



Agenda
Village of Glen Ellyn
Community Relations Commission
Thursday, March 3, 2022
7:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Room 306

Meeting Procedures Statement

Members of the public are welcome to speak to any item not specifically listed on tonight's agenda. For those items which are on tonight's agenda, the public will have the opportunity to comment at the time the item is discussed. Individuals wishing to address the Commission shall exercise proper decorum and respect for the proceedings and the business of the Community Relations Commission, and shall refrain from abusive demeanor and language. Commissioners are not obligated to respond to questions.

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- A. Call to Order**
- B. Roll Call**
- C. Introduction of New Member**
- D. Minutes Approval**
 - 1) January 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes
 - 2) February 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- E. Commission Liaison Reports**
 - 1) Trustee Liaison
 - 2) Staff Liaisons (Administration/Police)
 - 3) Library Liaison
 - 4) School District Liaison
 - 5) Park District Liaison
- F. Audience Participation**
- G. Discussion Items**
 - 1) Draft Policy for Discussion
 - 2) Draft Lens for Discussion
 - 3) Comprehensive Plan
- H. Next Meeting**
 - 1) April 11, 2022
- I. Adjourn**



Meeting Minutes
Community Relations Committee
Thursday, January 13, 2022
7:00 p.m.
Via Teleconference /Zoom

Committee Member Attendance:

Sania Irwin, Chair
Kelli Christiansen, Trustee Liaison
Mir Ali, Commissioner
Bill Enright, Commissioner
Tauya Forst, Commissioner
Mari Luangrath-Ullrik, Commissioner
Kim Thomas, Commissioner
Heaven Martin, Student Liaison
Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Additional Guests:

Mark Franz, Village Manager
Phil Norton, Village of Glen Ellyn Police Chief
Maureen Draganowski, Executive Administrative Asst.
Sophie Kenney, Village of Glen Ellyn Library Liaison
Dawn Bussey
Phil ?
John Vitalis
Sandra Alexander

Quorum: Yes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Sania Irwin, Chair.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Approval of Minutes

NFP, Please spell out in future minutes. Strategic Plan prioritization: number 2 and number 3 were in reverse order.

A motion to approve the December 3, 2021 Minutes was made by Bill Enright and seconded by Mir Ali. Minutes approved on roll call vote.

IV. Committee Liaison Reports

Trustee Christiansen reported that there was a Village Board meeting this week; Discussion of the Roosevelt Road Hotel project as related to housing and property development was presented. Trustee Christiansen also highlighted the Polar Plaza project in the City Centre area; skating is offered, as well as the Olympic sport, curling.

Chief Norton reported that the Police Department was looking to hire additional staff and that all was going well considering the recent COVID mandates.

Sophie Kenney, Village of Glen Ellyn Library Liaison reported about the ARC GIS system, a cloud based global mapping software available at the library which provides patterns and trends in data, demographics. Discussed various grants available in the community; a Blood Drive at the Library on January 17, 2022, Let's Talk: Understanding Neurodiversity program; Library offering Lunar New Year on January 17, 2022 Virtual Program at 7:00 p.m. being partnered with the Chinese Intercultural Society and the importance of the 1st New Moon and bringing awareness of the culture to the community.

Park District Liaison not present, no report. School District Liaison not present, no report.

Heaven Martin, Student Liaison inquired about forming an offshoot Glen Ellyn student relations board. Chair Irwin responded that 2 students are Assigned Student Liaisons for the Community Relations Committee, however, an informal group to provide insight and input would be acceptable; Trustee Liaison Christiansen concurred and thought it would be a great idea.

Chair Irwin expanded on the concept of Tea with Trustees with the possibility of Coffee with Commissioners, or something similar, to be discussed in greater length in the future.

V. Open Discussion

The report from Emily Rodman, Staff Liaison was reviewed. Discussion ensued about initial focus and priorities of the Committee. GI Policy/Lens training was considered. Establishment of timelines was proposed. The determining of goals and objectives, intent categories were considered. How to best obtain community input was considered. Diversity Inclusion training was recommended; developing policy and outcomes were considered, as well as establishment of a timeline. A draft was suggested for review at the next meeting. Commissioner Forst would like consideration given to a tab on the website for DEI. Goals for next months' meeting include establishment of policy and lens; creation of a work plan, content and website collaboration.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 3, 2022, to be held via teleconference.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Enright and seconded by Tauya Forst.
Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Submitted by Maureen Draganowski,
Executive Administrative Assistant



