



Agenda
Village of Glen Ellyn
Community Relations Commission
Thursday, February 3, 2022
7:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center (via Teleconference)

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- A. Call to Order**
- B. Roll Call**
- C. Commission Liaison Reports**
 - 1) Trustee Liaison
 - 2) Staff Liaisons (Administration/Police)
 - 3) Library Liaison
 - 4) School District Liaison
 - 5) Park District Liaison
- D. Audience Participation**
- E. Glen Ellyn Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Policy**
- F. Glen Ellyn Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Lens**
- G. Comprehensive Plan**
- H. Next Meeting**

1) March 3, 2022

I. Adjourn



Community Relations Commission Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Policy

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The Village of Glen Ellyn is fully committed to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in principle and in practice. The Village strives to be an inclusive and equitable community, that embraces and champions diversity, and welcomes, respects, and engages all people in all aspects of Village life, including employment, commerce, housing, recreation, faith practices, access to resources, and civic engagement. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion are central to the Village's current and future success.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in the Village on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, native or indigenous origin, nationality, immigration status, geography, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, culture, religion or no religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, genetic information, mental/intellectual/emotional abilities or disabilities, physical abilities or disabilities, mental health conditions, physical health conditions, age, generation, socioeconomic status, income level, profession, work style, work experience, job role function, educational level or background, thinking style, personality type, political perspective or affiliation, language(s) spoken/written/read, accent, dress or other customs and choices, appearance, and/or any other characteristics that can be identified as recognizing or illustrating diversity.

League of Women's Voters DEI Policy

SOURCE: [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy | League of Women Voters \(lww.org\)](https://lww.org/diversity-equity-and-inclusion-policy)

LWV is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, socioeconomic status, language, accent, ability status, mental health, educational level or background, geography, nationality, work style, work experience, job role function, thinking style, personality type, physical appearance, political perspective or affiliation and/or any other characteristic that can be identified as recognizing or illustrating diversity.



Village of Glen Ellyn

Resolution No. 19-04

**Resolution of the Village of Glen Ellyn Board of Trustees
Reaffirming Its Support for a Community Free of Racism,
Hatred and Bigotry in All Forms.**

WHEREAS, the United States of America is a civilized nation that in its Declaration of Independence declares that all people are created equal; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Glen Ellyn strives to be an inclusive community that champions diversity, embraces its immigrant communities, respects sexual and gender identity, makes room for all faiths, pursues equity, and rejects hatred, violence, and terrorism; and

WHEREAS, disagreements can occur respectfully without resorting to, or threatening, violence, and without defacing or destroying property;

WHEREAS, the idea that one group or individual is supreme over another is not only wrong but ethically and morally reprehensible; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Village of Glen Ellyn that the Village will:

SECTION 1. Denounce all forms of hate by any group or individual;

SECTION 2. Continue to exercise its fundamental freedoms, including freedom of expression, assembly, and conscience; and

SECTION 3. Shall not be intimidated by the fear of violence by any group or individual that seeks to empower themselves over others; and

SECTION 4. Shall strive to be a community of justice and peace for all people where the dignity of every human being is respected.



Village of Glen Ellyn Village Code

Community Relations Commission

2-10-1. Creation of Commission.

There is hereby created the Community Relations Commission, which shall be advisory to the Village Board.

(Ord. 1972, 2-10-1975)

2-10-2. Intent and purpose.

Glen Ellyn strives to be a community that welcomes, respects, and engages all people in all aspects of Village life, including employment, commerce, housing, recreation, faith practices, access to resources, and civic engagement. The Community Relations Commission (CRC) promotes these aspirations by actively engaging the community and Village institutions by articulating benchmarks for ongoing efforts in achieving diversity, equality, equity, and inclusion; by educating those who live, work, play, and study in the Village; by reporting on related initiatives; and by serving as a point of contact for community members.

The definition of "all people" is inclusive and covers race; color; sex (including pregnancy and gender identity); sexual orientation; religion or no religion; mental, intellectual, and emotional abilities or disabilities; physical abilities or disabilities; genetic information; health condition; age; economic status and income; profession; education level; national origin, ethnicity, or immigration status; language(s) spoken, written, or read; dress and other customs and choices; appearance; and any other characteristics of diversity.

