

**THE PLAN COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.**

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Plan Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. A quorum was present. Chairman James Caporusso, Teresa Badillo, Karen Special, Carla Argueta, Patricia Letarte, Giuliano Petrucci, Patrick Ainsworth (Planner for the Department of Community Development), and Lisa Manzo (Secretary). Absent: William Thorn.
3. Member Letarte made a motion to accept the minutes of August 29, 2012 as presented. Member Special seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.
4. New Business: Continuation of discussion of parking strategies for CM District (Pacific Avenue/Franklin Avenue)

Mr. Ainsworth continued discussions regarding this area of the Village. He updated the members by going over a handout that he had distributed to the members entitled, "Available Industrial Properties in Franklin Park". It is a map displaying all the available properties within the Village limits. Mr. Ainsworth stated that this was a good visual aide to show the members. He continued that he would like this item tabled to a future meeting.

Chairman Caporusso opened this meeting to the public at this time; however, there was no public in attendance. Public session was closed at this time.

5. Old Business: Parking Plan, Subarea #2, Chestnut Avenue Parking Plan/Study, Subarea.

Mr. Ainsworth discussed the potential for a new stop light at the corner of George and Grand Avenue. He discussed the additional and remaining 15 minute parking signs. All items and changes are listed in the memorandum that Mr. Ainsworth submitted to the members for their review.

Member Letarte made a motion to accept Parking Study #2 with all changes and send this forward to the Committee of the Whole for a date to be determined for their review. Member Petrucci seconded the motion. A roll call was taken. Member Letarte-Yes; Member Argueta-Yes; Member Special-Yes; Member Badillo-Yes; Member Petrucci-Yes; Chairman Caporusso-Yes. Six (6) Ayes, Zero (0) Nays, One (1) Absent. The motion was carried.

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### **6. Old Business: Parking Study Area #3-A Amended – Reeves Court to Franklin Avenue Metra Station.**

Mr. Ainsworth discussed parking study area #3-A and stated that he has been working with Joe Modrich, the President of the Park District in regard to the pool parking. He continued that they are doing as much as they can to ensure that pool patrons do not park on the residential streets. Mr. Ainsworth continued that there will be parking available in the Metra parking lot as overflow parking.

Mr. Ainsworth discussed the parking availability at the VFW on Belmont and that it is in its infancy at this point. Time and specifics have not yet been determined.

Member Letarte made a motion to accept Parking Study #3-A amended with all changes and send this forward to the Committee of the Whole for a date to be determined for their review. Member Special seconded the motion. A roll call was taken. Member Letarte-Yes; Member Argueta-Yes; Member Special-Yes; Member Badillo-Yes; Member Petrucci-Yes; Chairman Caporusso-Yes. Six (6) Ayes, Zero (0) Nays, One (1) Absent. The motion was carried.

### **7. Old Business: Parking Plan/Study, Subarea #3-B, South Downtown**

Mr. Ainsworth discussed the changes in Parking Plan/Study Subarea #3-B noting that the 15 minute signage be expanded to three (3) hour parking.

Member Letarte made a motion to accept Parking Study #3-B amended with all changes and send this forward to the Committee of the Whole for a date to be determined for their review. Member Badillo seconded the motion. A roll call was taken. Member Letarte-Yes; Member Argueta-Yes; Member Special-Yes; Member Badillo-Yes; Member Petrucci-Yes; Chairman Caporusso-Yes. Six (6) Ayes, Zero (0) Nays, One (1) Absent. The motion was carried.

### **8. Old Business: Parking Plan/Study, Subarea #4, #5 and #6**

Mr. Ainsworth entertained a motion to table these three (3) items to the next regularly scheduled Plan Commission meeting.

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Member Letarte made a motion to table Parking Plan/Study, Subarea #4, #5 and #6 to the next regularly scheduled Plan Commission meeting. Member Badillo seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and all members present moved to continue these three items on the agenda. Motion carried.

Chairman Caporusso entertained a motion to cancel the Wednesday, December 26, 2012 Plan Commission meeting. All members agreed and moved to cancel the December 26, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

### 9. Old Business: Occupancy/New Business Requirements

Mr. Ainsworth discussed the spreadsheet that he distributed to the members, courtesy of the WCMC and it shows various communities and what their requirements are for drawing in new business to their Villages. The members discussed various issues and one of those was having a landscaping plan within the Village.

Mr. Ainsworth discussed landscaping plans, beautification ordinances and various other items that can be placed when new businesses come in to help beautify the Village.

The members discussed having “guidelines” for new business to follow opposed to “regulations”. It is a better incentive.

Mr. Ainsworth discussed zoning board hearings and how each hearing is heard case by case.

Mr. Ainsworth continued to discuss various planning grants that staff has applied for and that the second planning grant has been awarded to the Village this year.

10. Member Letarte made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Plan Commission. It was seconded by Member Special. The motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Manzo  
Secretary