclusively in the future.

PROJECT REPORT:

The Illinois Department of Transportation is scheduled to let the Crescent Blvd. reconstruction work on April 24. The Village has requested expedited contract award so the working time can be maximized over the school recess period in summer. It is a fairly straightforward project, and scheduling will be helped by closing the street completely.

Crosswalk improvements on Route 38 at the Lambert and Nicoll Way intersections and at Pershing & Route 53 will also be let on April 24. The projects will be fully funded for field engineering and construction by RTA and CMAQ grants.

The Elm-Cottage-Geneva Connectors Improvements Project is underway. Bids for the Glenwood-Arbor-Ridgewood improvement Project will be opened in May. This will likely be the largest project by cost undertaken in the Village this year.

OTHER BUSINESS:

New Commissioner Rocco Zuccherro was welcomed to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Lindquist moved, and Commissioner Biggam seconded adjourning the meeting. With unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

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