

THE PLAN COMMISSION

MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2019

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, Alma Montenegro, Mike Rickert, Teresa Badillo, Linda Suwalski, Nick Walny (Planner), and Lisa Manzo (Plan Secretary).
Absent: William Thorn.

2. Member Badillo made a motion to accept the minutes of November 28, 2018 as presented. Member Rickert seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. New Business: None
5. Old Business: Wrap up discussion of landscape ordinances.

Mr. Walny began the meeting with recapping some of the notes and verbiage from last month's meeting to bring the members up to speed. He stated to the members that all the notes from the previous meetings will be incorporated in and given to the company that will be re-writing the zoning code. This will help in part of the creation of the new landscape ordinance.

The members discussed that the Landscape Ordinance from Lombard was the most conducive to Franklin Park. It is the best example.

Mr. Walny discussed his public meeting that he had earlier in the afternoon on the Franklin Avenue Reconstruction Project. This meeting was productive in discussion on traffic lanes along Franklin Avenue due to increased freight traffic.

Andy Smolen was present this evening and thanked the members for all their effort to help to beautify the community. The members thanked Any in return for all his hard work. Andy passed out the Chicago Region Tree Imitative paperwork. It shows that Franklin Park is the second neediest Village for canopy coverage, impervious surfaces and surface temperature. This will help in funding for Franklin Park. Andy continued that the Village is going to receive 30 trees through this program. We must value and educate residents about trees through the elementary, high school and college level. He further stated that he would like to put a nursery at 3100 Mannheim (the Village currently owns) to cultivate trees. He is passionate in rebuilding the Oak tree population.

6. Staff Update: Staff Presentation

Mr. Walny began to update the members on the various projects and developments that are taking place within the Village at the present time. He had a power point presentation to visually display to the members all the projects in the Village such as:

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10000 Grand Avenue-Katz Gyros which will specialize in beef/hotdogs/burgers and a drive thru, 2830 Mannheim which will house a Jersey Mikes/Sprint/AT&T. There is a new Mexican Restaurant called Sabores de Mexico open now at 9700 Franklin. 9100 Belmont is a new 178,516 square foot facility which will also house a new Welcome to Franklin Park sign. 9401 Grand houses the Digital Realty Campus. Three buildings are going up at 10501, 10601 and 10701 Franklin Avenue. Also another industrial building at 11333 Addison, 10601 Copenhagen Court, 10601 and 10701 Seymour and 3311 Charles.

Mr. Walny informed the members that staff is working on creating an Internet Marketing Guide, which will give strategies, tips and ideas for website/internet help to guide new businesses to succeed.

Mr. Walny stated that staff is going out for an RFP this January for the re-writing of the Zoning Code. February 8, 2019 is the deadline for the request for proposal.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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