

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF LONG GROVE

Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 8 P.M.

3110 RFD, LONG GROVE, ILLINOIS 60047-9613

CALL TO ORDER:

President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Village President: Rodriguez
Trustees: Acuna, Barry,
Hannon, Lazakis, Schmitt, Wachs
Village Clerk: Schultheis
Also Present: Village
Manager
Lothspeich,
Superintendent
Block,
Village
Planner
Hogue and
Village
Counsel
Filippini

HOMEOWNERS

ASSOCIATIONS/ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Homeowner Associations:

Oak Island – Shelly Straus. – **No one present. Nothing to report.**

Salem on the Lake – Susan Klein. – **No one present. Nothing to report**

Sherman's Pine Valley – Dave Muntz. – **No one present. Nothing to report.**

Item #1: Report Of The December 17, 2007 Architectural Board Meeting.

The AB considered the following items during their meeting. – **None the items listed required action**

by the Village Board.

- A. Signage For "Dr. Robin Kroll Counseling Services", 149 Old McHenry Road (Hotel Shops), Rich Prohl Signs. Approved.

- B. Signage For "*Casa Brasil Inc*", 249 Robert Parker Coffin Road (Mill Pond), Furbino. *Approved.*
- C. Elevations For Residences On Lots: 5 (5187 RFD); 7 (5189 RFD) & 9 (5191 RFD) Within The *Eastgate Estates* Planned Unit Development, Located On The South Side Of Aptakasic Road, DeMar. *Continued Until February 11, 2008.*
- D. Plans And Plats For Landscaping, Lighting, Signage And Elevations As Part Of An Application Submitted By Sunset Grove, LLC For A Zoning Code Amendment And Reclassification Of Property (R2 Residential To New HR-1 Highway Retail & OS-P Open Space Preservation), Planned Unit Development, Special Use Permit & Zoning Code Amendment(S) To Allow A Retail Planned Unit Development Anchored By A Specialty Grocer Store Located At The Southeast Corner Of Route 83 & Aptakasic.
- E. Road, Mid-America Development Partners. *Architectural Board Review Continued Until February 11, 2008. Plan Commission & ZBA Public Hearing Continued To Wednesday, January 16, 2008 At Kildeer Countryside School.*
- F. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments. *Continued.*

Item #2: Report of the December 13, 2007 & January 3, 2008 TIF Joint Review Board Meetings.

The TIF Joint Review Board (JRB) met on December 13, 2007 and continued the hearing until January 3, 2008. School District 125 (Stevenson); School District 96 (Kildeer) and Long Grove Fire Protection District (Long Grove Fire) representatives participated during the December 13, 2007 meeting with School District 96 sending a December 12, 2007 letter and December 28, 2007 email questioning the Village's intentions for inclusion of the Kildeer School in the TIF District Boundaries. Staff replied to the December 28, 2007 email with the enclosed December 29, 2007 email. In addition, Long Grove Fire Chief Bob Turpel provided a December 27, 2007 letter outlining their various concerns. – Trustee Lazakis gave a brief synopsis of the concerns and intent of the Joint Review Board. He said that the Joint Review Board would be an ongoing process. At their January 10, 2008 meeting, the Joint Review Board would vote whether to be in support of/no objection to/or, against whether the proposed TIF satisfied the eligibility standards. – **No action was taken.**

Item #3: B-1 Historic Business District & B1-A Master Plan Presentation.

Joe Chiczewski (ESI Consultants); Rick Hitchcock (Hitchcock Designs) and Bridget Lane (Business Districts, Inc) presented the draft Master Plan as recommended by the Master Plan Task Force. The Village Board is not approving the Master Plan during this meeting but voting upon sending the Master Plan for public hearing and recommendation to the Village Board.

A presentation replete with slides and written documentation was presented to the Staff and Board, by Bridget Lane (Business Districts, Inc.); Rick Hitchcock (Hitchcock Designs); and Joe Chiczewski (ESI Consultants). Questions were asked about possible impediments to the success of the master plan being implemented, and the presenters said that it was important to have a strategic overall plan, as well as address concerns about water sources (to help attract restaurants). The presenters emphasized that Long Grove has choices and options for would-be developers.

There was a concern about increased traffic, though Bridget Lane stated that the traffic would not be new traffic, but people who are passing by in their cars already. Joe Chiczewski added that there had been studies on existing traffic patterns but not on the impact of the Master Plan.