The Village of Glen Ellyn acknowledges the existence of racism, discrimination, and inequitable treatment in our country and is committed to being a welcoming and inclusive community for all. To realize this goal will require the ongoing commitment of residents, elected officials, and staff. The intent and purpose of the CRC is to make recommendations to the Village Board to create and support policies, programs, events, actions, and communications that guide the community toward this goal.

It shall be the intent and purpose of the Community Relations Commission to:

(A) Encourage through policy recommendations, programs, events, actions, and communications that Glen Ellyn remain a community that welcomes, respects, and engages all people in all aspects of Village life, including employment, commerce, housing, recreation, faith practices, access to resources, and civic engagement.

(B) Promote these aspirations by actively engaging the community and Village institutions by articulating benchmarks for ongoing efforts in achieving diversity, equality, equity, and inclusion;

by educating those who live, work, play, and study in the Village; by reporting on related initiatives; and by serving as a point of contact for community members.

(C) Review issues and concerns related to diversity, equality, equity, and inclusion initiated by members of the CRC (e.g., presented to the CRC by individuals, organizations, or groups) or requested by the Board of Trustees. The CRC shall undertake as part of its mission the goal of tackling those issues related to community relations and the fair and equitable treatment and well-being of all who reside, work, interact with, or visit the Village.

(D) Perform such other functions and responsibilities as the Board of Trustees may request of it.

(Ord. 2043, 2-23-1976; amd. Ord. 6892, 8-23-2021)

2-10-3. Commission membership.

(A) *Appointment:* The Community Relations Commission shall consist of seven volunteer members and two volunteer student members appointed by the Village President, with the approval of the majority of the Board of Trustees; all Commissioners shall serve without compensation. Student members shall be in grades 9-12. Student Commissioners shall vote in the same manner as all other appointed Commissioners. All Commissioners shall reside, own property, attend school, or work in the Village. The Village President may choose Commissioners with special knowledge or special interest in the Village of Glen Ellyn who are not currently residing, property owners, attending school or working within the Village.

(B) *Liaisons:* A member of the Board of Trustees shall be appointed by the Village President and shall serve as a non-voting trustee liaison. A representative from Glen Ellyn Park District, Glen Ellyn Public Library, School District 41, School District 87, School District 89, College of DuPage, and two Village staff members (one from the Police Department) may serve as non-voting liaisons to the Community Relations Commission.

(C) *Terms:* Each member shall serve for a term of three years. All terms shall expire on July 31.

(D) *Vacancies:* Vacancies on said Commission shall be filled for the unexpired term of the member whose place has been vacant in the same manner in which original appointments are required to be made.

(E) *Removal:* A Commission member may be removed at any time by the majority vote of the Village President and Board of Trustees.

(F) *Chairperson:* The Village President, with the advice and consent of the majority of the Village Board, shall designate one of the members of the Commission to be Chairperson. The Chairperson shall be appointed annually in July.

(G) *Secretary:* The Commission shall have a secretary who is not a member of the Commission and who shall be provided by the Village Administrator's Office.

(Ord. 1927, 2-10-1975; Ord. 2252, 9-12-1977; amd. Ord. 3282, 12-15-1986; Ord. 5919, 2-14-2011; Ord. 6041, 6-25-2012; amd. Ord. 6064, 8-27-2012; amd. Ord. 6892, 8-23-2021)

2-10-4. Meetings.

(A) *Regular meetings:* Regular meetings shall be monthly on a day certain as determined by the Chairman of the Commission.

(B) *Special meetings:* Special meetings of the Commission may be called by the Chairman from time to time. Members of the Commission must receive notice not less than 48 hours prior to a special meeting. Notice of said special meeting must be posted in the Civic Center not less than 48 hours before said meeting. Special meetings may also be called by the written request of any two members of the Commission. Such written request shall be received by the Chairman no less than five days prior to the requested date of meeting.

(C) *Quorum:* A majority of the Commission members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum to transact any Commission business at any regular or special meeting of the Commission.

(D) *Manner of acting:* The act of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the members.

(E) *Rules of procedure:* The Commission shall enact rules of behavior not inconsistent with ordinances or statutes that further enhance the purposes of the board or Commission.

(Ord. 1927, 2-10-1975)

2-10-5. Duties.

(A) The Commission shall create, support, and promote to the Village Board policy recommendations that are aligned with the Commission's intent and purpose in furthering a diverse, equitable, and inclusive community that is safe, welcoming, and accessible to all.

