

*Village of Barrington  
Plan Commission Meeting  
Minutes Summary*

Date: September 11, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Staff Members: Kevin Kramer, Planner  
Jean Emerick, Recording Secretary

*Call to Order*

Chairperson Bush called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

There being a quorum, the meeting proceeded.

Chairperson Bush announced the order of proceedings and swore-in those wishing to address the Commission.

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*New Business*

**PC 12-11:** Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Bikeways Addendum

**Applicant:** Jeff Lawler, Village Manager  
Village of Barrington  
200 South Hough Street  
Barrington, IL 60010

The applicant seeks approval of an amendment to the Village of Barrington's 2010 Comprehensive Plan with regard to the Bikeways Addendum. An addendum was originally added to the Plan to address the desires and concerns of the residents addressed at the neighborhood meetings in the summer of 2010. The Bikeway Addendum was added with the intent to develop a complete Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan for Barrington. That Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan has been created, with the assistance of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BAPC), formed in 2011 by the Village Board. The complete Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan has been approved by BAPC and the Village Board accepted their recommendation to amend the Comprehensive Plan to replace the current Bikeways Addendum section.

Mr. Kramer presented the amendment for the Comprehensive Plan regarding the Bikeways Addendum. In 1998, the Village had a bikeway study done, which identified 13.4 miles of bikeway. The Village Board appointed 11 people to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee in 2011. Their first task was to complete this plan, to add some new things, and to implement it. One of the new features is the bicycle level of service, which tells riders the comfort level for the rider on the road. Other issues the Committee studied were funding, maintenance guidelines, education, encouragement, enforcement, and performance measures. This plan will replace the bikeway addendum in the Comprehensive Plan.

Purpose and goals – The main purpose is to identify recommendations to improve connectivity in and around Barrington. The goal is to provide a cohesive system of bikeways and walkways throughout the Village and linking Barrington to other communities.

There are two types of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, on-street and off-street. On-street are bike lanes and bike routes and can be safer than off-street. A bike route is a shared roadway. A bike lane is marked on the pavement. Off-street shared-use paths are for bicyclists as well as pedestrians. The Park District bike trails are not in the jurisdiction of the Village. Rail with trails is a shared-use path that parallels a railroad.

Signage - Mr. Kramer showed some signs that will likely be used in the future marking paths and routes. Some of the current signs don't make sense. The Committee would like to begin to update the signs. We need to evaluate where the signs are now and where they should be.

Mr. Kramer explained the projects that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is recommending. Within the Village, the paths would most likely be paved.

Commissioner Sholeen asked if there is parking on Dundee Avenue.

Mr. Kramer answered that the only parking along Dundee Avenue was off the street.

The BPAC is also recommending some regional connectivity through the Crabtree Nature Center, along Barrington Road into Hoffman Estates and Schaumburg. The plan also includes

some future considerations such as: hawk signals, colored bike lanes, bike boxes, bicycle actuated signals, and bike corrals in parking spaces.

Bicycle Level of Service (BLOS) - This is a new chapter which uses several variables to calculate the bike-friendliness of a roadway for the average adult rider. Most streets in Barrington are rated an A or a B. The BLOS was calculated for all roadway segments in Barrington with a bicycle facility. Maps of the existing BLOS are included as well as a future BLOS map if all the proposed system changes are made.

Funding - This chapter builds on the 1998 study by including several grants that are available for bike and pedestrian projects. Some of the grants do not have funding every year but were included as they open up with funds; Staff routinely checks for these grants. This chapter also includes the municipal budget and private sector involvement.

Maintenance - Many of the recommendations in this chapter are items the Public Works department is already doing. Other tasks, such as maintaining the information database and restriping the bike lanes, are new guidelines that will help to hold Staff accountable.

Education, Encouragement & Enforcement – will include events and materials that can be used to encourage more people to ride or walk in Barrington. The enforcement section helps the Police Department and Staff with suggestions on how to enforce safe uses of alternative transportation.

Performance Measures - This chapter will help to measure the plan's success.

