

MINUTES

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Capital Improvements DATE: July 14, 2015
MEETING: Regular X Special _____ CALLED TO ORDER: 7:07 PM
QUORUM: Yes X No _____ ADJOURNED: 8:40 PM

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

OTHERS: Trustee Liaison (pro tem) Elliott, Public Works Director Hansen, Professional Engineer Minix

ABSENT: Commissioners Burton and Pryde

CALL TO ORDER:

The July 14, 2015 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission, held at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center, was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Colliander. A quorum was present.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Lindquist moved, and Commissioner Lane seconded, to approve the June 9, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

TRUSTEE REPORT:

There was no Trustee Report.

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

P. E. Minix reported that he drafted a second version of recommendations to the Board of Trustees in the form of a memo. The new version takes into account discussions from the last Commission meeting relating to trees, and includes mention of alternative staff opinions and possible concerns. His goal is to have the recommendations to the Board in August. He noted that he had not received any comments or questions from absent Commissioners that could be read into the minutes and made part of tonight's discussions.

Chairman Colliander asked that the recommendation of reversing the flow into and out of the commuter parking lot immediately to the west of the train station be included. P.E. Minix will add that point in the "Proposed Near-Term Project Streetscape Elements" section.

Commissioner Biggam asked that the recommendation to straighten out the Prairie Path be added to the "Mid-Block Crossings" section.

For the benefit of newer Commissioners, some of the additional Commission discussions were reviewed. With regard to the one-way streets. P.E. Minix said that a traffic study was done, and it was determined to be feasible to switch to two-way traffic, but there were pluses and minuses to both concepts. The Commission's consensus was to keep the traffic flow the way it is now. Furthermore, with the construction of the recommended bump-outs, the Village will be committed to the one-way traffic patterns for the foreseeable future. It was also noted that the horse trough would have to be moved to open up the intersection to two way traffic. Business owners, residents and department staff all have a variety of opinions on traffic flow.

Commissioner Zuccherro asked about bicycle parking. P.E. Minix said that there are plans within the bike plan, but not likely to be included in the streetscape plan. The bike plan calls for additional bike parking at the train station. Commissioners discussed the possibility of including bike racks along the sidewalks. Director Hansen noted that bikes are chained to trees and fences now, and that perhaps with some creativity, a few can be included that will keep bikes away from the trees. After additional discussion, the Commissioners' consensus was to add language to the memo about bike racks.

Commissioner Lane moved, and Commissioner Biggam seconded the following motion:

"That the recommendations contained in the Draft 2 of the memorandum from the Capital Improvements Commission to the Glen Ellyn Village Board entitled "Recommendation for Near-Term Central Business District Roadway and Streetscape Improvements" dated July 15, 2015 be approved, with modifications regarding train station parking flow, straightening the Prairie Path and adding bike racks."

The motion was approved without dissent.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Director Hansen reported that he is awaiting additional LED street light prototypes to install for comment.

PROJECT REPORT:

CRESCENT BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION -- P. E. Minix reported that, despite the record rainfall in June, the project is reasonably on schedule. The underground installations are nearly complete aside from AT&T relocation work. The retaining wall work is well underway, particularly near the roundabout. With 5-6 weeks to go, he is optimistic that there will be a usable street by the time school starts. In response to questions, P. E. Minix said that, although

MFT dollar payments to the Village may be delayed but will not be lost because of the State's budget issues, and will not affect the time line.

ELM-GENEVA CONNECTORS – COTTAGE IMPROVEMENTS – P. E. Minix said that the work is progressing well and that Senior Civil Engineer Rich Daubert has done an outstanding job in overseeing the project.

GLENWOOD-ARBOR- RIDGEWOOD IMPROVEMENTS – P. E. Minix mentioned that the contractor is struggling a bit with the schedule, and the project will continue into the fall as planned. Street reconstruction will occur in August and September. Because of additional storm sewer work, this project may be a bit over budget, but within the current contingency.

In answer to Commissioners' questions, P. E. Minix reviewed the circumstances of a major water main under the DuPage River at Roosevelt Road that coincided with (but likely is not directly related to) the June 15, 2015 major rain event. The Village will be engaging contractors in the fall for the somewhat expensive fix, which will probably be to install a parallel pipe rather than attempt to repair the existing pipe. Commissioners discussed the possible reasons for the pipe failure, including the overhead power lines, river currents and the fact that the river was at flood stage when the pipe failed. P.E. Minix praised the Public Works staff for the quick response and follow up communication with residents particularly with respect to the Boil Water order that was issued. Although the event was a catastrophic infrastructure failure, the staff followed standard operating procedures and effectively addressed the problem.

Regarding the Taylor Street pedestrian underpass, the engineers have prepared a preliminary report and are actively working with the railroad. The estimated cost has increased to approximately \$2.8 million compared to the original estimate of \$2.5 million. Ultimately, approval will be needed from both the railroad and IDOT. Seventy-five percent of the construction will be funded with a federal STP grant. Commissioners expressed concern about obtaining and keeping railroad approval on course through the project.

Commissioner Biggam asked about the possibility of a stop sign at Hillside and Glenwood in connection with the Glenwood-Arbor-Ridgewood project. P.E. Minix said that usually the police take the lead in assessing the need for new stop signs. Also, the improvements will be cutting down the hill somewhat for some improvement in visibility at the intersection.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was agreed that there will be no August Commission meeting.

Commissioner Lindquist moved, and Commissioner Zucchero seconded adjourning the meeting. With unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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