(B) The Commission shall propose programs to the Village Board that promote diversity, equality, equity, and inclusion within Village government and the community at large.

(C) The Commission shall create, support, and promote programs and events that educate and engage our diverse community; are accessible to all; and advance the Village's ongoing efforts in being a community that is equitable, inclusive, safe, and welcoming to all.

(D) The Commission may devise and propose metrics intended to measure and monitor diversity, equality, equity, inclusivity, accessibility, and safety as well as the welcoming nature of the Village and may report on these metrics annually to the Village Board. The Commission also may propose to the Village Board on an annual basis benchmark goals for these monitoring and measuring said metrics.

(E) The Commission shall hear concerns and complaints from community members regarding topics such as racism, discrimination, or inequitable treatment and shall propose to the Village Board methods to resolve such issues.

(F) The Commission shall manage and allocate the resources of the Commission (as budgeted by the Village Board of Trustees) to create, support, and promote policies, programs, events, actions,

and communications that align with the mission of the Commission in ensuring safe, welcoming, and equitable treatment of all who reside, work, interact with, or visit the Village.

(G) The Commission shall have the authority to appoint appropriate subcommittees within the auspices of the Commission to aid in discharging its duties.

(H) The Commission shall perform other such functions and responsibilities within the scope of the intent and purpose of the Commission as the Village Board of Trustees deems.

(Ord. 2043, 2-23-1976; amd. Ord. 6892, 8-23-2021)

2-10-6. Reports and records.

(A) The Commission shall keep permanent records and minutes of its meetings, showing the vote of each member upon each topic submitted to it.

(B) The Commission shall prepare and submit minutes of each meeting to the Village Board in a timely manner.

(C) The Commission shall submit its recommendations to the Village in writing.

(D) A minority report may be attached to the majority recommendation.

(Ord. 1927, 2-10-1975)



Community Relations Commission Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Lens

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Questions to ask when examining your work through a DEI lens

Who is involved in the process?

- Are key stakeholders meaningfully included?
- Is this work that impacts a group or community? If so, is their voice represented?
- How diverse is the group of decision makers? Is it diverse enough?

Who will be impacted?

- Who benefits from this?
- Who is burdened by this?
- Have we considered various, specific marginalized groups and how they might be impacted?

What are the intended and unintended outcomes?

- What issue are we trying to solve?
- What do we hope will happen?

What are the potential negative impacts? Who could be hurt by this?

- What data or evidence supports this?
- How might this be perceived by others?

Does this align with our vision for an equitable and inclusive organization?

- How is equity addressed?
- What barriers might this place in the way of achieving equity?
- What changes could be made to make this more equitable?

SOURCE: [deilens.pdf \(lww.org\)](#)



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 - Does this help us meet the needs of underserved voters?
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 - How might this be perceived by others?
- Does this align with our vision for an equitable and inclusive organization?
 - How is equity addressed?
 - What barriers might this place in the way of achieving equity?
 - How does this impact the League's culture?
 - What changes could be made to make this more equitable?

CHAPTER 2

VISION, GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The vision, goals, and objectives set the framework for the community-wide plans and recommendations of the Glen Ellyn Comprehensive Plan. Together, they provide a flexible guide for decision making and establish direction for new projects and policies. For the purpose of the Plan, the vision, goals, and preliminary objectives are defined as follows:

Vision – Describes the desired outcome to be achieved through the implementation of the Plan. It is forward-looking and describes what the community could be like if the goals and recommendations are achieved.

Goals – The goals describe desired results toward which planning efforts should be directed. They are broad and long-range. They represent an ambition to be sought and require the culmination of many smaller actions in order to be fully achieved.

Objectives – The objectives contained are intended to be specific and measurable. They quantify the goals and set expectations for their achievement.

Our Mission

Our mission is to support a high quality of life in Glen Ellyn. We do this through the equitable delivery of reliable, cost-effective services and by promoting a community of trust, respect, and citizen involvement.

Our Values

Respect

Honor each person, treat everyone with dignity and value their individuality.

Accountability

Commit to action and accountability to achieve successful results.

Leadership

Guide and facilitate others to make a positive difference in the community.

Principles of Service

Serve the needs of the community with professionalism and courtesy.

