

Village of Lombard

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

7:00 PM

VILLAGE HALL - COMMUNITY ROOM

Economic & Community Development Committee

*Trustee Bill Ware, Chairperson
Trustee Greg Gron- Co-Chairperson
Dennis McNicholas, Martin Carroll,
Garrick Nielsen, Jon Grant, Brenda Gannon
David Irion, James Hogan & Keith Giagnorio
Staff Liaison: Bill Heniff*

1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ware at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bill Ware, Jon Grant, Brenda Gannon, Keith Giagnorio, David Irion, Martin Carroll and Garrick Nielsen

Absent: Greg Gron, Dennis McNicholas and James W. Hogan

Also in attendance: Christopher Stilling, Assistant Director of Community Development; and Stuart Moynihan, Associate Planner.

2.0 Public Participation

Dan Whittington and Laura Bergeson, of the LTC was present to update the Committee about LTC activities.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 2, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved by the members present.

4.0 Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

5.0 New Business

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Downtown Landscape Enhancement Recommendations Report

Review and discussion on the Downtown Landscape Enhancement Recommendations Report . (DISTRICTS #1 and #4)

Mr. Stilling stated that at the Village Board meeting on September 17, 2009, staff presented a Downtown Lombard Landscape Enhancement Recommendations report prepared by Hitchcock Design. The Village Board directed that the Downtown Landscape Enhancement Recommendations report be presented to various Committees and Commissions for review at their October meetings.

Mr. Stilling then went through the entire report highlighting the recommended actions. He then stated that staff recommends that the ECDC consider the following aspects when reviewing the Downtown Lombard Landscape Enhancement Recommendations report:

- 1. Does the ECDC support the use of TIF funds for landscape enhancements in the public right-of-way?*
- 2. Does the ECDC support the use of TIF funds for landscape enhancements on private property through the use of Downtown Grant programs?*

3. Are there any additional comments or recommendations the ECDC wishes to include in the Downtown Lombard Landscape Enhancement Recommendations report?

Mr. Grant expressed a concern that if money is spent on landscaping, this may take away opportunities to use TIF funds for attracting new businesses. He also asked if the ECDC would still review grant requests for private projects. Mr. Stilling stated that the committee would still review grant requests for private enhancements, especially if associated with a façade Grant application.

Mr. Carroll asked about the sculpture park location. Mr. Stilling indicated that this is an item that the Board has been interested in creating. The location shown is preliminary and would be subject to further review and consideration.

Chairperson Ware asked if the LTC has reviewed the report. Mr. Whittington indicated that they have reviewed it and support the recommendations.

Mr. Irion asked about opportunities to upgrade the underpass. Mr. Stilling indicated that staff is working with Metra and the Union Pacific on a number of improvements, however, any enhancements on their property is subject to their approval.

Ms. Gannon expressed a concern about making sure that if the Village participates with private landscape enhancements to make sure there is a program in place for maintenance.

It was moved by Carroll, seconded by Grant, that this matter be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval and that the Village should consider using TIF funds for landscape enhancements in the public right-of-way and on private property through the use of Downtown Grant programs. The motion carried by a voice vote

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Annexation Strategies Plan Update - 2009

Request to review the 2009 Annexation Strategies Plan Update.

Stuart Moynihan, Associate Planner, provided the Committee with background on the report. This update was presented to the Village Board of Trustees on September 17, 2009 and was subsequently referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) and the Plan Commission.

Mr. Moynihan stated that the report is intended to provide an overview of past actions and direction for the Village Board and staff relative to the annexation of unincorporated properties into the corporate limits of the Village. This report follows a similar format to previously distributed reports provided to the Village Board in 2000, 2003, and 2005 and summarizes past Village Board annexation actions.

Mr. Moynihan explained that the report has three (3) categories: disconnection areas, involuntary annexation areas and voluntary annexation areas. He then stated that the report also provides statistical and fiscal analysis.

Mr. Moynihan stated the recommendations included within this report are intended to provide direction to both staff as well as property owners regarding the Village's future annexation plans. Combined with other Village documents such as the Comprehensive Plan, the Village Code, and the Capital Improvements Plan, this document serves as a valuable planning tool in the annexation decision making process. Staff recommends that the Committee accept the findings of the 2009 Annexation Strategies Plan Update.

In addition, staff would like the Committee to specifically review the report as it relates to the remaining unincorporated commercial areas throughout the Village.

Mr. Nielsen asked about the criteria and representations made in the report. Mr. Moynihan provided the background and rationale for the fiscal analysis. Mr. Nielsen expressed a concern about the numbers since the economy has changed.

Ms. Gannon expressed a concern about involuntarily annexing properties. Mr. Stilling stated that past policies have been to have the Village work with the property owners.

It was moved by Giagnorio, seconded by Grant, that this matter be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval and that the Committee has received, reviewed and accepted the findings of the 2009 Annexation Strategies Plan Update. The motion carried by a voice vote

6.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

7.0 Information Only

Roosevelt Road Update

Mr. Stilling presented a memo updating the Committee on the various activities related to Roosevelt Road. In addition, Mr. Stilling provided an update on the current vacancy rate for existing commercial properties along Roosevelt Road.

Lombard Town Centre Report

Dan Whittington, President of the LTC provided an update to the Committee about recent LTC activities.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.