

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
APRIL 3, 2018**

Call to Order

President Bass called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 3, 2018, 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 Clerk the following were:

PRESENT: President Bass, Trustees Patel, Ikezoe-Halevi, Hlepas Nickell, Spino, Sugarman (7:05), Cope (electronically)

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present.

Also present: Village Manager Tim Wiberg, Assistant Village Manager Ashley Engelmann, Village Attorney Steven Elrod, Management Analyst Heather McFarland, Community Development Director Steve McNellis, Assistant Public Works Director Nadim Badran.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March 20, 2018 Committee of the Whole were distributed in advance of the meeting and were examined.

Corrections were requested by Mayor Bass. Clerk Herman will check the minutes against the video of said meeting.

Trustee Patel moved to hold the minutes until the next Committee of the Whole for approval
Trustee Hlepas Nickell seconded the motion. The motion passed with a
Voice Vote.

1. Discussion of a Proposed Village Branding Package

Due to time constraints, this item will be addressed at a future meeting.

2. Presentation by Michael Sieman

Trustee Hlepas Nickell requested that Mr. Sieman from the contract purchaser be allowed to make a presentation to the Board before any other business is conducted. This item was not on the agenda despite the requests by four Trustees to allow it.

Mr. Sieman reiterated a number of items and discussed the plan in further detail.

He identified First Hospitality as a consultant and discussed the qualifications of his team.

Trustee Cope asked what the potential developers want from the Board.

Attorney Sanford Stein replied that they would like to make an application and move ahead in the normal order. They would prefer that the Village hold off on condemnation order.

Trustee Hlepas Nickell posed questions which were addressed by Mr. Sieman and Mr. Stein. Attorney Elrod stated that discussion regarding land acquisition be discussed in closed session.

Resident Pam Lefkowitz questioned why an investor would become involved when this Board is holding our – Board needs to move ahead. Rescind previous decision.

Resident Sue Ginsburg queried, “When residents come up to ask questions, should they not get answers?”

President Bass stated that he is censored at times.

Attorney Elrod – Public comment at a public meeting is not dialog or discourse.

President Bass read a statement into record regarding the questions that have been asked about the former Purple Hotel site. The statement was as follows:

The subject property has been vacant almost 13 years, past administration entered into a contract years ago resulting in lost revenues in the range of \$25-\$30 million dollars and land lost value between \$3-\$5 million. The Village has been damaged greatly. The new Mayor and some of the new Trustees inherited a massive mess entangled in a legal quagmire.....interrupted by Trustee Patel in argument of facts. For the last year, and I don't care who the developer is as long as the developer can perform and that all the Commissions, EDC, Planning, School Board, Village Trustees along with residents can approve a project equitable to all parties, that is my goal and that is why I was elected. And that is what I was elected to do. Also, I don't vote on anything unless there is a tie. Again, my objective is to get the development done for the residents of this Village. My message has not changed one iota since January of last year. My representations have been consistent, crystal clear since day one. I want this project ready to go by the earliest possible time and I will do whatever is necessary to make that happen. That is my statement, thank you.

During the statement Trustee Patel raised several objections to the information being presented.

Adjournment

At 7:45 P.M. Trustee Sugarman moved to adjourn Committee of the Whole, seconded by Trustee Hlepas Nickell. The motion passed with a Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,


Beryl Herman
Village Clerk