

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

November 14, 2009

Trustee Semple convened a Committee of the Whole Meeting on Saturday, November 14, 2009 at 1000 North Midlothian Road, Mundelein at 8:01 a.m.

Meeting Convened

Attendance: Trustees Lentz, Meier, Semple, Sullivan, and Voss. Absent: Mayor Kessler and Trustee Nutschnig.

Attendance

Also present: Assistant Village Administrator Flynn; Director of Planning and Development Barrera; and Planner Goski

Purpose of meeting to tour Village with comprehensive plan consultants

Trustee Semple explained that the purpose of the meeting is to take a bus tour of the Village with the Village’s comprehensive plan consultants from Houseal Lavigne to provide Board input for the development of the comprehensive plan.

Motion to move meeting to bus tour

Motion by Voss, seconded by Meier, to move the comprehensive plan meeting to the tour bus. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Voss, Meier, Sullivan, Lentz, and Semple; nays: none; absent and not voting: Nutschnig. Motion carried. The Committee of the Whole and staff members, along with those members of the public present, left the meeting room and boarded the tour bus with consultants John Houseal, Trevor Dick and Bill Grieve.

Several locations to be visited

John Houseal explained that the plan was to visit several locations of critical importance in the comprehensive planning process, and discuss the Board’s thoughts on the planning and development of these locations.

Winchester Road Water Tower visit

The first area visited was the Village water tower on Winchester Road. The topics of discussion were boundary agreements, appropriate land use, transportation issues, annexation strategies, and development of Route 53. The property north of Winchester between Midlothian Road and Route 60 should be part of the Village. It should be mixed commercial and business uses that would complement the new Lake County fairgrounds.

Mundelein Crossing Shopping Center visit

The tour proceeded to the Mundelein Crossing shopping center. The discussion focused on the proper type of commercial development in this area, and the development of bike and pedestrian linkages to the center of town.

Midlothian Road & Route 60/83 visit

The next stop was near the intersection of Midlothian Road and Route 60/83. Discussion focused on the annexation and development of the Adamski parcel, assemblage of property, and intersection and road improvements.

Discusson re: older commercial centers

The bus drove south on Route 60/83 and stopped in front of the old Garden Fresh Market. The committee discussed the challenges of

redeveloping older commercial centers, filling vacant big boxes, the viability of mixed residential/commercial developments in the area; commuter train service on the EJ&E; incentives for green development; landscape maintenance bonds; and a “white elephant” ordinance.

Diamond Lake Beach visit

The Diamond Lake beach parking lot was the next stop. Discussion centered on the value of Diamond Lake to the economic development of the area; partnership with the Park District; greenways development; the realignment of Diamond Lake Road; the extent of commercial development on the lake; visibility of the lake; teardowns and property consolidation.

Lake Plaza Shopping Center visit

The committee then drove to the Lake Plaza Shopping Center at Route 45 and Diamond Lake Road and discussed the extension of Diamond Lake Road to Allanson Road and some of the under utilized property around the intersection.

Metra Station visit

The next stop was the Metra Station. Implementation of the TOD plan; minor adjustments to the plan; development of the Anatol and Sigma properties; and the importance of Weston were topics of discussion.

Downtown Mundelein visit

The tour proceeded to downtown Mundelein. Topics of discussion included: Redevelopment of the northwest corner of Route 45 and Hawley Street; development of public parking; parking lot landscaping; the relocation of Alan Josephsen’s business; the need to define Downtown; and the desire to improve the image of downtown and create a signature look for the community.

Adjournment

Motion by Meier, seconded by Lentz, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. Upon unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Deputy Village Clerk