

MINUTES

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Capital Improvements DATE: April 12, 2016
MEETING: Regular X Special _____ BEGIN MEETING: 7:05 PM
QUORUM: Yes _____ No X END MEETING: 8:25 PM

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Commissioners Burton, Lindquist and Pryde

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

ABSENT: Chairman Colliander; Commissioners Biggam, Kumar, Lane, Ryne and Zucchero

CALL TO ORDER:

Because a quorum was not present, no official business was conducted at the April 12, 2016 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Four residents attended the meeting: Matthew Graham is a boy scout and was attending in order to partially fulfill the requirements for a Citizenship in the Community badge. His father Mike also was there; the Grahams reside at 207 Sunset. Two Glenbard West students, Sarah Jacobo and Megan Sheline, were present to fulfill requirements associated with their AP Government class. Public Works Director Hansen and commissioners explained the role and duties of the Capital Improvements Commission and answered various questions. A copy of the meeting agenda was distributed to the audience members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No action could be taken on the February 9, 2016 minutes; approval of the minutes for that meeting will occur at the next CIC meeting.

BICYCLE FACILITIES PLAN UPDATE:

P. E. Minix provided background on the development of the 2014 Move GE / Active Transportation Plan and his desire to update and fine tune that effort, ultimately resulting in formal adoption by the Village Board this year. Areas of the plan to be focused on include routes and bicycle parking. The Village will also pursue attainment as a designated "Bicycle Friendly Community."

P. E. Minix shared various route maps. The base map is the DuPage County bike network which is very strong and continually being improved. Around Glen Ellyn, existing east-west routes are very strong; north-south routes in the community are more the challenge. A community greenspace – park signed bicycle loop was created a few years ago.

The current Move GE route map was also reviewed. P. E. Minix added a proposed north-south route to that map connecting the Great Western and Prairie Path formulated by a group of Environmental Commissioners. This connection featured Riford Road as the principal corridor and ties into the pending Taylor Underpass Pedestrian Tunnel.

There is an ongoing need for north-south routes in the Village south of the railroad tracks. The new Police Station at 65 South Park will be an attractor / destination. Park Boulevard between Roosevelt Road and Fairview will be reconstructed in the coming years and staff wants to pursue some additional widening of that roadway. Overall, what is the best way to direct bikes between the very south end of the Village (Butterfield Road / Morton Arboretum) and the Prairie Path?

Attending Commissioners commented on the map prepared by P. E. Minix showing his suggestions for north-south connections through the Village to the College of DuPage area, including some augmented east-west connectivity. Discussions included the use of Lorraine Road; the likely increased use of the Taylor Underpass once the new pedestrian tunnel is built; Taylor vs. Bryant; crossings of Roosevelt Road; Park Boulevard configurations north and south of Roosevelt Road including linking Revere and Fairview; use of Crescent/Lake/Oak/Lenox as an alternate to Riford Road; signage/markings/maps for way-finding. Bicycle parking near the train station was discussed with likely opportunities for funding from an upcoming DuPage Mayors and Managers grant initiative; conversion of a vehicle spot or two into bicycle parking likely will be recommended in the updated plan. Audience members also suggested various issues and desires for bicycle accommodation on roadways.

TRUSTEE REPORT:

No report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Director Hansen said there was a bid opening for LED light fixture replacement in the Central Business District and prices were good; however, the Board appears to want to go in a different direction and permit more lighting of downtown buildings with a non-Dark Sky compliant luminaire. Commissioner Pryde commented that in his Glen Ellyn experience, up-lighting of buildings is not allowed by the current zoning code without a variation.

PROJECT REPORT:

P. E. Minix described the current activities associated with the Lake Ellyn Outlet Control Structure Replacement Project: soft sediment removals (paid for by Park District); expanded OCS; use of dual outlet pipes instead of a single discharge pipe from the OCS; replacement of the dormant pipe with a new, larger size pipe through the dam. The lake is starting to fill. The Elm-Oak-Geneva Improvements Project recommendation made by the CIC to include private property improvements was approved by the Board. Crescent Boulevard landscaping will be installed in May.

END OF MEETING:

The meeting concluded at 8:25 PM.

Submitted by R. Minix, Village of Glen Ellyn Public Works