The Master Plan also called for developers to make improvements to roads and possibly add interconnectivity with additional roads in the commercial area.

A question was asked regarding the festivals, and Joe Chiczewski stated that the parking scale would stay proportional to what it is now.

Trustee Wachs moved to refer the Draft Master Plan to the Plan Commission for public hearing re: amendments/updates to the Village Comprehensive Plan with the caveat that the proposed development on Route 83 show less density; seconded by Trustee Barry.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 6- 0)

Item #4: Ordinance Proposing A SSA For Developing a Deep Well Water System For B1-A.

The proposing ordinance will begin the public hearing process for the consideration of establishing a SSA as a means to finance the proposed water system that would serve the aforementioned properties with the potential for future expansion to additional properties. The property owners have been advised that the Village Board would be considering establishing the SSA in order to minimize any potential for delays in the development of these properties.-

President Rodriguez reminded the Board and the audience that nothing was being approved at this meeting. This was a vote calling for the start of a process.

Trustee Wachs moved to approve an Ordinance Proposing the Establishment of a Village of Long Grove Special Service Area for Developing a Deep Well Water Supply System to serve Various Properties located within Portions of the B1-A Planning Area (IL Route 83 & Route 53); seconded by Trustee Lazakis.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Acuna – abstain; Barry –aye; Hannon – aye; Lazakis – aye; Schmitt – aye; Wachs – aye.
(Motion carried 5 – 0, one abstention).

Item #5: Village President Rodriguez.

A. Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve Update. – Nothing new to report. **No action was taken.**

B. Mass Transit Funding Update. – Legislation is in Springfield. – **No action was taken.**

Item #6: Village Trustee Acuna.

A. Lake Michigan Water Feasibility Study Update. – No update – **No action was taken.**

B. 2007/08 Road Maintenance Program Update. On Friday, December 7, 2007, Trustee Ed Acuna, Trustee Ted Lazakis, Village Superintendent Bob Block, Village Engineer Joe Chiczewski and Staff met to review paving program options for this Spring. – There was a discussion of the amount of money the projects might require. ESI engineer Brian Litkowski stated that Bridge repair would require new redoing Bridge approaches, and that the Bridge could be shut down for a month (estimated cost \$102, 787.00). He also said that on Oakwood Drive, a truck had hit the guardrails, and they needed to be replaced to meet standards (Estimated cost \$77,760.00). The other Street Rehab work is estimated to cost \$726,500.00.

Trustee Acuna moved to request ESI, Inc. go out to bid for the projects listed and then come back to the Board for approval; seconded by Trustee Lazakis.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Acuna – aye; Barry –aye; Hannon – aye; Lazakis – aye; Schmitt – aye; Wachs – aye.

(Motion carried 6 – 0).

Item #7: Village Trustee Barry.

Village Pathway Update. – Trustee Barry acknowledged upcoming meetings. – **No action was taken.**

Item #8: Village Trustee Hannon.

A. Treasurer Report For December 31, 2007. –

Trustee Hannon moved to approve the December 31, 2007 Treasurer's Report and payment of bills; seconded by Trustee Lazakis.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Acuna – aye; Barry –aye; Hannon – aye; Lazakis – aye; Schmitt – aye; Wachs – aye.

(Motion carried 6 – 0).

Trustee Hannon moved to approve the balance as presented; seconded by Trustee Schmitt.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Acuna – aye; Barry –aye; Hannon – aye; Lazakis – aye; Schmitt – aye; Wachs – aye.

(Motion carried 6 – 0).

B. Actual and Budget

Comparisons For Period

Ending December 31,

2007. – **No action was**

taken.

C. Fiscal Year 2008/09 Budget

Hearing Schedule. The

proposed budget hearing

schedule is: (1) January 8,

2008 Board Meeting. Call

for committee Budgets

(submit no later than

February 15, 2008).

March 11, 2008 Board Meeting. Initial review Draft Budget for Public Hearing/Comment during second board meeting in March - Budget Posted at the Village Hall and on the Village Web Site, and (2) March 25, 2008 Board Meeting – Public Hearing/Approval of Budget – The Budget process and Trustees will requested to put together lists of budgetary items they would like to see. Trustee Hannon also asked the Board to consider discussion of Depository III funds – Village Manager Lothspeich said that it would be put on the agenda for the next meeting. – **No action was taken.**

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Item #9: Village Trustee Lazakis.

