

***Village of Barrington
Plan Commission Meeting
Minutes Summary***

Date: March 2, 2011

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Village Hall Board Library
200 South Hough Street
Barrington, Illinois

In Attendance: Harry Burroughs, Commissioner
Richard Ehrle, Commissioner
Dan Hogan, Commissioner
Todd Sholeen, Commissioner
Mike Ward, Commissioner
Anna Bush, Chairperson

Staff Members: Jim Wallace, Deputy Village Manager
Peg Blanchard, Director of Economic and Community Development
Brooke Jones, Development Planner
Kevin Kramer, Development Planner
Greg Summers, Director of Engineering and Building

Call to Order

Chairperson Bush called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll call noted the following: Harry Burroughs, present; Richard Ehrle, present; Dan Hogan, present; Todd Sholeen, present; Mike Ward, present; Anna Bush, Chairperson, present.

There being a quorum, the meeting proceeded.

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New Business

Discussion of the update to the 2000 Comprehensive Plan

Addendum to Transportation Chapter: Bikeway Connectivity

Ms. Jones provided an overview of the draft addendum and *Bikeway Planning* map, noting that staff plans to draft a more extensive plan after completion of the Comprehensive Plan update. She stated that there will be two maps: in addition to the *Bikeway Planning* map, there will also be *User Guide* maps.

The commission noted that there should be thorough definitions of the terms in the legend of the maps.

Mr. Burroughs noted that bike rack locations should be added to the user maps.

Mr. Ehrle stated that we need to have a more definitive plan, developed by a team. He mentioned some specific concerns:

- There should be a dedicated bike path from Beese Park to the Cook County property to the north
- Cuba Marsh and Langendorf Park need to be connected (staff noted that this is being planned)
- There needs to be more connectivity in general
- The Ela Road bike path is discontinued south of Tall Trees subdivision; a connection to Route 14 should be established

There was a general discussion of and concern over the safety of bike routes along heavily traveled roads. The commission suggested that appropriate advisory language be included on maps and documents.

The commission recommended that the path through the college streets be relocated to Division Street, as a safer route.

Village Center

Ms. Blanchard explained that the draft incorporates elements of the CMAP *Go To 2040* plan, including its division of the Village Center into nine districts.

Ms. Bush commented that the new breakdown of the district is much more functional than the current concept of having four quadrants for the Village Center.

There was discussion of whether or not the property at 303 South Hough Street (southeast corner of Hough and Lake Streets) should be included in the new Civic District, or should remain as part of the residential area outside of the Village Center. Consensus of the commission was that this historic property should remain as residential.

Mr. Kramer led a review of the text proposed for the nine districts.

The commission directed that the North Downtown District be extended up the east side of Hough Street, one lot deep, to James Street, and that the north side of James Street should be designated as "future Village Center Expansion"

The commission directed that a different term than "White House" be used for the former Barrington Reality/Robertson building on Main Street.

The commission noted that the referenced map needs to be attached to the Train Station District, and supported the CMAP "middle option" for development there (depicted on the map).

Ms. Blanchard asked the commission if we should support a residential component in the West Liberty Street area, and the commission supported the inclusion of a residential component.

The commission noted that in the Mixed Business/Residential District, the Applebee-to-Grant connection, supported in the 1999 Comprehensive Plan, should be retained in the update.

The commission noted that the streetscape should be extended to the high school.

Neighborhood Developments

Ms. Jones noted that staff will be adding small maps at the top of each neighborhood section, to clarify the boundaries of each neighborhood.

The commission recommended the following changes to the draft language:

Neighborhood 11

For recommendation #3, improvement to the Lake Zurich Road bikeway will be needed.

Neighborhood 16

Add text to recommend that the Village "maintain the possibility of internal vehicular linkages".

Review and Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Sholeen moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2011 meeting as presented; Commissioner Ehrle seconded the motion. Voice vote recorded all ayes. The minutes were approved. Commissioner Burroughs moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2011 meeting as presented; Commissioner Ehrle seconded the motion. Voice vote recorded all ayes. The minutes were approved. Commissioner Sholeen moved to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2011 meeting as presented; Commissioner Ward seconded the motion. Voice vote recorded all ayes. The minutes were approved.

Upcoming Meetings

Ms. Bush asked about upcoming items for the commission. Ms. Jones stated that Wickstrom Ford is expected to be coming in for their planned development on April 12, 2011.

Ms. Blanchard noted that the Garfield Redevelopment (Jewel Foods and Ice House Mall) may come in for sign revisions in the near future, and that the owner of the 135 Park Avenue building is considering adding a third story, which would come before the commission.

The meeting scheduled for March 8, 2011 is canceled. The next meeting of the commission is March 29, 2011.

The commission asked that hard copy packets of the draft revised Comprehensive Plan be delivered to their homes by no later than March 18, 2011, to allow sufficient review time before the public hearing.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the commission, Chairperson Bush adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Wallace



Anna Bush, Chairperson
Plan Commission

Approval Date: