

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

Call to Order

President Pro Tem Elster called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 6PM, Tuesday, February 20, 2014 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Village of Lincolnwood, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

Roll Call

On roll call by Village Clerk Beryl Herman the following were:

PRESENT: President Pro Tem Elster, Trustees Leftakes, Klatzco, Patel, Sprogis-Marohn

ABSENT: President Turry and Trustee Cope

A quorum was present. Also present: Timothy Wiberg, Village Manager; Douglas Petroschius, Assistant Village Manager; Charles Meyer, Assistant to the Village Manager; Charles Greenstein, Village Treasurer; Timothy Clarke, Director of Community Development; Manuel Castaneda, Public Works Director; Amanda Williams, Management Analyst; Ashley Engelmann, Assistant to the Public Works Director; Robert Merkel, Finance Director; Jan Hincapie, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Approval of Minutes

1. The minutes of the February 4, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting were distributed in advance of the meeting and were examined. Trustee Patel moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Klatzco seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Regular Business

1. Status Report on a Potential Intergovernmental Agreement Concerning the Proposed Devon/Lincoln Tax Incremental Financing District

This item was presented by Trustee Patel and President Pro Tem Elster.

A meeting was held with Trustees Elster and Patel and representatives of Districts 74 and 219 as well as the Lincolnwood Library. Present were Scott Anderson, John Vranis, Kendra Beard, and Sherry Doniger. Concepts of the TIF were discussed as well as various options and conditions. Trustees Patel and Elster have reason to believe that an agreement can be reached. Discussion ensued regarding a date to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Wiberg provided clarification- he stated that he believes that due to the protracted discussion of the proposed TIF District, there is concern that the original planning documents may be reaching their useful lives limits.

Trustees Patel and Elster provided additional information on the meeting. The meeting was informal and valuable in order to keep the lines of communication open. The Village will keep the other bodies advised on closing of the TIF Public Hearing. This will come up at the meeting of March 4, 2014.

2. Discussion Concerning a Recommended Ordinance to Prohibit Smoking in Village Parks.

This item was presented by Mrs. Hincapie who presented an Overview:

*Growing trend of smoke-free parks

*Potential concern for secondhand smoke and tobacco litter

*Some park and recreation agencies across Illinois have banned smoking in their parks while others have made it a point to strongly discourage it

General Information

*Residents use parks to:

- Improve their physical fitness
- Enjoy time with family
- Get in touch with nature

*Unfortunately many encounter second-hand smoke and littered tobacco products

*Inside or out, tobacco is harmful to your health and the litter is harmful to the Earth

Tobacco Litter

*Cigarettes:

- Most littered item in the U.S. and world
- Slow to decompose (5-10 years)
- Fire hazard
- Increase park maintenance expenses

*Children and wildlife can mistake cigarette filters for food

Second- Hand Smoke

*Second-hand smoke sticks around in the air and can cause health hazard

*Second-hand smoke in outdoor public places can reach levels as high as in indoor facilities where smoking is permitted

Smoke-free Illinois Act (SFIA)

*Effective January 1, 2008

*Following areas must be smoke- free:

- All indoor public places and workplaces

Exemptions include – Hotel/motel rooms, Tobacco retailers, Nursing Home rooms

*No smoking signs must be posted at entrance

*Ashtrays must be removed from smoke-free areas, including 15 feet from doorways, windows and vents

Lake County Survey

*REALITY Illinois

- Teen group[against smoking
- Conducted a survey to Lake County residents to assess their attitude toward tobacco-free parks
- Conducted between 2008-2012
- 1,750 surveys were collected from Lake County residents and visitors

Results

*84.9% think litter from tobacco products is a problem in Lake County parks, playgrounds, outdoor sports fields, etc.

*68.5 have been bothered by tobacco smoke at parks, playgrounds, outdoor sports fields, etc.

Parks and Recreation Board

*Initial discussion at the January meeting

*No Smoking Ordinance presented at the February meeting

*Parks and Recreation Board added e-cigarettes to the Ordinance at the February meeting

*“Soft” enforcement for the first year, primarily in areas with large groups of people

Village Board

*Ordinance banning smoking, including e-cigarettes is on the Consent Agenda this evening

There is currently no smoking allowed in the pool area.

3. **Status Report from the Human Relations Commission.**

This item was presented by Commission member Mary Koleff May.

Mission

The Village of Lincolnwood is a diverse community comprised of people of different racial, ethnic, national and religious backgrounds. Our community encompasses residents of all ages, education and economic levels. The Village's Human Relations Commission understands that cultural diversity can sometimes become a cause for social unrest and disharmony. Therefore, the Human Relations Commission is committed to promoting recognition and respect for the dignity of each member of the community. With this in mind, the Human Relations Commission will create opportunities for the community to participate in positive interpersonal experiences by:

- *Sponsoring enjoyable events and activities for citizen involvement;
- *Providing educational enrichment; and,
- *Serving as a resource and facilitator for the citizens of Lincolnwood

Members of the HRC

- *Martina Keller, Chair
- *Mary Koleff May, Vice Chair
- *Paul Kramer, Financial Reporter
- *Anjum Ali, Secretary
- *Rita Eng
- *Jean Ikezoe-Halevi – recently resigned from the HRC
- *Stacy Katsibaros
- *Rebecca Kohn
- *Anna Pawlowski, Historian

Events Participated In and Sponsored

- *Memorial Day Parade
- *Independence Day Annual Concert in the Park
- *Lincolnwood Diversity Month in August with flags from over 50 countries displayed on Lincoln Avenue
- *Display at Lincolnwood Library – Last Year's Display – Hats from around the world
- *HRC Award - Awarded annually to a resident or person employed in Lincolnwood who exemplifies the mission of the HRC
- *Food Drive – Food is collected and donated to the Niles Township Food Pantry

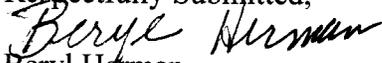
Future Goals and Projects

- *Prepare HRC Programs
- *Manage the HRC Budget
- *Relate Information to Village Boards, Commissions and Programs
- *Reappoint Commissioners
- *Continue to work with the Village Administration regarding HRC communications on the Village Website and Social Media
- *Repair and/or replace U.S. and international flags for Diversity Month display
- *Bring public awareness of humanitarian issues as it relates to our community

Adjournment

At 6:50 P.M. Trustee Patel moved to adjourn Committee of the Whole. Trustee Klatzco seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,


Beryl Herman
Village Clerk