

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. A quorum was present. Rhonda Santana, Kathy Mennella, Wayne Bernacki, Bruce Boreson, Frank Grieshamer, Chairman Mark Cwik, Jenny Corral, Lisa Manzo (Secretary), and Rudy Repa (Village Planner). All members were present.
3. Member Grieshamer made a motion to accept the minutes of January 8, 2025. The motion was seconded by Member Mennella and approved to place them on file as presented.
4. Old Business: None
5. New Business: Staff Update & Presentation on Grand Avenue Corridor Study from CMAP

Mr. Repa began a presentation to the members of the status of the Grand Avenue Corridor Plan. He discussed the planning process timeline from when it began in the summer of 2023 and expects the final draft to be released approximately February of 2025. He explained that there was robust community outreach which included canvassing, attending various events throughout the years as well as three steering committee meetings.

Mr. Repa described the plan structure which included seven goals, nineteen recommendations and ninety-six strategies. All would be outlined within the plan.

Some goals that were discussed this evening were presented as follows:

- Goal 1: Create a unified corridor.
- Goal 2: Ensure Grand Avenue is resilient to changing market conditions.
- Goal 3: Improved transportation.
- Goal 4: Safety.
- Goal 5: Diversify housing along Grand Avenue.
- Goal 6: Leverage to promote climate resilience in Franklin Park.
- Goal 7: Improve quality of & access to natural assets.

Mr. Repa concluded this presentation at this time.

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Mr. Repa discussed various other ongoing projects within the Village. Some projects he expounded upon were the Village Plaza on the corner of 25th and Franklin Avenue. He stated that the project is almost complete, as contractors are installing the fountain in the Spring. He showed the members some renderings of the new signage that will be placed within the Village. Some examples were signs for the downtown district, public parking signs, B-12 Tower, village square and a visitor directory sign.

6. Public Comment: None.

7. A motion was made by Member Grieshamer to adjourn the meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals. It was seconded by Member Mennella. All in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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