



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Special Workshop Meeting
Monday, October 21, 2019
7:00 PM
Police Department Community Room

A. Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Diane McGinley	Village President	Present	
Bill Enright	Village Trustee	Present	
Gary Fasules	Village Trustee	Late	7:06 PM
Craig R. Pryde	Village Trustee	Present	
Kelli E. Christiansen	Village Trustee	Present	
Steve Thompson	Village Trustee	Present	
Mark Senak	Village Trustee	Present	
John Chereskin	Village Clerk	Present	
Mark Franz	Village Manager	Excused	
Greg Mathews	Village Attorney	Present	
William Holmer	Assistant Village Manager	Present	
Christina Coyle	Finance Director	Present	
Julius Hansen	Public Works Director	Excused	
Staci Springer	Director	Excused	
Phil Norton	Chief of Police	Present	

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

D. Audience Participation

1. Open:

None

E. Taylor Avenue Underpass Artwork (Presented by Assistant Village Manager Holmer) (Discussion Only)

1. A representative from the Environmental Commission will present a proposal regarding artwork in the Taylor Avenue Pedestrian Underpass.

Assistant Village Manager Holmer introduced Commissioners Adrienne Gregory and Jennifer Umlauf from the Environmental Commission to speak about the artwork.

Commissioner Gregory stated both she and Commission Umlauf are long-time members of the Environmental Commission and relayed the background on this project. Commissioner Gregory stated the Environmental Commission spoke with 2 to 3 artists who specialize in murals and decided on using the Chicago Public Arts Group (CPAG) for this. Commissioner Gregory showed examples of CPAG's work in Chicago and stated CPAG's model for something like this is community participation. Commissioner Gregory stated the Environmental Commission held a charrette and invited the public to

get their thoughts and comments on what they would like to see for this mural, and thirty people attended.

Commissioner Umlauf showed a rendering of the proposed mural and stated Glen Ellyn means so many things to so many people, and they came away with five elements for the Village that were incorporated into the mural: fireworks, water, music, movement and trees, nature and grasses. Commissioner Umlauf stated this mural will be on the east side of the tunnel, and the artist is talking about using mirrored mosaic tiles for this mural.

There were discussions regarding the size of the mural and the medium for the mural.

President McGinley asked about the cost estimated of this proposed mural. Commissioner Umlauf stated the approximate cost is \$31,000. President McGinley asked if the Environmental Commission feels this design represents Glen Ellyn. Commissioner Gregory stated this is fine art, and it does represent Glen Ellyn. Trustee Pryde stated he suggests a small plaque be installed with the mural to explain the five elements so the residents can see the connection between the art and they the artist is trying to convey. President McGinley stated she would like to see this proposed mural put back out for the public to give their feedback on. Commissioner Gregory stated they do have the list of the names who attended the charrette. President McGinley stated they need to have the public weigh-in on this proposed mural and would like staff to put in on the Village's website and possibly have another open house to give residents time to reach and get used to this.

Trustee Christiansen stated she is concerned about the tiles staying adhered to the tunnel wall. Assistant Village Manager Holmer stated staff has expressed concern with the mosaic tiles staying adhered to the tunnel wall with the constant railroad track rattling overhead. Commissioner Gregory stated they would use an adhesive that would do the job. Commissioner Umlauf stated this mural will be permanent and require less maintenance.

President McGinley asked about the financial piece. Commissioner Umlauf stated the Environmental Commission did look at a possible grant for this, but they could not complete the grant application by the deadline. Commissioner Gregory stated they did talk in the Environmental Commission about a possible fundraising campaign.

President McGinley asked for direction from the Village Board regarding the mosaic art and where the money for the art might come from.

Trustee Enright stated he was previously the liaison to the Environmental Commission, and he feels they did a great job. Trustee Enright stated he is fine with the design and feels the Village could find the money for this in the budget.

Trustee Senak stated he thinks this is good for the Village and will help with brand differentiation. Trustee Senak stated this will demonstrate Glen Ellyn's commitment to the culture of the arts, and it will have an economic development component to this. Trustee Senak suggested having three alternative designs to choose from. Trustee Senak stated he feels the Village can do this project and then possibly other projects as well.

Trustee Fasules stated if you are going to spend \$30,000 on a project then it should be to the benefit of the community. Trustee Fasules stated he showed the rendering to some people, and no one had a clue as to what it was. Trustee Fasules stated he feels more the community should be pulled into this, and he feels we can do better. Trustee Fasules

stated he is not opposed to doing something.

Trustee Christiansen stated she appreciates the work done by the Environmental Commission and the enthusiasm around the project. Trustee Christiansen stated if the Village is going to spend the dollars then the art should be put where more people can see it. Trustee Christiansen stated she is not sure the design will have the right effect.

Trustee Thompson stated he is in support of the Environmental Commission's efforts, and art is in the eye of the beholder. Trustee Thompson stated the design seems incomplete in encompassing the whole tunnel, and he is more in favor of seeing other examples for a more complete installation.

President McGinley stated the Village Board's direction to the staff and the Environmental Commission is to keep this as one option, but to find two other options with other mediums as well. President McGinley stated the Village Board would also like to see alternatives that would encompass the whole tunnel. Trustee Thompson stated this proposed art would not be in the 2020 budget, but they will put a placeholder in the 2021 budget for this.

Trustee Thompson stated the Environmental Commission should go back again to the College of DuPage to see if there is anyone who could help with this design or do other mediums.

Trustee Senak asked if the Environmental Commission needs more funds to look at the other options. Commissioner Gregory stated they would need more funds to explore different ideas.

