

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

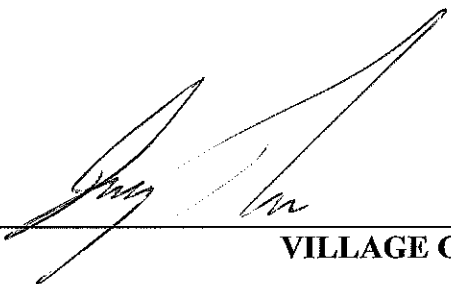
**TO THE LEGAL RESIDENTS
OF THE
VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS**

**REGULAR MEETING OF
PLAN COMMISSION
MAY 27, 2015**

WILL BE HELD 7:00 P.M. AT THE

**POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY ROOM
9451 W. Belmont Avenue
Franklin Park, IL 60131**

**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED
TO ATTEND**



VILLAGE CLERK

**AGENDA
VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK
PLAN COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2015
7:00 PM
COMMUNITY ROOM
9451 BELMONT AVENUE
COMMUNITY ROOM
FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS 60131**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SCHEDULED MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2015.**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. NEW BUSINESS – None**
- 5. OLD BUSINESS – Continued discussion on Comprehensive Plan**
- 6. STAFF UPDATES**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

THE PLAN COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2015

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

A quorum was present. Chairman Patricia Letarte, Teresa Badillo, William Thorn, Alma Montenegro, Giuliano Petrucci, Daniel Particelli, Eric Richard (Planner), Zoe Heidorn (Planner) and Lisa Manzo (Secretary). All members are present.

2. Member Letarte made a motion to accept the minutes of March 25, 2015 as presented. Member Badillo seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. New Business: None.

Ms. Heidorn mentioned that there is an LTA (Local Technical Assistance) grant out for a bike plan for the Village at this time. Staff will be meeting next week to discuss the grant. Ms. Heidorn stated that Franklin Park is a "hot spot" for this particular transportation plan. These plans guide communities through project implementation. They demonstrate to residents, boards, staff, and other entities a community's vision and priorities to make walking, biking, and transit an integral part of daily life. Having an adopted plan will open more opportunities for funding walking, bike and transit infrastructure projects.

6. Old Business: Continued discussion on the Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Richard suggested continuing the discussion of ideas for the Comprehensive Plan. He asked if all the members had an opportunity to brain storm and put together a few ideas to get a discussion started.

Member Thorne brought forth some ideas such as if there is a number of condo occupants at the Crossings at Franklin Station that ride the Metra. Mr. Richard said he will work on obtaining ridership counts. Member Thorn also brought up easier travel capabilities within the Village limits, i.e. biking, etc. Chairman Letarte mentioned that Trustee McLean had at one point in time a bicycle safety day where people and children would bring their bikes to a designated area for "safety checks". Chairman Letarte mentioned that if this program has stopped, it would be a great idea and beneficial to the residents that it be started up again.

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Ms. Heidorn mentioned to the members that the Village has an “app” for the Village of Franklin Park, where it gives people the opportunity to provide feedback to the Village on various things. There are also surveys that residents and business owners can take as well.

Member Petrucci brought forth several ideas regarding the Comprehensive Plan. He stated that there should be a focus on infrastructure, streets, sewers, water, etc. He also mentioned the train traffic issue that affects everyone in the Village. He also mentioned that there needs to be a focus on people taking pride and upkeep their properties. This will make the Village a more positive aesthetically pleasing town.

Mr. Richard was excited about all these ideas that the members brought forward tonight. All these are valuable ideas that will be brought forward to future meetings and hearings. He also discussed that the school district, the park, the library and the Village should join together.

Ms. Heidorn mentioned that one of the projects that will be taking place is the updating of the current Zoning Code.

Member Letarte brought forth some ideas for the panel at this time. She mentioned that tree planting be a vital project within the Village. She also had preference for updating the Village’s infrastructure along with creating bike paths throughout the Village, as well as creating community gardens between the Village and the Park District. Member Letarte discussed the viability and vitality of youth moving into the Village; furthermore, promoting the Village as an up and coming youthful suburb. She wants to attract the younger demographic.

7. Staff Update.

Ms. Heidorn mentioned that Staff will be meeting with CMAP next week in regard to the Local Technical Assistance Project scope for the Village. They will go over timelines and deadlines, discussion putting together a Steering Committee and project customization.

Ms. Heidorn discussed having the members take a vote on the LTA grant for the bike

path and motion to push it forward to the Village Board for review.

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Member Montenegro made a motion to move the LTA Transportation Plan to the Village Board to create a Resolution in support of this project. Member Badillo seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Member Badillo-Yes; Member Thorn-Yes; Member Petrucci-Yes; Member Montenegro-Yes; Member Particello-Yes; Chairman Letarte-Yes. All in favor. The motion was carried.

8. Member Petrucci made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Plan Commission. It was seconded by Member Badillo. The motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Manzo
Secretary