Equality and Inclusivity

Provide equal opportunities for participation in all community activities and initiatives.

Best for The Community

Work on behalf of community interests, not individual interests.

Trust

Earn trust through reliability, honesty, and effectiveness.

Vision Statement

In the year 2030, Glen Ellyn is a safe, attractive and thriving community offering a living, working and leisure environment that distinguishes the Village from neighboring communities. Glen Ellyn is characterized by attractive and well-maintained residential neighborhoods, viable commercial and business districts, quality parks, schools and public facilities, and responsive public services. It is home to a diverse population, and is desirable to young families and senior citizens alike.

In the year 2030...

Glen Ellyn continues to be primarily a residential community. It is composed of attractive and desirable residential neighborhoods that include a range of housing types, styles and prices, and offers a combination of quality and affordability, unique within the surrounding area.

Glen Ellyn has a diverse and well-maintained housing stock consisting of single-family homes, compatible and appropriately located townhomes, duplexes, condominiums, apartments, and accessory dwelling units. Housing opportunities for senior citizens, assisted living and young families have increased during the past 10 years.

While some older homes continue to be replaced, neighborhood character has been maintained, homes with historic interest have been preserved, and housing improvements and new construction are compatible with Glen Ellyn's traditional neighborhood scale and character.

Commercial areas are active and economically sustainable, offering a wide range of goods and services to local residents and the surrounding region. Substantial public improvements and new private developments have occurred within each of the Village's commercial areas during the past 10 years, which have significantly enhanced the Village's non-residential tax base.

Glen Ellyn's historic Downtown has been enhanced as an active, pedestrian-oriented area containing an exciting mix of shopping, entertainment, dining, public and residential uses. While Downtown continues to be small and compact, residential density has increased and the mix of stores and the variety of businesses have been expanded. An office sector including medical offices in the downtown bring daytime business to the Village's shops and restaurants.

The Roosevelt Road corridor has been substantially improved. Several older, marginal properties have been redeveloped for new retail and business uses and new multi-family developments have replaced underutilized buildings behind the commercial uses fronting the corridor. The appearance of the corridor has also been enhanced, including improvements to private properties and the public right-of-way.

Through an area-wide program of historic preservation and compatible new construction, the Stacy's Corners area has emerged as an attractive northern gateway to the community. Marginal and vacant properties have been replaced with a mix of new neighborhood commercial, residential and public uses.

Glen Ellyn continues to benefit from a superb regional location, and is easily accessible via the interstate highway system, arterial streets and public transportation. Through continued improvements to the Village's multi-modal transportation network, including enhancements to the Metra station, bus service lines and bicycle paths/lanes, the Village is safe and convenient for pedestrians, bicyclists, and those using alternate forms of transportation.

During the past 10 years, traffic operational conditions have been enhanced along several arterial streets. In addition to traffic enhancements, Route 53 and Roosevelt Road are now more safe and inviting for pedestrians and bicyclists.

A new commuter rail station has been constructed within Downtown and compatible new "transit oriented development" has been undertaken within walking distance of the new station. Roadway and traffic operational improvements have been implemented to address the lengthy delays caused by rail traffic within Downtown and a vehicle and two pedestrian underpasses have improved pedestrian safety.

Glen Ellyn is served by public and private schools which not only provide top-quality educational services, but also serve as focal points for community life and activity. College of DuPage has continued to prosper and now offers even more special facilities, services, cultural activities and programs to local residents. The Village and College continue to work cooperatively to enhance economic development opportunities and foster entrepreneurship in the downtown.

Glen Ellyn is widely recognized as the "Village in the Park". It maintains a rich variety of parks, open spaces and recreational facilities, and is characterized by tree-lined streets and neighborhoods. During the past 10 years, existing parks have been upgraded, facilities and services for teens have been expanded, and new pocket parks and gathering spaces have been created in the downtown.

Glen Ellyn is known for its outstanding municipal facilities and services. Fire and police protection are highly rated. Village facilities have been modernized and upgraded. The Library incorporates the latest technological advancements and continues to respond to the "informational needs" of local residents.

During the past 10 years, substantial improvements have been made to the public infrastructure, particularly with regard to stormwater management, drainage facilities and street surface conditions. Additional utility lines within the Village's commercial and residential areas continue to be located underground.

