

THE PLAN COMMISSION

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 30, 2016

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, Daniel Particelli, Giuliano Petrucci and Alma Montenegro, Zoe Heidorn (Planner) and Lisa Manzo (Secretary). Absent: William Thorn and Teresa Badillo.

2. Member Letarte made a motion to accept the minutes of September 28, 2016 as presented. Member Montenegro seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. New Business: Franklin Park Complete Streets Policy

Ms. Heidorn welcomed the members in attendance. Each person introduced himself or herself to the group. Individuals in attendance included a representative from Leyden High School District 212, the Park District of Franklin Park, staff from the Village Departments of Community Development and Zoning, and Nancy Wagner and Hanna Kite of the Active Transportation Alliance. Ms. Wagner and Ms. Kite announced that they would provide a brief presentation to the attendees.

Ms. Kite came forward and gave the group a presentation of the ten elements of a Complete Streets Policy. The following are the ten elements: setting a vision; includes all users and all modes; applies to all phases of all applicable projects; specifies and limits exceptions, with management approval required; emphasizes connectivity; is understood by all agencies to cover all roads; uses the best and latest design standards; complements the community's context; sets performance measures; identifies implementation steps.

At this time Ms. Wagner distributed a "Complete your Street" brochure from the Active Transportation Alliance, which is a tool that can be used to make the community safe for all road users.

Ms. Kite then passed out the results of the Franklin Park Vision Exercise from the last Plan Commission meeting that asked each participant to write down four words they would use to describe Franklin Park. Some of the adjectives were astounding such as: progressive/innovative, revitalizing/improving, plain, changing, active, aging,

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industrial, growing, historical, vibrant, familiar, cohesive, comfortable, affordable, residential, regional, good park district, excellent leadership, multicultural/diverse, auto focus, train, transportation hub, poor streets, and congested.

Ms. Kite discussed the community goals that the village would like to accomplish with the Complete Streets Initiative as well as discussing how Complete Streets would fit in with other plans or goals for the community.

At this point in the meeting the members and audience broke down into groups of four to brainstorm and create a draft vision statement for the complete streets initiative. The group came up with some innovative and descriptive vision statements. Ms. Kite and Ms. Wagner stated that they will take each vision statement and discuss them at the next Plan Commission meeting.

Ms. Heidorn thanked Ms. Kite and Ms. Wagner for coming out this evening and for all the attendees for making this evening a very informative and exciting.

5. Old Business: None

6. Staff Update.

Ms. Heidorn stated that on Thursday, December 1st will be the Christmas in Hammill Square Tree Lighting Ceremony. Everyone is invited to attend.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Manzo
Secretary