



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Glen Ellyn Village Board
Workshop
Monday, April 19, 2021
7:00 PM

Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Galligan Board Room

A. Call to Order

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Upon roll call by Village Clerk Chereskin, Acting Village President Fasules and Trustees Christiansen, Enright, Pryde, Senak and Thompson answered "Present".

Also in attendance were Village Manager Franz, Assistant Village Manager Rodman, Finance Director Coyle, Community Development Director Springer, Police Chief Norton, Interim Public Works Director Buckley and Planning Manager Purvis.

D. Audience Participation

1. Erica Nelson thanked Trustee Enright and Trustee Pryde for their years of service. Ms. Nelson spoke regarding the need of affordable housing in Glen Ellyn and thanked the Village Board and staff for making this a focus in the upcoming years.

E. Environmental Commission 2021 Priorities (Presented by Environmental Commission Chairperson Truitt) (Discussion Only)

1. Chairperson Truitt will present the Environmental Commission Priorities for 2021.

Environmental Commission Chairperson Truitt presented the Environmental Commission's top priorities for 2021. Chairperson Truitt stated the Environmental Commission's priorities include encouraging sustainable communities, economic development, green initiative awards for businesses, educational workshops and partnerships, native tree & shrub sale as well as educating and making information available to residents.

Trustee Enright asked if the proposed award program would be for businesses and resident. Chairperson Truitt stated the Commission will focus on businesses as residents currently have options to be recognized by other organizations.

Trustee Pryde thanked Chairperson Truitt for her leadership of the Environmental Commission.

Trustee Senak stated he highly respects the work the Environmental Commission has done. Trustee Senak stated in upcoming years, he will be asking the Environmental Commission to focus on energy costs.

Trustee Christiansen thanked Chairperson Truitt for her work on the Environmental Commission and stated she is delighted on how proactive and creative the Commission is.

Trustee Thompson thanked Chairperson Truitt and the entire Environmental Commission for all their work.

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H. Financial Report (Presented by Finance Director Coyle) (Discussion Only)

1. Finance Director Coyle will present the first quarter report for fiscal year 2021.

Finance Director Coyle provided an overview of the first quarter financial report focusing on the general fund revenues and trends, the American Rescue Plan, cash reserves and budget amendments.

Trustee Senak asked if the 2021 budget will have a surplus. Finance Director Coyle stated it is too soon to project but stated the budget was created with an expected deficit in 2021. Finance Director Coyle stated it is likely that the deficit will be less than what was projected in the budgeting process.

Trustee Thompson stated he is in support of hiring the HR Manager position and moving forward to staffing that position.

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F. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Report (Presented by Village Manager Franz) (Discussion Only)

1. Village Manager Franz will present an update on the DEI Community Project.

Village Manager Franz provided an update on the DEI Community Project and showed a video about the project.

Trustee Christiansen stated the DEI project is not a one and done event and noted that it is a journey. Trustee Christiansen stated the Village and community must continue progress and move forward with the Community Relations Commission and Affordable Housing Taskforce as soon as possible. Trustee Christiansen stated the Village's job is to listen and hear our residents. Trustee Christiansen thanked the Village, Village Board and Library for starting this initiative.

Trustee Thompson stated the Village has to be careful when appointing Commissioners to the Community Relation Commission and noted he is looking forward to staffing and starting the Commission.

Trustee Senak stated he could not be more proud of the Village Board and Library. Trustee Senak stated Trustee Christiansen will be the Trustee Liaison for the Community Relations Commission and is glad to have the Community Relations Commission back up and running. Trustee Senak stated he looks forward to working with residents and the Village Board regarding DEI initiatives.

Public Comment

1. Julie Evans wrote regarding the need of affordable housing in the Village including housing for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

2. Renie Atchison wrote regarding the need of affordable housing in the Village including housing for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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G. Comprehensive Plan (Presented by Community Development Director Springer) (Discussion Only)

1. Community Development Director Springer will lead a presentation of the Village's Draft Comprehensive Plan.

Acting President Fasules stated this discussion of the draft Comprehensive Plan will be first of many discussions by the Village Board and noted a vote will not be taken regarding the Comprehensive Plan at this time.

Community Development Director Springer provided an overview of the Comprehensive Plan process and introduced John Houseal and Brandon Nolin of Houseal Lavigne Associates.

John Houseal, Principal of Houseal Lavigne Associates, provided an overview of the planning process, community input and the draft Plan overview.