President McGinley thanked the Environmental Commission for all their work on this.

RESULT:	DISCUSSION ONLY
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F. 2020 Budget (Presented by Finance Director Coyle) (Discussion Only)

1. Finance Director Coyle will facilitate a discussion to finalize the 2020 draft budget.

Finance Director Coyle stated this will be the last scheduled workshop regarding the 2020 budget, and the Village Board can hopefully come to a consensus on the draft budget. Finance Director Coyle stated the First Reading of the 2020 Budget will be at the October 28, 2019 Village Board meeting, and the Second Reading will be at the November 12, 2019 Village Board meeting. Finance Director Coyle stated the packet includes seven budget memos regarding questions that have come up at other workshops.

Budget Memo #1 - History of the Special Programs Fund and Community Grants Program

Trustee Fasules stated he would like to switch the Downtown Alliance budget with the budget for the Glen Ellyn Youth and Family Counseling budget. Trustee Fasules stated the dollars given to the Downtown Alliance cover the director's salary, and he feels the Village Board should fund the Glen Ellyn Youth and Family Counseling stronger in 2020 as this is vital to the community.

President McGinley stated this would collapse the Alliance, and the Glen Ellyn Youth and Family Counseling has not come to the staff or the Village Board, asking for more

money. Trustee Fasules stated they have come to him about this. Assistant Village Manager Holmer stated the Village Board did increase the amount given to Glen Ellyn Youth and Family Counseling to \$35,000 in 2019. Trustee Fasules stated he feels they are other organizations that could be looked at again also.

Trustee Senak suggested a lump sum of money could be given to the Glen Ellyn Fund so they can fund an organization(s) appropriately.

Trustee Enright stated the Downtown Alliance does come to Village Board meetings to report the sales data. Trustee Pryde stated he feels the Downtown Alliance is necessary as it provides a service that makes every part of Glen Ellyn's retail area better, and this helps to bring additional tax dollars in.

Trustee Pryde stated another organization that could use more dollars is the Western DuPage Special Rec. Association (WDSRA).

Trustee Thompson stated he does not think the Chamber of Commerce could do all the events if the Alliance went away, but he would like to see the Alliance produce more and present more data.

Trustee Christiansen stated they need to do a deep dive between the Chamber and the Downtown Alliance to see what is working, what is not working, where the two overlap and where there are gaps. Trustee Christiansen stated she feels they should set the budget for the total contribution to organizations and then split it out. Trustee Christiansen stated she is concerned with having the Village Board determine which line item and which organization to support.

Finance Director Coyle stated the 2019 budget is projected to have a surplus, and the Village Board could direct this surplus toward an organization. Finance Director Coyle stated these additional contributions would be voted on when the Village Board votes on any budget amendments in January. President McGinley stated the Village Board will be discussing the cannabis issue at the next meeting, and these possible revenues could fund these organizations.

Budget Memo #2 - Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Company Workers Compensation and Death Benefits

Trustee Senak stated he does want to see this change. Finance Director Coyle stated the staff is getting a quote for a supplemental/gap policy. The consensus of the Village Board is that staff continues to research this for all Village staff. Trustee Christiansen recused herself from this conversation due a conflict of interest.

Budget Memo #3 - Senior Programs at the Village of Glen Ellyn

Trustee Christiansen asked if the Village could go to a straight 10% discount for seniors on the refuse rate. Trustee Christiansen stated this would cost the Village approximately \$5,000 a year, and they can take these dollars from the Public Works' line item for beautification. There was a discussion regarding across the board senior discounts and what criteria should be used. Trustees Enright and Thompson stated there should not be across the board senior discounts. Trustees Christiansen and Senak stated it should be based on age plus income. Trustee Fasules stated it should be based on age and length of residency in the Village. President McGinley stated there is not enough support to pursue this.

Budget Memo #4 - Historical Information on the Motor Fuel Tax

There was a discussion regarding adding a possible local gas tax, and 3 Trustees said maybe, 2 Trustees said yes and 1 Trustee said no. Trustee Christiansen stated a local gas tax could bring in approximately \$160,000 in tax revenue a year. President McGinley stated due to the mixed view of the Village Board, a possible local gas tax would not be in the 2020 budget, but will be put on the long-term conversations list.

Budget Memo #5 - Stormwater Information for the Village Links

Trustee Thompson stated he has some questions about this, but will ask these questions off-line.

Budget Memo #6 - Changes to the General Fund Budget

There was no discussion on this.

Budget Memo #7 - Additional Cost to the Taxpayer for the 2020 Budget

Finance Director Coyle stated they provide this each year to help the Village Board understand what this looks like.

Overall Comments from the Village Board

Trustee Enright stated the 2020 Budget looks great, and he has no changes to offer. Trustees Pryde, Thompson and Christiansen agreed with this.

Trustee Senak stated he feels the budget is too high, and he has a list of line items that he feels they can cut. President McGinley asked Trustee Senak to talk to Finance Director Coyle about this off-line.

Trustee Fasules stated he has nothing at this time as he would like to see Trustee Senak's suggestions. Trustee Fasules stated he is not for or against the budget at the moment.

RESULT:	DISCUSSION ONLY
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G. Other Items

None

H. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Kelli E. Christiansen, Village Trustee
SECONDER:	Bill Enright, Village Trustee
AYES:	Enright, Fasules, Pryde, Christiansen, Thompson, Senak
PRESENT:	McGinley

Respectfully Submitted, Debbie Solomon Recording Secretary

Reviewed and Approved, John A. Chereskin Village Clerk