

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 7, 2020**

Call to Order

President Pro Tem Cope called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 6:03P.M., Tuesday, January 7, 2020 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Village of Lincolnwood, County of Cook and State of Illinois.

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

PRESENT: President Bass, Trustees Cope, Nickell, Patel, Sargon, Klatzco

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present.

Also present: Anne Marie Gaura, Village Manager; Chuck Meyer, Assistant Village Manager; Heather McFarland, Assistant to the Village Manager; Jon Bogue, Management Analyst.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of December 2, 2019 Committee of the Whole Workshop meeting were presented for

Trustee Nickell moved to approve the minutes of December 2, 2019, seconded by Trustee Halevi.

Motion to approve passed by a voice vote.

Regular Business

1. Discussion Regarding Potential Devon Avenue Bridge Architectural Enhancements

This item was presented by Andrew Letson, Public Works Director, using PowerPoint.

Staff is seeking direction as to whether the Village Board would like to further explore architectural enhancements for the Devon Avenue Bridge over I-94

Background

*IDOT owns and maintains the three bridges that cross the Edens Expressway (I-94)

*IDOT is planning a bridge deck replacement project on the Devon Avenue Bridge

- Phase I – Ongoing (detailed presentation forthcoming)
- Phase II – 2020
- Construction –2021 (Potential)

Photos were exhibited of existing conditions and examples of potential improvements

*As part of the Phase I process IDOT has inquired whether the Village would be interested in pursuing architectural enhancements of the bridge

*Designed, constructed and maintained at the Village's cost

Mr. Letson stated that there is no signage when you are entering Lincolnwood or entering Chicago. Mr. Letson added that some communities do enhanced fencing at these locations and some communities complete landscaping.

Mr. Letson said that if funding was approved by the Village Board, it would be included for next year.

CDOT Coordination

*Devon Avenue is partially in Lincolnwood and partially in Chicago

- CDOT coordination will be required for any enhancement
- Ensure coordinated effort and a unified appearance

*CDOT has expressed an interest in pursuing architectural enhancements and is willing to consider gateway signage

*CDOT has indicated to IDOT that at a minimum they would like to have their standard parapet wall installed

Financial Impact

*All costs associated with the enhancement will need to be borne by the Village

*Cost estimates are not available, but could be developed based on the type of improvement that the Village Board would like to consider

*If enhancements are desired, funds for design will be included in the draft FY 20/21 budget

Direction Requested

*Staff is seeking direction as to whether the Village Board would like to further explore architectural enhancements for the Devon Avenue Bridge over I-94

*Types of Potential Enhancements

- Signage
 - ^Gateway signage (e.g. "Welcome to Lincolnwood")
 - ^Street name (e.g. "Devon Avenue" etched into the concrete)
- Fencing
 - ^CDOT parapet wall
 - ^Other types of fencing
- Landscaping
 - ^Not recommended due to ongoing maintenance costs and operational difficulty

Trustee Nickell would like to wait until the Budget Meeting to see the Village's finances but there should be landscaping.

Trustee Patel stated that this would be a great enhancement and branding for the Village of Lincolnwood. Trustee Patel added that the fencing does not add much value.

Trustee Sargon stated that she was in agreement with Trustee Nickell on this topic.

Trustee Cope voiced a concern about spending money related to this project.
Trustee Klatzco voiced concerns about traffic proceeding at 60 miles per hour past this sign and missing it and that the Village could spend the money elsewhere.

It was the consensus of the Village Board that money not be spent on this project but that a placeholder be put in the budget for this to be considered by the Village Board later.

2. Discussion Regarding Bike Lanes on Pratt Avenue

This item was presented by Andrew Letson, Public Works Director, using PowerPoint.

Continuation from the previous committee of the whole meeting

- Option 1 No parking bollards in buffer lane \$229,700
- Option 1 Parking on North side, 5-foot bicycle lanes \$616,200
- Option 3 Parking on North side, cycle track on South side \$839,200
 - Trustee Nickell – There is no safe passage for the bikes – difficulty if cars are parked and cannot see the bikes
 - Trustee Patel – Option 3 Option 2 (any car will be crossing that bike lane) If you can put the line on the other side then Trustee Patel will pick option 2
 - Trustee Cope – Likes option 1

Mayor Bass asked if there was anyone from the Public who would like to speak to this issue:
The following residents offered their opinions:

Resident Mary Butler stated that cars will use the bike lane as a passing lane. Option 3 is best – benefit for the bikers, running, and walking – We need a dual bike lane which has the concrete barrier.

Resident Dale Wickham said that Pratt Avenue is the only feasible street for east-west bike riding. Mr. Wickum stated that a simple green bike lane on either side of Pratt. Lincoln to Cicero Ave is the best way to go.

Resident Art Lovering stated that he has lived on Pratt for over 30 years and in that time two of his cars has been struck. Mr. Lovering concluded his comments by saying that Pratt Avenue is a dangerous street to ride your bike on.

It was the consensus of the Village Board to direct staff to include money in the Capital Improvement Plan for enhancements to bike lines and to start on Phase 2.

Public Forum

None

Adjournment

At 7:18 P.M. Trustee Sargon moved to adjourn Committee of the Whole and move to Closed Session regarding the purchase or sale of property, the motion was seconded by Trustee Klatzco. The motion passed by Voice Vote.

At 7:35 P.M., the Village Board re-convened the public meeting.

At 7:35 P.M. a motion was made by Trustee Patel to adjourn the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sargon. The motion was passed by Voice Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Beryl Herman
Village Clerk