



Minutes Village of Glen Ellyn
Village Board Workshop
Monday, June 17, 2024
7:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Room 301

A. Call to Order – 7:00 P.M.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Upon roll call by Deputy Clerk Page, President Senak and Trustees Christiansen, Kalinich, Gould, Simon, and Thompson answered “Present.” Trustee Fasules was absent.

Also in attendance: Village Manager Franz, Public Works Director Buckley, Village Engineer Daubert, Engineer Peebles, Communications Coordinator Paplauskas, and Police Chief Norton.

D. Audience Participation

Jennifer Massarelli, owner of Enchantments, spoke about parallel parking on Crescent Street. She offered her observations of traffic in the downtown area and said she was unaware of the parallel parking planned as part of Streetscape. She felt that replacing the diagonal parking with parallel parking was a terrible idea due to the nature of the businesses on that part of the street. She also felt that the change would negatively impact her business, as well as others.

President Senak asked Ms. Massarelli her thoughts on a potential pedestrian underpass and its impact upon her business. She said she thought it would be potentially good but didn’t know if it would increase her business.

Trustee Thompson asked Ms. Massarelli where she and her employees park. Ms. Massarelli replied that it is currently a struggle and that they park across the train tracks. She has had to change her business hours to accommodate the parking lot regulations.

President Senak stated that no decision has been made about the parallel vs. diagonal parking on Crescent and that staff will continue to reach out to the businesses to gain their feedback. President Senak suggested testing the current plan recommended by staff by striping it on the streets now and determine its impact.

Ms. Massarelli asked if the current plan included parallel parking on both sides of the street. Village Manager Franz replied yes and discussed considerations driving the current plan, including the desire to widen the sidewalk.

Ms. Massarelli asked what the parking spot count was with the parallel vs. diagonal. Village Engineer Daubert replied with background on the design and that the current parking is not compliant with current road standards. He added that the sidewalk on the south side is not ADA compliant as far as width. He continued with more details on the parking design and compliance issues throughout the Streetscape project.

Discussion ensued about gathering and considering feedback prior to deciding and possible actions if the resulting choice does not work satisfactorily. Public Works Director Buckley gave his opinion on testing the proposed parking plan. Discussion continued. President Senak said that the Village would keep business owners informed about the issue.

NOTE: Audio on recording inaudible from approximately 27:30 – 30:50. End of audience participation and beginning of Item E. not described in minutes.

E. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Resource Guide Discussion

- 1) Community Relations Commission DEI Guide Implementation (Communications Coordinator Paplauskas)

Communications Coordinator Paplauskas said he understood that this had been put on under Consent on an earlier agenda and was pulled for further discussion in a workshop.

Audio inaudible at this point, then resumes audibility.

Mir Ali and Robert Moorehead, members of the Community Relations Commission (CRC), introduced themselves and spoke about the effort in developing the DEI Resource Guide to ensure its comprehensiveness. They stressed that it is a framework, a first step, designed to truly connect with the community. The conversation turned to existing diversity in the Village and that the goal of this Resource Guide is to create an environment in which more people in the community feel at home and included.

Nancy McKee, also a member of the CRC, reiterated that the guide is a living document and all community members need to be given a sense of belonging.

Trustee Christiansen said that this effort had been started about 3½ years ago and that the CRC had been a suggestion resulting from this. She thought much information from earlier work has been seen in various forms but this Guide now unites the information and is a great first effort.

President Senak suggested that grammatical errors found be revised by Trustee Christiansen to send to the CRC for incorporation.

Trustee Simon stated that there was interest in the community for some guidance on DEI and this gives a consistent approach.

Trustee Kalinich thought it was good that DEI was being talked about because it's very helpful to understand goals for this.

Audio inaudible for a time.

The Commission members said that they had looked at other communities' development of guides and that those resources and references are documented. Trustee Kalinich agreed that people can have their own definitions and that defining ideas within the document was a good approach for all to use the same language.

