

THE PLAN COMMISSION

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2014

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Plan Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

A quorum was present. Patricia Letarte, Teresa Badillo, Giuliano Petrucci, Chairman James Caporusso, Alma Montenegro, William Thorn, John Schneider (Director of Community Development), Eric Richard (Asst. Planner), Mike Witz (Police Chief), Joe Lauro (Superintendent of Water/Street) and Lisa Manzo (Secretary). All members were present.

2. Member Letarte made a motion to accept the minutes of December 18, 2013 as presented. Member Badillo seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. New Business: Discussion on Potential Vote on Traffic/Parking Studies.

Mr. Schneider welcomed Police Chief Witz and Superintendent Joe Lauro this evening. He stated that he would be going over all the Village's hot spots that were affected by traffic and parking congestion. There would be recommendations discussed, voted on and referred to the Village Board for their approval.

Mr. Schneider discussed Parking Area #1- East Leyden High School and the new soccer fields at the corner of King and Rose Street. He stated that a recommendation be made to create a new Village Code, Section 6-6F-7A ticket and tow policy within certain residential areas. It will cover the following areas: Edgington from the first alley north of Belmont Avenue northward to the south curb line of King Avenue; Pearl Street, both sides, from the first alley north of Belmont Avenue northward to the south curb line of King Avenue; Washington Street west side; extending from the first alley north of Belmont Avenue northward to the south curb line of King Avenue.

A motion was made by Member Petrucci to recommend Parking Area #1 above to the Village Board for approval. Member Badillo seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Member Letarte- Yes; Member Badillo- Yes; Member Thorn- Yes; Member Petrucci- Yes; Member Montenegro- Yes; Chairman Caporusso- Yes. All were in favor. Six (6) Ayes, Zero (0) Nays, Zero (0) Absent. Motion was carried.

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Mr. Schneider discussed Parking Area #2- U.N. Club/PURE- The Robison Road and Crescent Road Residential Area. He stated that a recommendation be made to create a new Village Code, Section 6-6F-7A ticket and tow policy within certain residential areas. It will cover the following areas: Crescent Drive; both sides, from the intersection of Robinson Road to Crescent Drive to a point 500 feet westward. Robinson Road, both sides, from a point 200 feet west of the west curb of River Road westward to the east curb line of Birch Street.

A motion was made by Member Letarte to recommend Parking Area #2 above to the Village Board for approval. Member Petrucci seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Member Letarte- Yes; Member Badillo- Yes; Member Thorn- Yes; Member Petrucci- Yes; Member Montenegro- Yes; Chairman Caporusso- Yes. All were in favor. Six (6) Ayes, Zero (0) Nays, Zero (0) Absent. Motion was carried.

Mr. Schneider discussed Parking Area #3- North School. Discussion was made regarding the parking congestion for staff and faculty by North School. Mr. Schneider stated that a recommendation be made to the Village Board that Village Code Section 6-6F-2 be amended to allow for parking on both sides of the street by residents and teachers/staff of North School and for compact car parking only on the north side of Gage, between Pearl and Edgington.

A motion was made by Member Letarte to recommend Parking Area #3 above to the Village Board for approval. Member Badillo seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Member Letarte- Yes; Member Badillo- Yes; Member Thorn- Yes; Member Petrucci- Yes; Member Montenegro- Yes; Chairman Caporusso- Yes. All were in favor. Six (6) Ayes, Zero (0) Nays, Zero (0) Absent. Motion was carried.

Mr. Schneider discussed the remaining parking areas (numbers 4-10) and stated that no further action will be taken at this time. He continued that in regard to Parking Area #11 referencing 25th Avenue/Nevada Avenue Condominiums/Apartments; will be reviewed at a later date when the properties are redeveloped.

Mr. Schneider discussed the Village-wide Initiative with 15 Minute Parking Zones and Overnight Parking for Guests. This issue has been discussed at length between the Police and the Street and Water Departments due to various factors. Mr. Schneider stated that staff understands that there are several 15 minute parking areas around the Village which makes having a guest stay over very difficult. Therefore, staff is proposing to offer two options to residents that live in these areas.

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Mr. Schneider that this “Village Wide Initiative with 15 Minute Parking Zones” be recommended to the Village Board for approval. The recommendations are two options; Residents can either purchase a one day placard from the Village for \$1 which will cover another vehicle for a whole day. The guest vehicle will be only allowed to park on the resident’s block. A second option is for a resident to purchase a year round guest placard for a price a little higher than a Village vehicle sticker. Again, this pass will allow the guest vehicle to only park on the resident’s block.

A motion was made by Member Letarte to recommend “Village Wide Initiative with 15 Minute Parking Zones” above to the Village Board for approval. Member Badillo seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Member Letarte- Yes; Member Badillo- Yes; Member Thorn- Yes; Member Petrucci- Yes; Member Montenegro- Yes; Chairman Caporusso- Yes. All were in favor. Six (6) Ayes, Zero (0) Nays, Zero (0) Absent. Motion was carried.

5. New Business: Discussion on Miscellaneous Village Projects

Mr. Schneider discussed various projects taking place within the Village at this time. He mentioned there is an O’Hare Village Corridor Meeting on March 4, 2014. He commented that there is only a 7.6% vacancy of industrial space in the Village. He also mentioned that there has been a significant reduction in “for sale” signs in the Village.

6. Old Business: None.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Manzo
Secretary