

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCTOBER 5, 2016**

Call to Order

President Turry called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 6:15 PM, Wednesday, October 5, 2016 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 Bass, Patel, Spino, Klatzco, Elster, Cope (6:25)

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present. Also present: Timothy Wiberg, Village Manager; Douglas Petroschius, Assistant Village manager; Amanda Pazdan, Management Analyst; Steve McNellis, Director of Community Development; Charles Greenstein, Village Treasurer; Robert LaMantia, Police Chief; Charles Meyer, Assistant to the Village Manager; Ashley Engelmann, Public Works Director; Andrew Letson, Assistant Public Works Director.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the September 20, 2016 Committee of the Whole meetings were distributed in advance of the meeting and were examined. Trustee Bass moved to approve the minutes. Trustee Patel seconded the motion.

Trustees Elster and Spino abstained.

The motion passed by Voice Vote.

Regular Business

1. Discussion Concerning any Questions on Village Board Meeting Agenda Items

*Trustee Klatzco questioned the bidding process regarding Lincoln Avenue Streetscaping.

Trustee Elster suggested that the bidding be looked at more closely. Mrs. Engelmann and Mr. Wiberg responded and clarified.

*Trustee Cope questioned items on Consent regarding stormwater management. Mr. Wiberg stated that the Board had directed Staff to obtain bids, finish the design and award to the lowest bidder.

*Items involving cannabis will be removed from Consent.

2. Discussion Concerning the Landscaping of the Lincoln Avenue Medians

This item was presented by Mrs. Engelmann.

This item will appear on the regular agenda, with direction to award the contract.

It was thought that waiting to get bids during the winter months would produce a lower bid, which would be to the advantage of the Village. Could this be reevaluated as to materials? Village Engineer Amelio agrees.

Background

*January 19, 2016, Committee of the Whole meeting, a concept plan for the revitalization of the medians on Lincoln Avenue was presented

- Funds allocated in FY2016/2017 budget

*May 3, 2016, the Village Board awarded a proposal to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. for phase 1 engineering

*The project includes:

- All medians on Lincoln Avenue from Jarvis Avenue to Devon Avenue
- Raised beds with perennial landscaping
- Irrigation
- Brick Edging

Photos and Renderings were presented.

Bid Process

*September 8, 2016 a bid notice was published

*Bid packages were requested by eight firms

*September 27, 2016 four sealed bids were received

Bid Tabulation

<i>Contractor</i>	<i>Total Contract Price</i>
Landmark Contractors	\$1,156,489.63
Martam Construction	\$1,608,360.25
Copenhaver Construction	\$1,687,265.00
Vixen Construction	\$1,756,525.50
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$966,310.00</i>

Budget

\$480,000 – General Fund
\$194,225 – Devon/ Lincoln TIF
\$175,775 – Lincoln/Touhy TIF
\$850,000 – *Total Budget (Based on 2015 Concept Plan)*

*Lowest bid is \$3000,000 above the budgeted amount

*Items contributing to increased cost:

- Brick Work
- Irrigation
- Traffic Control

Options for Consideration

*Option 1 – Award Contract

- Complete project this fiscal year
 - #Fall Hardscape
 - #Spring Plantings
 - #\$300,000 above budgeted amount

*Option 2 – Award Amended Contract

- Medians from Touhy Avenue south to Devon Avenue completed this fiscal year
 - #Fall hardscape
 - #Spring plantings
 - #Amend contract to remove medians north of Touhy Avenue due to future street light replacement
 - #Estimated reduction of \$217,000

Option 3 – Reject and Rebid

- Project completed during Spring and Summer of 2017 extending into next fiscal year
 - #Winter rebid could yield additional bids and more favorable pricing

Option 3 is Staff Recommendation

Next Steps

*Options 1 or 2

- A Resolution is on the Regular Meeting Agenda awarding a contract to Landmark Contractors

*Option 3

- The Resolution on the Regular Meeting Agenda should be tabled and a Resolution rejecting the bids will be included on the October 20, 2016 Village Board Agenda

Discussion ensued.