Brandon Nolin, Senior Project Manager at Houseal Lavigne Associates, provided a high level overview of the draft Comprehensive Plan

Trustee Enright stated the Plan Commission has done a fantastic job with the draft Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Enright stated Houseal Lavigne Associates have also done a great job with the draft Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Enright stated his only concern is moving the fire house that is currently located on Pennsylvania Avenue. Trustee Enright also stated he would like to see Resolution 19-04 included in the Plan.

Trustee Pryde stated the Plan Commission and Houseal Lavigne Associates have done a great job with the draft Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Pryde stated he focuses on Comprehensive Plans from other communities for his work, and this is the most comprehensive Plan that he has seen. Trustee Pryde stated this Plan takes account for everyone and noted there is information for everyone in the Plan. Trustee Pryde stated moving forward, the Village Board should review and update the Comprehensive Plan more frequently. Trustee Pryde stated he hopes the Plan becomes more in the forefront of future Village Boards. Trustee Pryde stated he recommends being careful with the catalyst sites. Trustee Pryde stated it is great to focus on affordable housing and noted it is a great opportunity to invite the next generation of residents to Glen Ellyn. Trustee Pryde stated overall the draft Comprehensive Plan is very solid and noted it is a very good step forward.

Village Manager Franz stated it is a goal to be able to modify the Comprehensive Plan moving forward and to treat it more like a working document. Mr. Houseal stated the Comprehensive Plan is a long term vision, but it should be reviewed during the time it is in place. Acting President Fasules stated the Village Board and staff will set up a review schedule that works best for everyone moving forward.

Trustee Thompson stated he is concerned about the catalyst sites and asked if the current owners know they are in fact considered a catalyst site in the draft Plan. Community Development Director Springer stated staff has been in contact with all catalyst sites, and also noted the disclaimer regarding catalyst sites in the Plan.

Trustee Thompson stated he is also concerned about parking, especially ADA parking and Uber/Lyft drop off sites. Trustee Thompson stated parking is not addressed in the draft Plan. Trustee Thompson stated he would like to see more information about the award programs offered by the Village in the Plan. Trustee Thompson stated he is happy to see that residents want cultural facilities in the Village and noted he would like to see the McKee House and Churchill Woods added to the Plan. Trustee Thompson also noted he is very interested in the Surrey Drive area, east of Roosevelt Road, and would like to see that area added to the Plan.

Trustee Christiansen thanked staff and Houseal Lavigne Associates for all their work this far on the draft Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Christiansen stated she is concerned that we haven't started with what we want, but rather we started with what the Village needs to do the catch up with other communities. Trustee Christiansen noted that history and character is important to Glen Ellyn and that should be reflected in the Plan. Trustee Christiansen stated the Plan notes nearly 50% of residents have no interest to add additional apartments to the downtown, yet the catalyst sites are all for multi-family developments. Trustee Christiansen stated she is concerned about the upzoning and changing the feet associated with allowable heights for development in the downtown. Trustee Christiansen stated residents are already concerned with a five story (50-60 foot) building and would like to see these discrepancies reconciled. Trustee Christiansen stated the Plan stops at Roosevelt Road and noted the Plan should include opportunities for South of Roosevelt Road. Trustee Christiansen stated there is also an opportunity to make Glen Ellyn greener and more environmentally friendly. Trustee Christiansen stated she would like to see these big picture concerns addressed.

Trustee-elect Gould stated she is concerned regarding the upzoning and noted she is not comfortable jumping to the height increase. Trustee-elect Gould also noted the upzoning contradicts other parts of the Plan. Trustee-elect Gould stated the vision section needs some additional work and would like to see this section expanded and increased. Trustee-elect Gould stated she would like more details on how Glen Ellyn is distinguished from other communities. Trustee-elect Gould noted Glen Ellyn is a walkable city, and there needs to be more focus on buildings and the rhythm of the block.

Trustee-elect Kalinich stated Trustee Christiansen's feedback reflected her high level notes. Trustee-elect Kalinich stated she sent questions to Village staff and would like to explore one-way streets in future meetings.

Trustee Senak noted he would like to see future revisions redlined for ease of tracking changes. Trustee Senak stated he would like to see the raw community data posted on the website. Trustee Senak also noted he echoes Trustee Enright, and would like to see Resolution 19-04 added to the Plan.

Trustee Senak noted the vision statement is a key component of the Plan and asked if it was created by Houseal Lavigne and Village staff and asked if the vision statement was created around community input and outreach data. Planning Manager Purvis stated Houseal Lavigne and staff created the vision statement together. Planning Manager Purvis stated it was her understanding that the Village Board previously directed staff to use the previous vision statement, goals and objectives and to update them as necessary.