Trustee Thompson asked where data came from for some of the points in the document, and whether they represent the current situation accurately, giving an example. Village Manager Franz replied and referenced information from

consultants. The Board continued the discussion. Some of this conversation was inaudible. Trustee Thompson felt that in some respects the negative was being addressed as opposed to the positive. Trustee Kalinich suggested adding some conditional statements to give context.

The question of diversity was discussed by the Board, within the Board as well as within the Commissions. President Senak said that the Village is committed to DEI goals but appointments are limited to those who apply.

Discussion ensued regarding how to increase diversity in the recruitment process as well as the diversity that exists currently. A large part of this conversation was inaudible.

President Senak stated that the report was put together well as a document that can move the Village's DEI efforts forward.

Trustee Simon suggested footnoting the report to clarify certain statements.

President Senak asked members of the CRC if they felt the Village was making progress with DEI initiatives. They replied that discussing this issue was progress, with more progress to come through circulation of the consultant's report referenced within the Guide.

Trustee Thompson wondered if page 7 of the Guide could be more of a reference point and the reflection of improvements that have been made. Mr. Ali replied. Discussion ensued about changes to be made to the document with guidance from Board members.

President Senak suggested that the revised draft be circulated for internal review before the Guide goes public.

President Senak asked how the working document would be made available to the community. Community Relations Commission members replied. Audio dropped completely at times while on this subject. The discussion centered on ways to get the final document out to the Village.

The Board, as well as President Senak commended the CRC members for their work on the Guide and emphasized that if they had other ideas or needs, they should feel free to contact the Board.

Trustee Kalinich stated that the Guide has really been helpful.

Trustee Thompson added that the CRC's support for the McKee House project has been a big help as well.

F. CBD Streetscape and Crescent-Glenwood Parking Lot Improvements Revisited

1) CBD Streetscape and Crescent-Glenwood Parking Lot Improvements Revisited (Professional Engineer Daubert and Asst. Village Engineer Peebles)

Village Engineer Daubert introduced Asst. Village Engineer Peebles to speak on the revised parking lot proposal. Asst. Village Engineer Peebles reviewed the original proposal and budget presented at the March meeting. He then went through details of the revised proposal, offering three alternatives, and giving the Board a perspective on the funds being used for each as well.

Trustee Kalinich asked if there would be parallel parking in front of the building. Asst. Village Engineer Peebles replied yes, but it would be limited. Trustee Kalinich followed up by asking if there would also be parking on Glenwood. Asst Village Engineer Peebles replied yes and that it would be parallel.

President Senak asked if anything changed as far as the number of parking spaces available. Asst Village Engineer Peebles replied no.

President Senak asked if redoing sidewalks was part of Streetscape or this project. Asst. Village Engineer Peebles replied and confirmed that the developer is responsible for the sidewalks in front of the building. Village Engineer Daubert commented too.

President Senak asked about the budget for the parking lot and median improvements, and if this affects that overall budget. Asst. Village Engineer Peebles replied.

Trustee Thompson asked how long the resurfacing will wait. Asst. Village Engineer Peebles replied. Details of his response were inaudible.

Asst. Village Engineer Peebles explained the landscaping that needs to be redone for all three options. He also talked about the soil analysis and compounds found in the parking lot soil, as well as historical uses of the property.

Trustee Christiansen asked about the current options and the future of larger soil removal when the full project is executed. Asst. Village Engineer Peebles replied. Discussion ensued about the budgeting and timing of the future reconstruction needs.

Trustee Thompson asked about what is included in the \$2.7 M cost but the audio made it impossible to hear details of his question or Asst. Village Engineer Peebles' response.

President Senak asked if what was being contemplated here would visually match the other side. Asst Village Engineer Peebles replied that the pavers would match. There was further discussion about the details.