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Community Relations
Regular Meeting
February 3, 2022
7:00PM

Glen Ellyn Civic Center via Teleconference

Board or Commission: Community Relations
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: February 3, 2022
Called to Order: 7:03 p.m.
Adjourned: 9:07 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Sania Irwin	Chairman	Present
Mir Ali	Commissioner	Present
Bill Enright	Commissioner	Present
Tauya Forst	Commissioner	Present
Mari Luangrath-Ullrik	Commissioner	Present
Michelle Roman-Garcia	Commissioner	Present
Kim Thomas	Commissioner	Present
Also Present:		
Emily Rodman	Assistant Village Manager	Present
Kelli Christiansen	Trustee Liaison	Present
Dave Harris	Executive Director of Glen Ellyn Park District	Absent
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	Present
Sophie Kenney	Library Youth Department Assistant Director	Present
Dawn Bussey	Library Director	Persent
Phil Norton	Chief of Police	Present
Public Present:		
Mary Sue Brown		
John Vitalis		
Carolyn Oesterle		
Marilyn Mauritz		

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The February 3, 2022 regular meeting of the Community Relations Commission was called to order by Chairman Irwin at 7:03 PM via Zoom Teleconference. Chairman Irwin reads a statement about Black History month to the CRC.

B. COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

1. *Library Liaison report* – Sophie Kenney reports that the library has created definitions for the terms diversity, equity and inclusion. These definitions provide focus and a clear understanding with shared language. Kinney shares the following definitions with the CRC.

Diversity includes all the ways in which people differ. It encompasses the many characteristics, visible and invisible, that make up one individual or a group. A diverse organization continually audits both its internal makeup and external efforts to ensure multiple perspectives are represented.

Equity ensures that everyone has what they need to succeed. It enables access to resources that counteract systemic failure and interrupt implicit bias. An equitable organization strives to increase opportunities and eliminate barriers for everyone.

Inclusion creates a culture where each person is valued, seen, and heard. It empowers each individual to have input into the decisions that affect their own lives. An inclusive organization engages in ongoing evaluation of authentic representation, input, and visibility of all groups involved.

She adds the CRC could use these definitions when developing policies.

2. *Park District Liaison report* – Assistant Village Manager Rodman shares Dave Harris report with the CRC.
3. *Trustee Liaison report* – Trustee Christiansen reports we did not have a village board meeting this week. We have received a lot of correspondences in favor of affordable housing at the hotel redevelopment site on Roosevelt road. The village has hired a consultant to assist in determining how this site should be developed. There will be meetings held in the spring to get community engagement and feedback on this redevelopment. There is also a blood shortage; I encourage everyone to give blood.
4. *Staff Liaison Report*- Assistant Village Manager Rodman reports we are working on scheduling a DEI training session for this group and the Village board at the end of this month or next month.
5. *School District Liaison Report* – No report

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

D. GLEN ELLYN DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION POLICY

1. Chairman Irwin states it is very important to formulate a DEI policy. She asks the CRC for their feedback on the DEI policy draft (see attached)

Commissioner Ali – likes the simplicity of the policy

Commissioner Roman-Garcia – it is comprehensive and easy to understand but paragraph 2 is a bit lengthy

Commissioner Enright – likes the policy, it includes everyone.

Commissioner Luangrath-Ullrik – I would like to see similar language in this policy as the library included in their definition of diversity - “audits both its internal makeup and external efforts”.

Commissioner Thomas – We may lose some people in the second paragraph, it may be too lengthy.

Commissioner Forst – it is common to have definitions within a policy, terms are often widely used but not understood. We should include definitions of what we mean by diversity, equity and inclusion as a framework. I think the first paragraph is too vague. The second paragraph is too flushed out.

Police Chief Norton – I agree with Tauya. I get lost in the second paragraph. What if we ended at “there shall be no barriers to full participation in the village”? You run the risk of leaving people out when you list everyone. A bolder statement such as: no one will be left behind would also work. The opening line of the second paragraph is a bit negative. We should start more positive. I have language that I will forward to Emily.

Dawn Bussey- We should include definitions. I like the first paragraph and I agree with Phil about the second paragraph.

Trustee Christiansen – I think the problem with the second paragraph is in trying to be inclusive; we could end up being exclusive. A bolder statement instead would be better. I would also add definitions in the first paragraph.

