



Meeting Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Capital Improvements Commission
Regular Meeting
March 13, 2024
7:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center Room 301

Board or Commission: Capital Improvements

Date: March 13, 2024

Meeting: Regular

Called to Order: 7:01 p.m.

Quorum: Yes

Adjourned: 8:51 p.m.

Member Attendance:

Steve Szymanski	Chair	Present
Joel Baldin	Commissioner	Absent
Arthur Foerster	Commissioner	Present
Orion Galey	Commissioner	Absent
Michael Lindquist	Commissioner	Absent
John MacDonald	Commissioner	Present
Adil Saeed	Commissioner	Absent
Jill Ziegler	Commissioner	Present
Rocco Zuccherro	Commissioner	Present
Donna Jean Simon	Trustee Liaison	Absent
Richard Daubert	Staff Liaison/Professional Engineer	Present

Also Present:

Dave Buckley	Public Works Director
Ellen McKenna	Civil Engineer I

A. CALL TO ORDER

The March 13, 2024 regular meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission was called to order by Chairman Szymanski at 7:01 p.m. at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 13, 2024 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

It was decided to move the approval of the meeting minutes to the next regular meeting.

D. CURRENT BUSINESS

1. Glen Ellyn Metra Station and Multimodal Access Improvements Project – Crescent Boulevard On-Street Parking and Vehicular Lane Configuration – Engineer Daubert presented the existing and proposed parking for the project. He noted that staff is looking to confirm direction on the preferred on-street parking and vehicular lane configuration for the block of Crescent between Main Street and Forest Avenue. Daubert overviewed past review of the matter by the Village Board and CIC. He noted that the most recent review of the matter by the Village Board in October of 2020 yielded that the on-street angle parking on Main Street between Crescent and Pennsylvania should remain with the Streetscape project; however, the Board was divided on what to do with the on-street parking configuration on Crescent with the Metra Station Project. Engineer Daubert overviewed the benefits to the on-street parallel parking configuration which is the preferred alternative in terms of following IDOT design standards to the maximum extent, improving traffic operations including safety considerations, and allowing for improved sidewalk widths along Crescent Boulevard. He likewise emphasized the major drawback to the on-street parallel parking configuration which is the loss of parking spaces. Commissioners were then asked for feedback on the matter.

Commissioner Foerster inquired as to whether the project team had reviewed placing the angle parking on the south side of Crescent Boulevard/widening the sidewalk on the north side of Crescent. It was noted that the parking lot on the south side of Crescent, including its entrances and exits, would make this challenging in terms of maximizing spaces. Commissioner Zucchero emphasized that we need to prioritize the downtown for pedestrians. He noted that the work done on Main Street (Crescent to Pennsylvania) did not improve the environment for pedestrians. He emphasized not taking the same approach on Crescent. Chair Szymanski noted that we need to tell a story with our recommendation. We want to make the town more walkable; the underpass will change the dynamics of the downtown including allowing for parking to be better utilized. Commissioner MacDonald noted it is a tough call given the loss of parking spaces but he leans towards placing people first (i.e. leaning towards parallel parking/wider sidewalks). Commissioner Zucchero suggested reducing the amount of street furniture and potentially trees to free up more usable sidewalk space. Commissioners were generally supportive of the parallel parking option as it improved the sidewalk widths which were referenced as cluttered with bikes and street furniture and a need for additional walking area. However, Commissioner MacDonald did suggest an alternative for the parking lot on the west side of the Metra Station. He asked for the development of an alternative for the parking lot which would feature two rows of angle parking in the parking lot; it was understood that this would result in the loss of on-street parallel parking spaces but this would yield more overall spaces if viable. Engineer Daubert noted this is worth revisiting and we will follow up on the matter with the CIC.

E. TRUSTEE'S REPORT – No report.

F. OTHER BUSINESS – None

- G. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT** – Public Works Director Buckley noted contracts have been approved including Abbott Tree, brush and branch, landscape maintenance, water tower maintenance. He added we are in the midst of second interviews for the Assistant Director of Public Works. We are getting our first two electric vehicles. He noted we have used very limited salt this winter.
- H. PROJECT REPORT** – Engineer Daubert and Civil Engineer McKenna reviewed the engineering division project activity report with updates on the 2024 Utility and Roadway Improvements Project and Maintenance Programs including the Asphalt Street Patching Program, Cracksealing Program, and Sidewalk and Street Repair Program
- I. ADJOURNMENT** – Commissioner Zuccherro motions and Commissioner Foerster seconds to adjourn the meeting. The motion is unanimously approved and meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Submitted by Richard Daubert, Professional Engineer