Asst Village Engineer Peebles reviewed the lighting specifications for each of the three options. President Senak brought up dark sky lighting and the desire to have whatever is chosen to include this type of lighting. Discussion on the lighting continued.

President Senak asked if the \$102M not-to-exceed amount was the same number, no matter which option is chosen. Asst Village Engineer Peebles replied that it would be the same, adding some details as to why this would be true.

President Senak asked if the minimal approach was chosen, would it be approximately \$1M and have \$200,000 left over? Asst. Village Engineer Peebles and Professional Engineer Daubert replied about the efficiencies and cost follow-up needed as Streetscape is completed.

President Senak wanted to know what new money would need to be budgeted.

Village Engineer Daubert replied.

Cost of landscaping and lighting for each option was discussed and compared.

Village Manager Franz asked that since the three alternatives are meant to gain direction only, and not fully designed, the Board should eliminate an option from consideration at this time so the Board could concentrate on the other two. It was asked if anyone was interested in the third (3) option.

Trustee Christiansen asked if any of the options give a longer timeframe for reconstruction. Asst Village Engineer Peebles replied with additional comments from Village Engineer Daubert.

President Senak asked if anyone wanted to pursue option one (1), the minimal approach. The Board responded that this option could be eliminated from consideration.

President Senak asked if any part of the work could be phased in over a period such that the cost could be allocated over two budget cycles. Village Engineer Daubert replied and added that it would be better to do next year. He did not think that stretching over two years would work for this project. The budget discussion continued with some inaudible sections.

Village Engineer Daubert spoke about the timetable for the Glenwood developer's portion of Streetscape in relation to the Village's efforts. Discussion continued. Village Engineer Daubert said the developer was planning to go out to bid for their portion. President Senak asked if they had to use A Lamp. Village Engineer Daubert replied no and explained the process.

President Senak confirmed that consideration was down to options two (2) and three (3), and that he liked two (2). Trustee Simon and Trustee Christiansen agreed.

Trustee Thompson asked about option three (3). Asst. Village Engineer Peebles replied it was basically a widening. He reviewed the option again. Trustee Thompson, and the balance of the Trustees, agreed that two (2) was the better option.

Trustee Christiansen expressed curiosity about how long this project would take, assuming option two (2) is the choice, citing her concern that multiple parking lots not be closed at the same time. She then asked about the planter boxes. Asst. Village Engineer Peebles replied. She stated that she wanted to ensure that this option did not conflict with the Comp Plan. She was discussed the southwest corner of the lot, citing a possible need for a ramp or stairs.

Village Manager Franz said that it seemed to him that the Board was in favor of replacing the median, possibly with granite. Asst. Village Engineer Peebles and Village Engineer Daubert explained that the median would look like those in the Streetscape project.

Village Engineer Daubert spoke about some other concerns and the zoning code.

Trustee Thompson asked about the difference in cost between option two (2) and three (3). President Senak replied. Available current funding was discussed.

Trustee Thompson inquired about potential sources of additional funds needed. Village Manager Franz replied that this would be presented and discussed at budget time. Village Engineer Daubert added information. He felt that option two (2) would be a good starting point.

President Senak confirmed that everyone was onboard with option two (2) and that Village Engineer Daubert had everything he needed to move forward to present at a future Board meeting.

Trustee Simon asked if all the cost amounts included the \$41,000 for the soil disposal. Asst Village Engineer Peebles replied.

G. Reminders

- 1) Village Board Meeting Monday, June 24, 2024 at 7 pm
- 2) Village Board Special Workshop Monday, July 15, 2024 at 7 pm

Trustee Kalinich wanted to thank Deputy Clerk Cannova for assisting in getting the patriotic Tootsie rolls for July 4th.

Trustee Thompson said that the decorating of the golf cart would take place an hour and a half before the parade starts.

H. Adjourn – 9:08 P.M.

Adjourn for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, Section 2.06, ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) without returning to open session

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