E. GLEN ELLYN DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION LENS

Chairman Irwin asks the CRC for their input on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Lens draft (see attached).

Library Liaison Kenny – likes how it involves key stakeholders

Commissioner Enright asks what this document is used for.

Chairman Irwin states this is tool for reference.

Trustee Liaison Christiansen adds this document is a guideline. The questions are there to give people something to think about. This is not a checklist to be used for every decision that is being made. We should start with this as a guide and see how we progress.

F. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – Assistant Village Manager Rodman reports Village Manager Franz and President Senak suggested the CRC take a look at a particular section of the Comprehensive Plan. We did not want this group to miss the opportunity to provide feedback to this document. The Comprehensive Plan is a guiding document that captures what the village would like to see in future decades. The chapter we are suggesting you review is chapter 2 – Vision, Goals, Objective. Chairman Irwin asks the CRC to review the Comprehensive Plan and provide their feedback to Emily within the next few weeks.

Chairman Irwin thanks everyone for their valuable feedback this evening. We will create a revised draft of the DEI policy. If the commissioners can provide all their feedback to Emily and she will compile it and send it out. Emily, Kelli and I we work on the DEI policy.

G. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING DATE

Adjournment- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Enright, and seconded by Commissioner Forst. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Next Meeting Date – March 3, 2022

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Emily Rodman, Staff Liaison



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Commission
535 Duane Street
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Meeting 3/3/2022 7:00 PM
Department: Administration
Department Head:
Category: Other
Prepared By:

AGENDA ITEM (ID # 2022-1858)

DOC ID: 2022-1858

Draft DEI Policy for Discussion

Statement of the Issue:

The draft policy has been updated.

Analysis:

The draft policy has been updated to reflect the discussion and input provided at the February CRC meeting.

Budget Impact:

None

Action Requested:

Make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding adoption of the DEI policy.

Attachments:

1. DEI Policy_DRAFT_3.2022



Community Relations Commission Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Policy

DRAFT

3.2.2022

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.

Definitions

Diversity: Psychological, physical and social differences that occur among any and all individuals.

Equity: The guarantee of fair treatment, access, opportunity and advancement while at the same time striving to identify and eliminate barriers that have prevented the full participation of some groups.

Equality: The state of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities.

Inclusion: The act of creating environments in which any individual or group can be and feel fully welcomed, respected, supported, and valued in order to bring their full authentic selves to the community. An inclusive and welcoming climate embraces differences and offers respect in words, actions, and thoughts of all people.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in the Village.



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AGENDA ITEM (ID # 2022-1859)

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Draft DEI Lens for Discussion

Statement of the Issue:

This is the same version of the DEI Lens reviewed at the February CRC meeting.

Analysis:

The Commission should discuss and reach consensus as to whether they would like to use this "lens" as they approach their work moving forward.

Budget Impact:

None.

Action Requested:

None.

Attachments:

1. DEI Lens_DRAFT_2.2022



Community Relations Commission Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Lens

DRAFT

2.2.2022

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?



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AGENDA ITEM (ID # 2022-1856)

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Comprehensive Plan

Statement of the Issue:

Commissioners provided the following comments on the draft Vision Statement of the Comprehensive Plan.

Analysis:

Comments:

- a. Regarding Chapter 2, Under “Our Values” section, where it states “Equality and Inclusivity,” I am wondering if the term Equity may be more appropriate as it entails that all will reach equality regardless of the assistance needed. Whereas, equality provides the same assistance for all which will reduce accessibility for some activities, opportunities, and initiatives.
- b. Under Community Appearance & Character, Objective 17 should include identifying physical and mental challenges for all residents.
- c. Under Housing & Residential Areas, regarding Objectives 10 and 16, are we able to speak to physical and financial accessibility?
- d. Under Commercial, Retail & Office Development, regarding Objective 12, are we able to speak to providing financial accessible properties for various sizes – small, medium, and large businesses?
- e. Under Parks & Open Space, Objective 4, are we able to speak to improvement based upon participants’ physical, textural, or other challenges to ensure accessibility for all children in the park spaces?
- f. Revise "Equality & Inclusion" heading to read "Equity and Inclusion"
- g. Encourage full and broad participation in community activities and initiatives for all by increasing access and reducing barriers.

Budget Impact:

None

Action Requested:

Make a recommendation to the Village Board to modify the Vision Statement of the Comprehensive

Plan.

Attachments:

1. Draft Comp Plan - Vision, Goals & Objectives

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.