

MINUTES

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Capital Improvements DATE: August 8, 2017
MEETING: Regular X Special _____ CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03 PM
QUORUM: Yes X No _____ ADJOURNED: 8:53 PM

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Lane, Commissioners Colliander, Burton, Foerster, Kumar, Lindquist, Zucchero, Trustee Kenwood (arrived at 7:39)

OTHERS: Professional Engineer Daubert

ABSENT: Commissioners Biggam and Ryne

CALL TO ORDER:

The August 8, 2017 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission, held at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center, was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairman Lane. A quorum was present.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (non-agenda items):

Sylvia Reuling, 950 Clifton Ave, was present and spoke about the poor condition of Clifton, Scott and Cumnor Avenues. They do not want their street widened, just repaired. Ms. Reuling explained that water pools in the street and that the pothole repairs have been eroded. P.E. Daubert explained that Cumnor and Ellynwood were last resurfaced last in 2003. He is aware of drainage issues as it is a localized low point in topography. The Village is planning on doing a topographic survey of this area. There is a pending annexation on Hill Avenue, in which the Village would inherit a portion of Hill Avenue, including a sanitary sewer main and lift station (currently owned by Lombard). Before reconstructing these streets, the Village would want to explore extending sanitary sewer to the area. The Village Board will be discussing this issue next week at a workshop session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Lindquist moved, and Commissioner Burton seconded, to approve the May 9, 2017 meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

**CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION OF SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON TURNER AVENUE
(MONTCLAIR TO TAYLOR)**

P.E. Daubert explained that this project involves the resurfacing of Turner Avenue from Montclair to Taylor. There is a sidewalk on the south side of Turner, but not the north side. For a roadway reconstruction project, the Village policy states that PW is to incorporate sidewalk on both sides of the street. Engineering drawings for a sidewalk on the north side have been prepared. P.E. Daubert showed the engineering plans. The sidewalk will meander around existing trees, at some places the sidewalk would be located directly adjacent to the back of the curb. P.E. Daubert reminded the commission of the sidewalk situation on Davis Terrace. It is a dead-end street with no existing sidewalk on the west side of the street. The commission recently recommended NOT to install sidewalks in this location.

P.E. Daubert explained that there has been some opposition from residents for the sidewalk on Turner. The Police Department is supportive of a new public sidewalk. The school district has not offered any input despite staff reaching out to them. The proposed cost for sidewalk is approximately \$55,000.

Residents in attendance offered their input. Jeff Button, 331 Montclair, resident in this location since 1994, stated that he rarely sees people walking on the north side of the street. His house was built in 1906, and has a short driveway. They would not be able to park 2 cars in the driveway without blocking the new sidewalk. The sidewalk has to be built close to his house due to the location of existing trees.

Michael Rossman, 706 Turner, stated that the sidewalk would be installed next to the curb, which requires trimming an existing pine tree. His neighbor has a small decorative tree close to the curb. It would also have to be trimmed to accommodate a sidewalk. He doesn't think the sidewalk next to the curb is an attractive look. School children walk on the sidewalk on the south side of the street.

Chuck Dean, 711 Turner (south side of street), stated that the sidewalk in front of his house is pitched towards his property, sending water towards his garage. P.E. Daubert stated that PW has plans to fix the pitch of the sidewalk to provide proper drainage.

Discussion followed regarding shoveling of sidewalks for school children and elementary school drop-off patterns. The commission also discussed vehicles parking in driveways that hangover onto the sidewalk. Police can ticket cars for blocking more than half the sidewalk.

The commission members voiced some concerns about the proposed sidewalk: some do not see a need for a sidewalk, no current safety issues with students walking to school, sidewalk design looks forced, would rather spend the money on other issues in town.

Commissioner Zucchero made a motion, “whereas new sidewalk on the north side of Turner Avenue from Montclair to Taylor is not warranted or needed, the CIC recommends no such sidewalk be constructed as part of the Montclair/East/Davis/Smith/Turner Improvements Project,” seconded by Commissioner Colliander. Voice vote: 5 in favor, 2 opposed (Burton, Lindquist). Motion passes.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Kenwood stated that the Village Board voted to continue garbage collection with its current provider on Mondays. They are still working on developments in the downtown, the goal is to encourage more apartments in downtown Glen Ellyn to increase density. They are looking at building a parking garage at the civic center and continue to study the feasibility of an underground pedestrian tunnel at the train station.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

P.E. Daubert shared that staff is wrapping up the preliminary submittal for north Park Blvd, reconstructing from Roosevelt to Fairview. The Village Board supported the CIC’s recommendation on street widening. Next year will also see the resurfacing of Main Street from Roosevelt to Fairview, those are the big projects.

Also, the Village Board approved an engineering study to explore underground utilities in the CBD. Staff hopes to do construction in 2019-2020.

PROJECT UPDATE – PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

P.E. Daubert stated that Phase 1 Engineering was completed for the Taylor Street underpass this year. Staff sent plans to Union Pacific Railroad in April, and recently received comments back.

Currently 4 miles of streets are under construction in the Village. The first phase of street improvements is complete. Work on Kenilworth Avenue (Greenfield to Hill) and three residential alleys has been completed.

There are currently about 700 responses to the Village’s online survey regarding the Metra station. The study is ongoing.

The CBD streetlight upgrades are done, with 297 lights installed. Next year they plan to upgrade streetlights at 5 Corners to match the CBD.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Burton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Colliander. With unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Submitted by C. Johnson, Recording Secretary
Reviewed by Rich Daubert, Professional Engineer