

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
DECEMBER 16, 2014**

Call to Order

President Turry called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 6:35 PM, Tuesday, December 16, 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 Turry, Trustees Cope, Elster, Klatzco, Patel

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present. Also present: Timothy Wiberg, Village Manager; Charles Meyer, Assistant to the Village Manager; Douglas Petroschius, Assistant Village Manager; Steven Elrod, Village Attorney; Amanda Williams, Management Analyst; Charles Greenstein, Village Treasurer; Timothy Clarke, Director of Community Development; Aaron Cook, Community Development Manager Fire Chief, Michal Hansen; Police Chief Robert LaMantia; Clyde Heineman, Fire Prevention; Ashley Engelmann, Public Works Director.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the December 2, 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 Cope seconded the motion. The motion passed by Voice Vote.

Regular Business

1. Discussion Concerning Nextdoor.com

This item was introduced by Mr. Wiberg and Amanda Williams using PowerPoint.

Current Communication Methods

***Facebook**

- Village: 319 Likes
- Parks and Recreation: 675 Likes

***Twitter**

- Village: 124 Followers
- Parks and Recreation: 45 Followers

***Email Subscription Lists**

- Village News: 638 Subscribers

***Village Newsletter**

***Village Website**

- *Social networking site that has become increasingly popular in recent years
- *Started October 2011
- *Expanded to over 47,000 neighborhoods
- *Launched a program focused on cities in September 2014
- *Funded by Venture Capital firms at no cost to subscribers

Content on Nextdoor.com

- *Recommendations – 26%
- *Community Issues - 22%
- *Crime and Safety – 20%
- *Classifieds - 14%
- *Events - 11%
- *Other – 7%

Nearby neighborhoods were identified:

- *Lincolnwood Terrace – 2 members
- *Skokie – 225 members
- *West Ridge North - 327 members
- *Sauganash – 668 members
- *Fairview South Skokie – 29 members
- *Robert Crown – 15 members

A map of the identified area was presented as were sample pages.

Why Nextdoor.com is Different than Other Social Media Sites

- *Based on geographic location rather than other common interest
 - Facebook and Twitter users generally communicate with family, friends and classmates
 - Less than 2% of peoples’ Facebook friends are their neighbors
- *Committed to bringing neighbors together and promoting community
- *Each neighborhood is a private, secure website and address has to be verified
- *Ability to target messages to members in specific neighborhoods
- *Members do not need to subscribe to a specific page to receive information from the Village

Illinois Municipalities that Use Nextdoor.com

Rockford – 4,024 Users - Population 150,251 - Percentage of Population - 2.7%

Downers Grove – 3,915 Users – Population – 43,833 – Percentage of Population - 8.9%

Gurnee – 2,224 Users – Population 31,284 – Percentage of Population - 7.1%

Peoria – 2,159 Users – Population – 118,943 – Percentage of Population – 1.8%

Evanston – 1,394 users – Population – 74,486 – Percentage of Population – 1.9%

Pages from the City of Evanston site were exhibited

Benefits

*Communication Outlet

- Village would post to sites that have already been established
- Expand our reach

*No financial impact

*Village is one subscriber of many

*Limited Staff time required

*Advertise events to subscribers in neighboring communities (i.e. Skokie, Chicago)

Summary

*Correct the municipal boundary map

*Publicize availability of the service, currently 22 members

*Increase number of participants

*Ongoing communication with residents

- Specific to geographic locations (Police Department, Public Works and others)

Questions and discussion ensued with clarification by MS Williams and Mr. Wiberg

2. Discussion Concerning Commercial Vehicle Parking Regulations and Residential Fire Sprinkler Requirements

This item was divided into two presentations, the first section to be discussed was regarding Residential Fire Sprinkler requirements.

This item was presented by Clyde Heineman and Chief Hansen.

Sprinkler Codes in Lincolnwood

*All new homes built since January 2006

- Adopted NFP 101: Life Safety Code (2012)
- Adopted IRC: Appendix P (2009)

*To Date: 92 homes completed – 8-9 in plan phase

*Current Code does not require sprinklers in additions

Proposed Residential Addition Sprinkler Requirement Approved by CORB

Whenever a residential dwelling undergoes construction resulting in an addition that is 50% or greater than the size of the original structure, the entire structure shall be subject to the fire sprinkler protection requirements in accordance with the adopted codes applicable to new construction for the occupancy.

Definition of Rehabilitation Area (Current)

On enforcing this requirement we have to next ask, “What is a rehabilitation area?” The definitions in the Life Safety Code give us four definitions of rehabilitation work areas, any one of which would require the sprinkler requirement.

43.2.2.1.1 Repair: The patching, restoration or painting of materials, elements, equipment or fixtures for the purpose of maintaining such materials, elements equipment or fixtures in good or sound condition.

43.2.2.1.2 Renovation: The replacement in kind, strengthening or upgrading of building elements, materials, equipment or fixtures, that does not result in a reconfiguration of the building spaces within.

43.2.2.2.3 Modification: The reconfiguration of any space; the addition, relocation or elimination of any door or window; the addition or reconfiguration of load bearing elements; the reconfiguration or extension of any system; or the installation of any additional equipment.

43.2.2.1.4 Reconstruction: The reconfiguration of a space that affects an exit or a corridor shared by more than one occupant space; or the reconfiguration of a space such that the rehabilitation work area is not permitted to be occupied because existing means of egress and fire protection systems, or their equivalent, are not in place or continuously maintained.

CORB Recommendation

This list was the same as the previous definitions.

Current Sprinkler Code Building Rehabilitation

The Life Safety Code addresses this in "Chapter 43 Building Rehabilitation"

43.6.4 Extinguishing Systems

- **43.6.4.1** In a building with rehabilitation work areas involving over 50 percent of the aggregate building area, automatic sprinkler systems shall be provided on the highest floor containing a rehabilitation work area and on all floors below in accordance with the requirements of other sections of this Code applicable to new construction for the occupancy.
- **43.6.4.2** On any story with rehabilitation work areas involving over 50 percent of the area of the story, a sprinkler system shall be provided throughout the story in accordance with the requirements of other sections of this Code applicable to new construction for the occupancy.

Rehabilitation Change Approved by CORB

(Proposed Change Approved by CORB Committee – shown in italics)

- **43.6.4.1** In a building with rehabilitation work areas involving *modification or reconstruction of over 50% of the aggregate building area, and/or when 50% or more of aggregate wall and ceiling finishes (plaster, plaster board, gypsum board, suspended ceiling systems, etc.) is being removed down to the framing* automatic sprinkler systems shall be provided on the highest floor containing a rehabilitation work area and on all floors below in accordance with the requirements of other sections of this Code applicable to new construction for the occupancy
- **43.6.4.2** On any story with rehabilitation work areas involving *modification or reconstruction of over 50 percent of the area of the story, and/or when 50% or more of aggregate wall and ceiling finishes (plaster, plaster board, gypsum board, suspended ceiling systems etc.) is being removed down to the framing* a sprinkler system shall be provided throughout the story in accordance with the requirements of other sections of this Code applicable to new construction for occupancy

Questions and discussion ensued.

Consensus was that the Fire Department will bring in a worksheet for architects to use when working with residents. This worksheet will be reviewed by the Board.

The section of this item dealing with Commercial Vehicle Parking Regulations will be presented and discussed at the second meeting in January 2015.

Adjournment

At 7:40 PM Trustee Elster moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole, seconded by Trustee Cope. The motion passed with a Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted

Beryl Herman

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beryl Herman".

Village Clerk