Trustee Senak asked if the Village and Houseal Lavigne reviewed our stakeholder's Comprehensive Plans and Strategic Plans to see if they matched our vision. Mr. Nolin stated during initial meetings with stakeholder's staff reviewed their Comprehensive and Strategic Plans. Trustee Senak stated if this was done, it should be noted in the Plan.

Public Comment

1. Sania Irwin thanked Trustee Enright and Pryde for their service to the Village. Ms. Irwin stated Resolution 19-04 should be fully included in the Comprehensive Plan.

2. George Smith of St. Marks stated the Comprehensive Plan is amazing to have and stated Resolution 19-04 should be fully included at the beginning of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Smith also noted St. Mark's has been providing services in Spanish since 2011.

3. Kim Reed stated Resolution 19-04 needs to be placed at the front of the Comprehensive Plan and spoke regarding the importance of the Resolution. Ms. Reed stated there is in fact racism in our community and Resolution 19-04 should be used as a compass.

4. James Shannon of People's Community Church stated he has been a resident of Glen Ellyn for 37 years. Mr. Shannon stated his congregation is prominently African American and noted they would like to live closer to church, but they are unsure if they can afford to live in Glen Ellyn and if they will be welcome. Mr. Shannon stated he is excited to share this Plan with his congregation. Mr. Shannon stated Resolution 19-04 should be in the front of the Plan and he is excited for the future of Glen Ellyn.

5. Ginger Wheeler thanked Trustee Enright and Pryde for their service to the community and thanked everyone who has assisted with the draft Plan. Ms. Wheeler stated she would like to see bike trails included in the Plan and also noted Resolution 19-04 should be included in the beginning of the Plan.

6. Karl Agger wrote noting the proposed changes included in the Comprehensive Plan should not be adopted.

7. Pamela Albrecht wrote stating the allowable height of buildings in downtown should not be increased and should remain at 40 feet. Ms. Albrecht also noted the Village should reinstate the Architectural Review Commission to assist in guiding future developments.

8. Britta Albrecht-Tello wrote stating the allowable height of buildings in downtown should not be increased and should remain at 40 feet.

9. Gabriele Bent wrote stating the allowable height of buildings in downtown should not be increased and should remain at 40 feet.

10. Jeffrey and Laurie Blei wrote regarding steps the Village should take to assess any future proposed developments including seeking community input, sticking to current building code and zoning rules, reinstating the Architectural Review Commission, creating 3D models and reaching out to similar communities.

11. Laura Bromann Brown wrote encouraging the Village Board to exclude the Early Education Campus from the Comprehensive Plan at this time.

12. Barb Lemme wrote regarding her concern of the overall tenor and intent of the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Lemme wrote stating the allowable height of buildings in downtown should not be increased and should remain at 40 feet.

13. Diana Martinez wrote stating the allowable height of buildings in downtown should not be increased and should remain at 40 feet.

14. Lee Marks wrote stating the allowable height of buildings in downtown should not be increased and should remain at 40 feet.

15. James Murphy wrote stating the allowable height of buildings in downtown should not be increased and should remain at 40 feet.

16. Tillie Radebaugh wrote stating the allowable height of buildings in downtown should not be increased and should remain at 40 feet.

17. Brad Rosley wrote stating the allowable height of buildings in the downtown should be increased to 60 feet as it allows for more density without more space on the ground.

18. Eleanor Salimonas wrote stating the allowable height of buildings in downtown should not be increased and should remain at 40 feet.

19. Scott Shoub wrote stating the allowable height of buildings in downtown should not be increased and should remain at 40 feet.

20. Elicia Viola wrote stating the allowable height of buildings in downtown should not be increased and should remain at 40 feet. Ms. Viola also noted the Village should reinstate the Architectural Review Commission to assist in guiding future developments.

21. Scott Vogg wrote stating the allowable height of buildings in downtown should not be increased and should remain at 40 feet.

22. Kevin Williams wrote stating he is excited about the Comprehensive Plan and possible improvements to Glen Ellyn. Mr. Williams wrote that he supports to increase of allowable height of buildings in downtown.

23. Zak Wilson wrote asking for the Comprehensive Plan to be put on hold so residents and businesses can provide feedback.

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I. Other Business

J. Adjourn

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Bill Enright, Village Trustee
SECONDER:	Craig Pryde, Village Trustee
AYES:	Christiansen, Enright, Fasules, Pryde, Senak, Thompson

Respectfully Submitted, Lindsey Kaminsky Executive Assistant

Reviewed and Approved, John A. Chereskin, Village Clerk