Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Special Village Board Workshop
Monday, September 11, 2023
6:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Room 301

A. Call to Order – 6:00 PM

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Upon roll call by Clerk Cosby, President Senak and Trustees Christiansen, Fasules, Kalinich, Gould, Simon, and Thompson answered "Present."

Also in attendance: Village Manager Franz, Assistant Village Manager/Community Development Director Rodman, Village Attorney Mathews, Public Works Director Buckley, Interim Finance Director Brankin, Economic Development Coordinator Hannah, Village Engineer Daubert, and Police Chief Norton. Chris Martel and Bob Cheval were present to represent CDM Smith.

D. Audience Participation

There was no off-agenda public comment.

E. Presentation

1) Glen Ellyn Metra Station and Multimodal Access Improvements Project (Engineer Daubert)

Village Engineer Daubert introduced Chris Martel and Bob Cheval from CDM Smith.

Mr. Martel reviewed the steps in, and results of, the value engineering exercise that CDM Smith undertook for the Village. He pointed out funding changes that have happened since the last review.

Village Engineer Daubert added details about the funding needed for specific items that are part of the overall project.

The presentation was turned over to Mr. Cheval, who reviewed the architectural style that is currently being proposed and how this design was agreed upon. He then reviewed the value engineering revisions to the design concept.

Trustee Kalinich said she liked the 2-arch design and asked if that was still being included in the current design proposal. Mr. Cheval replied and reviewed the design options that are currently being considered.

Capital Improvements Commission Chairperson Steve Szymanski and Commissioner Joel Baldin added their comments and thoughts on the evening's presentation. Chairperson Szymanski added that he felt there was a need for the project to be done.

Village Engineer Daubert presented the next steps for the project and asked for the Board's support for completing Phase 2 engineering. He emphasized that funding is still being pursued as the project moves forward. He also asked for the Board's approval of reducing the footprint of the station in order to realize cost savings.

Trustee Thompson asked if 90% design by March 2024 was the current goal. Village Engineer Daubert replied with details, with Mr. Martel adding to the conversation.

Trustee Fasules asked if funding for the soft costs of the project could be pursued. Village Engineer Daubert replied.

Attorney Mathews wanted clarification on whether the streetscape part of the station project is not included in the current streetscape project being executed in the Village. Discussion ensued regarding the streetscape improvements and its funding.

President Senak asked what the total cost of the project would be and what percentage is expected to be funded from outside sources. Village Engineer Daubert and Mr. Cheval replied. President Senak followed up by asking how much the Village will need to contribute to the project. Mr. Cheval replied.

President Senak wanted to know where the $13M in local funds would come from. Village Manager Franz replied that it would come from the Capital Improvement Plan, with more details to come next week. Discussion ensued on where the funding would be realized.

President Senak stated that if any proposal to use property tax increases to cover the local funding was approved, he would veto it.

Mr. Martel asked for approval to move forward with general design style, reduced footprint, and the project in general. The Board gave their opinions and direction.

F. Adjourn – 7:01 PM

Mover: Trustee Christiansen; Second: Trustee Kalinich. Unanimous vote to adjourn.