Appendices – This section includes existing and proposed facilities maps, sidewalk maps, the BLOS calculations spreadsheet, a detailed matrix of all proposed projects and photos of the current conditions some of the bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Staff recommends that the Plan Commission review the draft, modify as necessary, and approve PC 12-11 to the Village Board for the Comprehensive Plan Bikeways Addendum.

Commissioner Burroughs asked how accessible this information is to the public.

Mr. Kramer answered that he has placed a copy at the front desk and it is on the Village website.

Commissioner Hogan asked who will monitor the Plan.

Mr. Kramer answered that he will, as well as Darren Monico, Village Engineer, and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Chairperson Bush swore-in those wishing to address the Commission.

Ms. Kitti Quarfoot, Westwood Drive, is an avid bicyclist. She thanked Mr. Kramer and the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Patrick Smith, Sturtz Street, accompanied by his son, Ethan, said he hopes the Commission will recommend the Bikeways Addendum. He mentioned that South Northwest Highway is the widest stretch of road in Cook County. There should be a bike lane on-street and he believes that it would be safe.

Commissioner Hogan said that we need the cooperation of IDOT for anything we want on Northwest Highway.

Chairperson Bush swore-in another resident who would like to speak.

Mr. Matt Blue, Westwood Drive, said he has been part of the Barrington community for many years. He is part of the Barrington Bicycle Club. There is a lot of interest in the Plan. He would like to see Barrington as a bicycle destination.

Chairperson Bush added that Commissioner Ehrle is on the BPAC as well. He asked her to mention that the Committee had done great work and is proud of the product.

Mr. Smith said enforcement is a big piece. Bicyclists get a bad name because all of them do not always follow the traffic laws. Enforcing the laws will boost public support for bicycles. He encourages bicyclists to ride safely within the law.

Commissioner Ward said Mr. Smith made an excellent point for enforcement. He suggested that Staff investigate other communities with successful bike plans.

Commissioner Sholeen commented that Staff and Mr. Gray did an excellent job.

Commissioner Sholeen moved and Commissioner Burroughs seconded, to approve PC 12-11, an amendment to the Village of Barrington's 2010 Comprehensive Plan with regard to the Bikeways Addendum.

*Roll call Vote: Mr. Burroughs, yes; Mr. Ehrle, absent; Mr. Hogan, yes; Mr. Sholeen, yes; Mr. Ward, yes; Mr. Anderson, absent; and Chairperson Bush, yes. The vote was 5 – 0; the motion carried.*

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Mr. Kramer said that the Amendment will go to the Board on September 24<sup>th</sup> and he will post it online.

Chairperson Bush suggested that the public can email the Village if they are in support of the Bike Plan.

Approval of Minutes

August 7, 2012

Commissioner Sholeen made a motion to approve the August 7, 2012 meeting minutes, Commissioner Hogan seconded the motion. A voice vote noted all ayes, and Chairperson Bush declared the motion approved.

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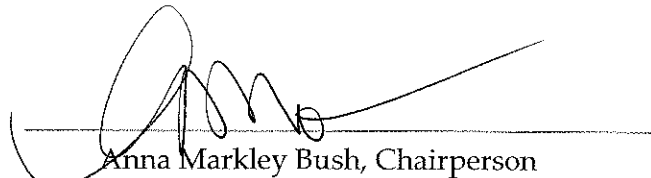
Planners Report

Mr. Kramer said that there is nothing on the September 25<sup>th</sup> Agenda. The demolition of 222 E. Main Street, the old Starck building, was submitted for Planned Development. It has been vacant for 4 – 5 years. They would like to demolish the building and add a small landscaping plan. Also, PepsiCo just acquired a variation for their parking lot lights. Now they would like to add an addition to the back of the building. It will probably come to the Commission on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The Hough-Main Project will submit their plans on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The submission packet will be on the website.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was duly made by Commissioner Sholeen and seconded by Commissioner Ward to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Commissioner Burroughs declared the motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Emerick

  
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Anna Markley Bush, Chairperson  
Plan Commission