The Village has worked with unincorporated residents and businesses to devise a long-range plan and program for annexation.

While it continues to be comprised of several diverse and recognizable neighborhood areas, a number of programs, services and facilities have been implemented to unite all geographic areas and demographic sectors of Glen Ellyn into a single, unified community. As always, community spirit and "volunteerism" are hallmarks of the community.

The improvements and developments that have occurred within Glen Ellyn during the past 10 years have been the result of significant citizen participation, excellent leadership from Village officials, and a strong partnership between the public and private sectors. Local residents continue to play an active role in formulating planning policies. The Village has undertaken a number of public improvement projects, and has utilized a range of creative techniques to assist the private sector in the implementation of innovative development and redevelopment efforts.

Goals & Objectives

Community Appearance & Character

Goal

An attractive and distinctive community image and identity that builds upon and enhances Glen Ellyn's unique qualities and characteristics, and distinguish it from surrounding communities.

- **Objective 1:** Maintain and enhance the Village's "small town" atmosphere and character.
- **Objective 2:** Maintain the attractive tree-lined streets, pedestrian scale and other distinguishing qualities of Glen Ellyn's existing residential neighborhoods.
- **Objective 3:** Upgrade the image and appearance of existing commercial areas, including buildings, parking lots, signage and the public rights-of-way.
- **Objective 4:** Minimize the visual impact of surface parking areas through perimeter and interior landscaping and placement of parking lots at the rear of buildings.
- **Objective 5:** Screen parking lots from streets using either shrubs, low walls, berms or a combination of materials.
- **Objective 6:** Reinforce and strengthen the traditional role of Downtown as the Village's centralized, multi-purpose focal point with a unique charm, appeal and historic character.
- **Objective 7:** Undertake design and appearance improvements along the major thoroughfares that pass through the community.
- **Objective 8:** Continue to coordinate with utility companies to move overhead utilities underground to reduce interference with natural elements, enhance service predictability, improve aesthetics, and protect the Village's mature tree canopy.
- **Objective 9:** Continue to improve and enhance the community gateways through the use of special signage, landscaping and other entry design features.
- **Objective 10:** Design and locate public sites and buildings so that they become focal points and landmarks within the community.
- **Objective 11:** Emphasize Glen Ellyn's numerous parks and open spaces as distinguishing features of the community.
- **Objective 12:** Preserve sites and buildings with local historic and cultural interest and value.

- **Objective 13:** Continue the "greening" of Glen Ellyn by maintaining existing trees, reforestation and new landscape plantings.
- **Objective 14:** Promote high standards of design and construction for all development within the Village.
- **Objective 15:** Promote continuous collaboration and cooperation between the various districts and agencies serving the Village in order to better unite all parts of Glen Ellyn.
- **Objective 16:** Establish and update boundary agreements with neighboring communities where appropriate.
- **Objective 17:** Sponsor and promote programs, activities, events and celebrations that can stimulate public involvement and participation, foster a strong and unified community spirit and identity, and bring together residents from the various neighborhoods on a regular basis.
- **Objective 18:** Leverage financial incentives to encourage redevelopment and site improvements including TIFs, SSAs, and Village awards.

Housing & Residential Areas

Goal

A housing inventory and living environment that supports the local population, attracts new families, and enhances the overall quality and character of the Village.

- **Objective 1:** Update Village codes to encourage development of a range of housing types including townhomes, duplexes, condominiums, apartments and accessory dwelling units.
- **Objective 2:** Increase the number of dwelling units within walking distance to the Metra station.
- **Objective 3:** Maintain the scale, quality and character of existing single-family neighborhoods.
- **Objective 4:** Undertake public infrastructure improvements within residential areas as needed.
- **Objective 5:** Minimize adverse impacts of adjacent activities on residential areas through adequate buffering and screening.
- **Objective 6:** Preserve the existing housing stock through effective code enforcement and encouraging preventive maintenance.
- **Objective 7:** Promote the improvement and rehabilitation of deteriorating residential properties.
- **Objective 8:** Incentivize the restoration and maintenance of older homes and multi-family buildings.
- **Objective 9:** Encourage repurposing of salvageable building materials in place of complete demolition when restoration of older buildings is not possible.
- **Objective 10:** Encourage new residential development that provides for a range of housing types and costs.
- **Objective 11:** Encourage Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND) strategies in neighborhood redevelopment efforts, specifically in Planned Unit Development proposals.
- **Objective 12:** Ensure that adequate stormwater management provisions are included in all new residential developments.
- **Objective 13:** Ensure that development regulations and requirements are proportional and appropriate and do not place unnecessary burdens on developers.
- **Objective 14:** Update the Village's Zoning Ordinance to be reflective of the policies and objectives of the Future Land Use Plan.
- **Objective 15:** Increase the number of dwelling units within walking distance to the Metra commuter station.
- **Objective 16:** Evaluate options to provide inclusive housing suitable for all income ranges and population types.

