



Meeting Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Capital Improvements Commission
Regular Meeting
May 8, 2024
7:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center Room 301

Board or Commission: Capital Improvements

Date: May 8, 2024

Meeting: Regular

Called to Order: 7:06 p.m.

Quorum: Yes

Adjourned: 9:35 p.m.

Member Attendance:

Steve Szymanski	Chair	Present
Joel Baldin	Commissioner	Present
Arthur Foerster	Commissioner	Absent
Orion Galey	Commissioner	Present (7:36)
Michael Lindquist	Commissioner	Absent
John MacDonald	Commissioner	Present
Adil Saeed	Commissioner	Present
Jill Ziegler	Commissioner	Present
Rocco Zuccherro	Commissioner	Present (7:29)
Donna Jean Simon	Trustee Liaison	Present
Richard Daubert	Staff Liaison/Professional Engineer	Present

Also Present:

Dave Buckley	Public Works Director
Ellen McKenna	Civil Engineer I
Lizbeth Cuellar	555 N. Valerie, Addison
Tom Scottino	811 Crescent, Glen Ellyn
Aaron Denman	817 Crescent, Glen Ellyn
Denise Denman	817 Crescent, Glen Ellyn
Jim Markby	618 Hickory, Glen Ellyn

A. CALL TO ORDER

The May 8, 2024 regular meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission was called to order by Chairman Szymanski at 7:06 p.m. at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Engineer Daubert noted that there is one amendment to make to the April 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes with respect to attendance. Public Works Director Buckley was not in attendance at the meeting so the minutes shall be amended accordingly.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 13, 2024 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM MARCH 13, 2024 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION MEETING

MOTION BY: Commissioner Baldin

SECOND BY: Commissioner Saed

AYES: Szymanski, Baldin, MacDonald, Saed, Ziegler

RESULT: APPROVAL

APPROVAL OF APRIL 10, 2024 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM MARCH 13, 2024 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION MEETING AS AMENDED (REMOVE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DAVE BUCKLEY FROM ALSO PRESENT ATTENDANCE SECTION)

MOTION BY: Commissioner Ziegler

SECOND BY: Commissioner MacDonald

AYES: Szymanski, Baldin, MacDonald, Saed, Ziegler

RESULT: APPROVAL

D. CURRENT BUSINESS

1. Hickory Road Sidewalk – Engineer Daubert introduced the agenda item and Civil Engineer I Ellen McKenna who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the matter. McKenna provided the background on the request for the sidewalk on Hickory between Crescent and Edgewood. She overviewed the fronting residents' opposition to the sidewalk, proposed layout of the sidewalk, Village's complete streets policy, and lastly showed example new sidewalk installations in the Village. Jim Markby of 618 Hickory shared his background as a long-standing resident of Hickory Road (35 years). He notes that the block is unified in its opposition to the new sidewalk on Hickory between Edgewood and Crescent. He notes specific concerns with sightlines at Crescent and Hickory as well as cost concerns with the funds potentially to be better used for another need in the Community. Tom Scottino of 811 Crescent notes he does not want the sidewalk on Hickory nor on Crescent. Aaron Denman of 817 Crescent noted that they are the only ones on the block with young kids and that they do not feel there are any safety risks that warrant the need for the sidewalk. Aaron references the Village's complete streets policy and

notes that there should be some cost benefit analysis involved in considering the installation of sidewalks as well as exemption criteria. Chair Szymanski inquires as to where Glenbard West Students walk in the area. It was noted by a resident of Hickory Road that most drive or are driven to school. Tom Scottino notes that not many High School students walk along Hickory Road. Engineer Daubert notes he has witnessed a student walking across Crescent at Hickory and walking down Hickory Road. Chair Szymanski notes we are trying to make the community more walkable. Aaron Denman notes that the community is already quite active and this sidewalk would only provide an incremental benefit. Denise Denman adds that people already walk in the street despite there being sidewalk on the east side of Hickory Road. Jim Markby adds that the street does not involve high speed traffic. Chair Szymanski notes that neighborhoods change and that our vision is looking to the future, not just to today. Commissioner Zuccherro notes that there was opposition to the Turner sidewalk by Ben Franklin but it ultimately got built with minimal impact and is now heavily used. Engineer Daubert notes that we often hear people say that nobody will use the sidewalk but that is not our experience including with recently constructed sidewalks on Crescent and Brandon. The discussion then turned to potential future construction of sidewalk on Crescent between Riford and Hickory. Engineer Daubert notes that segment would more likely occur with a future reconstruction of Crescent Boulevard. Engineer Daubert notes that we ultimately received a request to evaluate this corridor for sidewalk and we have a plan to install the sidewalk with minimal impact to the fronting properties. Commissioners provide their feedback on the sidewalk. Commissioner Zuccherro notes he is somewhat neutral on the matter. Commissioner MacDonald notes he is a big supporter of sidewalk but that this is a different case here. He feels that the sidewalk needs to be connected to another major project such as the reconstruction of Crescent Boulevard with sidewalk installed on the south side between Riford and Hickory. Commissioner Ziegler understands the personal impacts but is in support of the Hickory Road sidewalk. Commissioner Galey notes that the sidewalk would technically benefit others than the fronting residents but that there is an alternative way for the residents to walk to Crescent. Chair Szymanski expresses his support for the sidewalk but understands there's not a lot of passion for it. He reiterates walkability, safety, and connectivity to Crescent. Commissioner Zuccherro notes that constructing this sidewalk would make sense along with the construction of sidewalk on Crescent between Riford and Hickory. Commissioner MacDonald makes a motion to postpone the construction of the Hickory Road sidewalk until the future reconstruction of Crescent Boulevard and construction of sidewalk on the south side of Crescent between Riford and Hickory.

MOTION TO POSTPONE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HICKORY ROAD SIDEWALK UNTIL THE FUTURE RECONSTRUCTION OF CRESCENT BOULEVARD AND CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALK ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CRESCENT BETWEEN RIFORD AND HICKORY

MOTION BY: Commissioner MacDonald

SECOND BY: Commissioner Zuccherro

AYES: Szymanski, Baldin, Galey, MacDonald, Saed, Ziegler, Zuccherro

RESULT: APPROVAL

E. TRUSTEE'S REPORT – None

F. OTHER BUSINESS – None

G. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Director Buckley notes a draft lead service line replacement plan has been completed. Forest contracts have been approved for Branch and Brush. Public Works is working on filling vacancies. Public Works having an open house on May 23rd from 4 pm – 6:30 pm. Arbor day celebration on May 10th. Buckley notes he is working with administration on a Refuse RFP.

H. PROJECT REPORT – Engineer Daubert provides on update on the follow projects:

- CBD Streetscape – Main Street will be closed for railroad crossing renewal work 5/29 – 6/7. A Lamp will be starting work on Prospect Avenue between Duane and Penn.
- Crescent Boulevard Resurfacing and Sidewalk Project – Crescent will be milled next week with the roadway then inspected for any base patching.
- Train Station Project – Parking configuration review and discussions are continuing. We have an upcoming Board Meeting on May 28 to secure direction on the Parking and a Public Information Meeting on May 30.

I. ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Galey motions and Commissioner Baldin seconds to adjourn the meeting. The motion is unanimously approved and meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted and Reviewed by: Richard Daubert, Professional Engineer