

VILLAGE OF ELM GROVE
JOINT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PLAN COMMISSION
AND AD HOC COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 31, 2006

Board of Trustees present:

President Palmer, Trustees Haas, Torkelson, Schoenecker, Clark, Fronberry, and Azpell.

Plan Commission present

Pat Cashin, Wayne Higgens, and Betty Hunter.

Ad Hoc Comp Plan Committee:

Gary Zwerlein, Ingo Valentin, and Tom Kurtz.

Also present:

Village Clerk Mary S. Stredni, Zoning/Planning Administrator Austin Eich, Assistant Planner Jennifer Ferguson, and Recreation Director Amy Mitchell.

Hector de la mora, Danielle Bergner, and residents.

1. Roll Call

President Palmer brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Village Clerk Mary S. Stredni took the roll.

2. Overview of current comprehensive planning efforts

Consultant, Jeff Rainwater, summarized the survey results. Fronberry requested information on how many people responded to each question. President Palmer would like to see in the written summary more quantitative information rather than 'numerous' and 'many'.

The response category on the survey must include a key with definitions.

Requested that Amy Mitchell, Recreation Director, provide the 'other information' for questions #5, #6, and #9 under the school outreach portion.

Trustee Clark inquired as to how long the results would be valid. Mr. Rainwater stated about five years. Trustee Clark noted that it seemed that the results were skewed toward empty nesters. Also noted that the majority of respondents seem satisfied. There are misconceptions in regard to 124th Street; this item has been talked about for years and there are tremendous hurdles that the public is not aware of for example the cost and bridges. Also noted that the park will probably be more ecologically friendly once is it completed than it was before.

Wayne Higgens opined that comments from the survey should be addressed, not necessarily as part of the Plan, but people need to know that their comments were heard. One possibility is to include in an appendix.

Tom Kurtz noted his dislike for the questions in regard to municipal water and his perception that all business owners will be forced to connect if they are in the downtown loop. President Palmer verified that municipal water will only be in the downtown area if there are enough property owners who wish to connect to make it feasible. It is not the intent of this Board to force municipal water on any property owner.

3. Future public involvement opportunities

Zoning/Planning Administrator Eich noted that the staff's plan is to hold a public open house and a public hearing and to include updated information in newsletters and on the Village Web site.

The Ad Hoc Committee will prepare a draft plan which will then be reviewed by the Plan Commission and Board of Trustees. Once items from tonight are addressed, a new packet will be provided to all members. Higgins and Azpell moved and seconded to approve the public involvement opportunities as outlined. Motion carried.

Trustee Fronberry requested demographic information about the Village. Eich noted that the current demographics are part of the summary. He will get figures for 1980 and 1990 and the Elmbrook School District projections.

4. Upcoming activities

The next Ad Hoc Comprehensive Planning Committee will be November 16, 2006 and will include development of Newsletter #2 and review of the draft comprehensive plan outline.

5. No other business

6. Adjourn

Higgins and Torkelson moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary S. Stredni
Village Clerk