Commercial, Retail & Office Development

Goal

A system of commercial, retail, and office development that provides local residents with employment opportunities and needed goods and services, increases the Village sales and property taxes, and enhances the image and appearance of the community.

- **Objective 1:** Maintain and expand the range of retail, commercial and office establishments within the Village.
- **Objective 2:** Improve access, parking, traffic circulation, signage and other operational conditions within all existing office, retail and commercial areas.
- **Objective 3:** Improve and strengthen Downtown as the historic, pedestrian-oriented retail, commercial, service and entertainment focal point within the Village.
- **Objective 4:** Improve and upgrade Roosevelt Road as a retail and business area serving the Village and surrounding region.
- **Objective 5:** Improve Stacy's Corners as a new mixed-use focal point with a historic flavor and an attractive northern gateway to the community.
- **Objective 6:** Encourage the corrective maintenance and rehabilitation of older commercial properties in poor condition.
- **Objective 7:** Promote the redevelopment of marginal, obsolete and vacant commercial properties.
- **Objective 8:** Encourage compatible new office, retail and commercial development in selected locations.
- **Objective 9:** Encourage developers to provide enhanced views, such as computer-generated graphics, which depict proposed buildings or changes in relation to the surrounding context.
- **Objective 10:** Promote high quality design and construction for all new office, retail and commercial developments.
- **Objective 11:** Promote creative site and building design and development solutions that can help off-set the small site sizes and other constraints present within Glen Ellyn's commercial areas.
- **Objective 12:** Encourage new office, retail and commercial uses that will utilize the local labor force.
- **Objective 13:** Minimize and mitigate any negative impact of office, retail and commercial activities on neighboring land-use areas.
- **Objective 14:** Consider the introduction of compatible new light industry and "high-tech" uses within selected commercial areas.
- **Objective 15:** Consider the desirability of annexing nearby commercial and business areas, as well as vacant and underutilized properties with commercial development potential.
- **Objective 16:** Discourage additional "strip" commercial development within the Village.
- **Objective 17:** Encourage the combination and consolidation of small commercial lots to enhance opportunities for coordinated improvements and new developments.
- **Objective 18:** Enhance the high-speed communications capacity available to businesses within the community, including fiber optic connections.
- **Objective 19:** Promote Glen Ellyn as a desirable, highly accessible and viable location for new commercial property investment and development.
- **Objective 20:** Ensure that adequate stormwater management provisions are included in all new commercial developments.
- **Objective 21:** Update the Village's Zoning Ordinance to be reflective of the policies and objectives of the commercial areas framework.

Transportation

Goal

A balanced transportation system that provides for safe and efficient movement of vehicles and pedestrians, reinforces surrounding development patterns, and enhances regional transportation facilities.

- **Objective 1:** Maintain and improve the condition of street surfaces throughout the Village.
- **Objective 2:** Consolidate access in large parking areas, including cross-easements in shopping centers and between commercial properties and reduced curb cuts to major arterial roadways.
- **Objective 3:** Create a comprehensive system of bicycle facilities and pedestrian walkways which enables safe and convenient movement within the Village and connects with nearby regional systems and facilities.
- **Objective 4:** Pursue opportunities with neighboring communities and agencies to create pedestrian and bicycle connections to nearby trails and recreation areas.
- **Objective 5:** Encourage the development of a complete side-walk network, bike lanes, bicycle parking facilities and pedestrian amenities (lighting, signage, etc.) where possible.
- **Objective 6:** Promote convenient public transportation services within the Village, and between the Village and other nearby communities and destinations.

