

To: Honorable President and Board of Trustees
From: William T. Lichter, Village Manager
Date: July 9, 2007
Subject: **2007 Community Forum**

In 2003, 48 individuals participated in Lombard's first Community Forum. On November 5, 2005 50 citizens and representatives from various community groups and agencies came together to participate in Lombard's second Community Forum. The purpose of each Community Forum was to gather input from the attendees on what they like about Lombard and, from their perspective, what issues face us in the future. Ideas and impressions from the Community Forum were thereafter discussed during the Village's annual strategic planning sessions and, in part, incorporated into the Strategic Plans.

It was decided that Lombard should convene future Community Forums every other year. The purpose of this memorandum is to outline a process for the 2007 Community Forum.

Participants

3 members of the Lombard community invited by the Village President, Village Clerk, and each of the Trustees from their respective districts. If possible, invitations should be extended to individuals who did not participate in either the 2003 or 2005 Community Forums. A list of previous participants is attached. **Total-24**

Representatives from the following standing and ad hoc committees in the number indicated. Each Committee, or its Chairperson, would select its representatives: Economic and Community Development Committee (2), Environmental Concerns Committee (2), Finance Committee (2), Public Works Committee (2), Transportation and Safety Committee (2), Board of Fire and Police Commissioners (1), Board of Local Improvements (1), Community Promotion and Tourism Committee (2), Historical Commission (2), Plan Commission (2), Zoning Board of Appeals (2), and Community Relations Committee (2). **Total-22**

Two representatives from each of the following governmental bodies: School District 44, School District 45, School District 87, School District 88, Helen Plum Library, Lombard Park District. **Total-12**

Total Participants-58

Location: Westin Lombard Yorktown Center

Proposed Date: Saturday, October 27, 2007

Proposed Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Draft Agenda

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Gathering of Participants
Welcome and Introductions**

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Expectations for the Community Forum

9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Lombard - Our Home Town: A look at what we like about Lombard.

10:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Identifying Key Issues. Participants in the Community Forum will identify and select key issues for the community that should be focused upon in Lombard over the next two to three years as the Village moves forward into the future.

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wrap Up and Impressions

Process for the Community Forum

As in the past, participants will work in groups. A department head, a member of the Village Board, or both, will facilitate each group. Each group will report back to the whole group at various times during the morning. Staff will consolidate the information into a document that will be distributed at a later date to the participants and will be used by the Board of Trustees during its annual strategic planning session. The list of issues will be discussed and prioritized by the Board of Trustees at its strategic planning session.

This item has been scheduled for discussion and direction at the Village Board meeting of August 9, 2007.