Downtown/B1 & BIA TIF Update. The TIF Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at Kildeer Countryside School. – Trustee Lazakis said that the January 15, 2008 meeting will present information and get feedback from residents regarding the TIF. There will also be a Powerpoint presentation from Ehler's. Resident Denise Harnish wanted to know what kind of bonds are being proposed. - Village Counsel Filippini said that the bonds will be based upon revenue received, and that any plan put forth by the Village would incorporate that concept. He further stated that as the Village is not Home Rule, changes could not be made without a referendum. Resident Ostick said that a recent TIF in Lake Zurich had failed, and forced that Village to raise their taxes.- Village Manager Lothspeich noted that the TIF in Lake Zurich was on a much larger scale and was financed under a General Obligation Bond – the Village of Long Grove is proposing a bond backed by incremental revenue, and there would be no expenditures made ahead of revenue received. Village Counsel Filippini said that the bondholders would pay for a failed TIF, not the taxpayers. Resident Dee McLaughlin wanted to know if there would be General Obligation Bonds and who would bear the risk over the next 23 years? – Village Counsel Filippini said that the Board would not allow General Obligation Bonds and repeated that Bondholders were the risk-bearers. Resident Denise Harnish asked about the effect on other taxing bodies? – Village Manager Lothspeich replied that the Equalized Assessment Value of District 96 is \$1.3 Billion and the Equalized Assessment Value for the TIF is \$10 Million (or, .77% of their EAV); and District 125 has an Equalized Assessment Value of \$2.5 Billion. Village Counsel Filippini also added that, by law, other taxing bodies would lose nothing. – **No action was taken.**

Item #10: Trustee Schmitt.

A. Comcast Franchise Status. The current Cable Television Franchise Extension Agreement expired on November 11, 2007. Staff has not been able to work out a simple one-year extension with Comcast and will continue to work with Village Counsel Barb Adams to try to resolve this issue informally. – Still in discussion. **No action was taken.**

B. Waste Management – Trustee Schmitt said she was unable to get

together with Bob Stob, but that the contract was extended. She said that she talked to SWALCO about working with downtown Long Grove to talk about commercial recycling; and that Woodlawn, Country Meadows and Kildeer Countryside schools would also like to start recycling. – **No action was taken.**

C. SWALCO: Trustee Schmitt said that on February 7, 2008, there would be a breakfast meeting. – **No action was taken.**

D. Park District: Trustee Schmitt said that the Park District was told that the Village Board was working on a tree replacement ordinance. – **No action was taken.**

Item #11: Village Trustee Wachs.

Report Of Quarterly Sheriff's Meeting.

Village Trustee Charlie Wachs, Village Trustee Joe Barry and Staff met with Lake County Deputy Chief Of Operations Rick Eckenstahler and other Sheriff Representatives on December 14, 2007. – Nothing new to report at this time. **No action was taken.**

- **Item #12: Village Clerk Schultheis.**

Nothing to report.

Item #13: Village Manager Lothspeich.

Nothing to report.

- **Item #14: Village Superintendent Block.**

Nothing to report.

Item #15: Village Planner Hogue.

Not present.

Item #16: Village Attorney Filippini

Nothing to report.

Item #17: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes.

December 11, 2007 Minutes. – Trustee Hannon moved to approve the December 11, 2007 Village Board Minutes as amended; seconded by Trustee Schmitt.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 6 – 0).

- **Item: Executive Session.**

At 12:00 A.M.; Trustee Acuna moved to go into Executive Session to discuss: (1) Executive Session Minutes; (2) Litigation; and (3) Acquisition and Disposition of Property; seconded by Trustee Wachs.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Acuna – aye; Barry –aye; Hannon – aye; Lazakis – aye; Schmitt – aye; Wachs – aye. (Motion carried 6 – 0).

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Item: Other Business.

December 11, 2007 Executive Session Meeting Minutes. – Continued.

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Item #20: Possible Consideration Of Ordinances Relating To Acquisition Of Property.

No action taken

Item: Adjournment.

At 12:44 A.M., Trustee Barry moved to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Acuna.

VOICE VOTE:

All ayes, no nays (Motion carried 6 – 0)