- **Objective 7:** Work cooperatively with Pace, Metra, and other agencies to assess and respond to evolving transit user needs in the Village.
- **Objective 8:** Encourage increased Metra ridership through parking accommodation and transit oriented development surrounding the train station.
- **Objective 9:** Replace the Metra commuter station with a new station that incorporates historically sensitive design, and includes a pedestrian underpass to create appropriate pedestrian connections between the north and south sides of the downtown. A plaza facing Crescent Boulevard should be included in the design.
- **Objective 10:** Encourage the inclusion of car share, electric vehicle and bicycle facilities in new development proposals.
- **Objective 11:** Actively monitor, manage and address on-street and off-street parking needs within the Village to ensure adequate and conveniently located parking to serve all current and future land uses.
- **Objective 12:** Reduce parking minimums for both commercial and residential developments within a half mile of the Metra station, with good access to transit, walking and biking.

Community Facilities

Goal

A system of community facilities that provides for the efficient and effective delivery of public services and enhances the Village as a desirable place in which to live and do business.

- **Objective 1:** Maintain effective fire and police protection throughout the Village.
- **Objective 2:** Cooperate with the various public and private schools and districts to maintain adequate school sites and facilities within the Village.
- **Objective 3:** Maintain the Library as an important focal point and resource for the community.
- **Objective 4:** Provide adequate water supply, water distribution and sanitary sewer systems throughout the Village.
- **Objective 5:** Where practically feasible, improve stormwater management infrastructure as part of comprehensive capital improvement projects.
- **Objective 6:** Encourage the development of consolidated stormwater management facilities that provide maximum volume control and water quality benefits and mitigate impacts of development on surrounding properties.
- **Objective 7:** Maintain adequate sites and facilities for all Village services; undertake expansion, improvement and replacement programs as necessary.
- **Objective 8:** Promote the re-use of surplus or outdated public buildings for new uses that benefit the community as a whole.
- **Objective 9:** Ensure that all community facility sites and buildings are sound, attractively maintained, compliant with Village Codes, and compatible with surrounding neighborhoods and development areas.
- **Objective 10:** Develop a program for burying overhead cables and utility lines within the Village.
- **Objective 11:** Provide special facilities and services for teens, senior citizens, the handicapped and other special needs groups.
- **Objective 12:** Cooperate with and support College of DuPage as a major community amenity and attraction.
- **Objective 13:** Consider the need for and desirability of new community facilities that will serve the needs and desires of local residents and businesses.
- **Objective 14:** Emphasize facilities, services and programs at locations that serve the entire community and can bring together and unite residents from all of the Village's neighborhood areas.

Parks & Open Space

Goal

A park and open space system that meets the recreational and leisure needs of Village residents, and enhances the overall image and character of the community.

- **Objective 1:** Promote continued cooperation between the Village and the various park and school districts in the provision of recreational programs and facilities.
- **Objective 2:** Encourage a local park system that complements the regional recreational and open space opportunities located within and near the Village.
- **Objective 3:** Provide and encourage recreational facilities and programs that respond to the needs to Village residents.
- **Objective 4:** Improve and expand programs, facilities and services for teens.
- **Objective 5:** Continue to upgrade existing parks and recreational facilities; undertake improvement and replacement programs as required.
- **Objective 6:** Encourage the provision of new open spaces throughout the community, particularly in neighborhoods with current open space deficiencies.
- **Objective 7:** Promote new plazas and other public open spaces within Downtown and other commercial and business areas.
- **Objective 8:** Explore the open space potential of vacant lots and other underused parcels.
- **Objective 9:** Preserve the environmental corridor adjoining the East Branch of the DuPage River for aesthetic and recreational purposes, wildlife habitat and flood plain protection.
- **Objective 10:** Encourage that sites for future parks or green spaces be included as a part of large-scale new residential developments.
- **Objective 11:** Continue to preserve significant natural environmental and open space resources throughout the Village.
- **Objective 12:** Undertake more extensive landscaping and "greening" programs along major street corridors, and consider these corridors integral parts of the local open space system.
- **Objective 13:** Use native plant varieties in landscaped areas throughout the Village to improve pollinator habitats.

- **Objective 14:** Expand, upgrade and promote the use of pedestrian and bicycle paths to provide access to and connections between schools, parks, forest preserves, the Downtown and other key activity areas.
- **Objective 15:** Ensure that all parks and open spaces are adequately and attractively maintained and that reforestation is undertaken as required.