



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Village Board
Workshop
Monday, May 16, 2022
7:00PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Room 301

A. Call to Order – 7:02PM

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Upon roll call by Clerk Cosby, President Senak and Trustees Christiansen, Gould, Thompson, and Payne answered “present.” Trustee Kalinich arrived approximately 5 minutes later. Trustee Fasules was absent.

Also in attendance: Village Manager Franz, Assistant Village Manager Rodman, Village Attorney Mathews, Public Works Director Buckley, and Chief Norton.

D. Audience Participation

No audience participation via form or email

E. Draft Comprehensive Plan

1) Presentation on Plan Purpose & Process

Assistant Village Manager Rodman gave an overview of the Comprehensive plan. Reiterated that it is a guiding document only... meant to be flexible and adoptive... revisit every 3-5 years – emphasis on “living document”; typically, 10-20 years; land usage through zoning – a tool to implement goals of Comprehensive Plan.

Further, it is a guide, and the zoning code provides the “teeth.”

Showed Public Engagement Summary of process to date, starting in July 2018... a total of 22 meetings, part of them public. A lot of opportunity for public to engage with the plan.

Trustee Payne asked what the process is going forward. Assistant Village Manager Rodman and Village Manager Franz said the purpose of the meeting is to decide that.

Consultants present for the Workshop to answer questions about the Comprehensive Plan: Brandon Miller (Project Manager) assisted by Nilini Johnson.

Village Manager Franz commented that we have 6 catalyst sites that should be revisited and get into a more in-depth discussion.

2) Review & Discussion of Village Board Feedback

President Senak facilitated review of Comprehensive Plan, starting with page 1, giving all Board members present an opportunity to give feedback on each page.

Review and discussion provided clarification of verbage in the current version of the Comprehensive Plan, and in some instances generated changes to be incorporated into the next generation of the document.

Throughout the review and discussion of the Comprehensive Plan, Board members suggested language changes to the document. These include word smithing, semantics, statement clarification, reordering/moving verbage, additional verbage, and other general edits. Village Manager Franz noted all of these requests and will include all in the next generation of the document.

Second part - planning areas: Trustee Gould stated that when asked for feedback, she started page by page but was not a good process. Stepped back, she said it was overwhelming. Is it a systemic problem? Is the document out of sync with where we are going? Trustee Gould then changed her review approach to focus-oriented feedback instead. Trustee Gould thought we should spend time on 6 principles and what each means and apply them to everything in the document to keep it on track with overall goals.

President Senak said he's been on this from the beginning and that we need to read the document and approve it instead of theory at this point. Trustee Gould agreed to proceed.

Page 3 – Trustee Christiansen pointed, no survey comments since 2018. Consultant said that open houses were part of feedback too. Trustee Thompson said he was involved in these and that they were well done and complete.

Trustee Gould had a question about how we understand what residents like about “residential” they value. Village Manager Franz said that the plan is not trying to change neighborhoods, they are solid as far as the feedback. Trustee Gould replied that she hears people making comments about changing zoning for lot coverage, type of dwelling, etc. And she wants to be sure we don't lose what the residents value and how do we protect it.

Trustee Thompson wanted to know how often we do the Community S. Village Manager Franz said every 3-5 years and village is due for a survey. Assistant Village Manager Rodman said that “lot use” is part of zoning code and will review those when it is being reviewed. This will be after the Comprehensive Plan is finished.

Trustee Gould thinks that the ordinances that come out of this should protect the character of neighborhoods that residents value.

Page 4 – Trustee Thompson likes the part about pursuing grants - State and Federal – wants to see action of it

Page 5 - Trustee Christiansen thinks future statement is not clear about how to achieve the goal. Needs better definition on how we do it, not just a general statement. Density increasing is one of these things and would like to take this out.

Trustee Thompson thinks the entire 2030 vision needs to be taken out and re-done and addressed as a separate document. Has always had a problem with this section. Asked to get the 2030 section as a Word Document so that the Board can have a document to make edits to.

Trustee Payne wants to know is the goal of a new 2030 vision... what type of output would Trustee Thompson like to see.

Trustee Kalinich sees this as the first time the Board has had a chance to review each other’s feedback and have a specific discussion about the plan, and that it would be valuable to hear different perspectives and ideas.

Consultant said that vision statement is aspirational and then next part gets into the “meat” and that taking something out (2030 vision), has a waterfall effect.

President Senak suggests tabling discussion about the 2030 vision statement. All agree.

Page 6 - Julie Spiller (business owner) comment – if we don’t add in historic preservation language now then another APEX could happen. Residents want to know how Board stays accountable for historic preservation. Also, stated that her building was sold and now she will have to close her business after she was promised that it would not be sold. Would like to keep this from happening to other business owners.

President Senak asked at what point is there too much density? Consultant replied each community is different. President Senak would like to know what that point is in Glen Ellyn.

Julie Spiller (business owner) comment - suggested that the train crossing situation needs to be addressed – impacts safety and access.

Page 7 - President Senak thought that “Incentive” in terms of historic preservation should include a monetary meaning as well.

Ian Dawson (resident) comment – spoke to Incentives for historic preservation in

terms of Springfield and Glen Ellyn's Historic designation and the benefits of Landmarking property. The decision was made to add this to pages 7/8/9

Rick Shek (acquiring property for townhomes at 5 corners) comment – looked at potential for transitional housing there and commented on traffic patterns and traffic flow in this area.

Review ended with page 13 finished. Will resume on Page 14 at next workshop.

F. 2020-22 Strategic Plan - Action Plan Update

1) 2020-22 Strategic Plan Quarterly Report

This was not addressed at the workshop.

G. Reminders

H. Other Business

I. Adjourn – 10:04PM