Consensus was that a motion be made to reject during the regular Village Board meeting this evening.

3. Discussion Concerning the Current Regulations of Signs

This item was presented by Mr. McNellis with use of PowerPoint.

Trustee Klatzco brought this item to the attention of Staff.

Business Sign Illumination

Current Zoning Code Permissibility:

Hours of Illumination: With the exception of public service signs and flags, all illuminated signs shall be turned off between the hours of 11PM and 7AM unless the business establishment is engaged in the operation of its business with employees on the premises during such period

*Code requirement has been in place since at least 1998

*Past surveys (as recent as recent as 2012) found a number of businesses out of compliance

A survey of surrounding communities' business sign regulations was presented:

Des Plaines, Evanston, Glenview, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge, Skokie and Wilmette

Business Sign Illumination – Village Survey

- Village-wide survey conducted September 14, 2016, between 12:30AM and 3:20AM
- Seventy (70) signs illuminated at businesses that were closed
- Represents 18.5% of approximately 380 business signs in the Village

*Justifications in Favor of Continued Limitations/Enforcement

- Illuminated business signs after hours are contrary to Sign Regulations stating signage is intended for identification purposes, not advertising
- Permitted illumination of all business signs overnight could increase light pollution/impact in residential areas

*Justifications Against Continued Limitations/Enforcement

- Signage serves dual purpose of identification and advertisement. Permitting afterhours "advertisement" helps support business
- The practice of leaving signs illuminated overnight shows businesses believe it is beneficial, true or not

- Village would be at a competitive disadvantage to neighboring communities who do not impose such restrictions

Staff recommends continuing Village restrictions on hours of illumination for business signs, and following Village procedure for remedying Zoning Code violations.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus was to keep the status quo.

4. Discussion Concerning Access to the Former Union Pacific Railroad Property Recreation Trail from Columbia Avenue

This item was presented by Mr. Letson using PowerPoint.

Background

*2006 – The Union Pacific Trail was envisioned in the Bikeway Plan

- Goal was to improve connectivity

*November, 2012 – Parks and Recreation Board held a public meeting to discuss the project

*Early 2016 – Union Pacific right-of-way was purchased

*August 2016 – Construction of the path began

*At September 20, 2016 Village Board Meeting, residents from the 3700 block of Columbia Avenue provided a petition opposing the construction of a sidewalk connection

Neighborhood Connections

*Union Pacific Trail (Planned)

- Columbia Avenue
- North Shore Avenue
- Wallen Avenue
- Albion Avenue

*Valley Line Trail

- Chase Avenue
- Morse Avenue
- Albion Avenue

Photos and aerial views were exhibited

Pros of Sidewalk
Connection

Cons of Sidewalk
Connection

* Connects path to Columbia Park at Columbia and Hamlin
*Connects path to neighborhood for use by those living in the area
*Meets goal of greater connectivity outlined in 2006 Bikeway Plan
*Open area between Columbia and the path would likely serve as a cut through

*Connections to North Shore and Wallen are planned for both sides of the path, Columbia only connects on the west side of the path
*Columbia Avenue is the closest residential connection to the path's crossing at Pratt Avenue

Village Board Direction

Staff is seeking direction proceeding with construction of a sidewalk connection between Columbia Avenue and the Union Pacific Trail

Residents of Wallen and Albion Avenues were in attendance and addressed the Board: Medina and Mirsad Biser, Cristian Lupas, and Leanne and Layla Ellis.

Mr. Thuy Nguyen of Columbia Avenue returned after speaking last week and presenting a petition.

The Wallen and Albion residents presented a petition in opposition of the accesses from their streets.

Mr. Wiberg stated that there is access from Pratt and Lincoln.

Trustee Cope expressed concern with all of the private streets having access.

The consensus was to leave access at North Shore and omit Wallen, Columbia and Albion.

Adjournment

At 7:45 PM Trustee Bass moved to adjourn Committee of the Whole, seconded by Trustee Klatzco.

The motion passed with a Voice Vote

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Beryl Herman
Village Clerk