

**Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Workshop of the President and the Board of Trustees
Held on August 22, 2011
In the Boardroom**

Mayor Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board Present: Mayor Collins, Trustee Rippy, Trustee Bonuchi, Trustee Fay, Trustee Lamb, and Trustee Racich. Board Absent: Trustee Peck. Others present: Brian Murphy, Administrator; Allen Persons, Public Works Director; Michael Garrigan, Planning Supervisor; Dean Marquez, Building Supervisor; and Traci Pleckham, Management Services Director, and John Konopek, Interim Police Chief.

Trustee Fay moved to amend the Agenda to include an Executive Session for the purposes of Personnel, at the end, not to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Bonuchi. Vote by roll call. Rippy, yes; Bonuchi, yes; Fay, yes; Lamb, yes; Peck, absent; Racich, yes. 5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Trustee Fay moved to approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Workshop held on August 8, 2011. Seconded by Trustee Lamb. Vote by roll call. Rippy, yes; Bonuchi, yes; Fay, yes; Lamb, yes; Peck, absent; Racich, yes. 5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent. Motion carried.

PRESIDENTIAL COMMENTS

Mayor Collins stated that he recently attended funeral services for Mayor Pressley of the Village of Braidwood and sent a plant on behalf of the Village Board. He received a thank you card today from the Village of Braidwood.

TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Trustee Fay requested an update on the progress of the Naperville Road work. Mr. Persons stated that near Mill Street there was a conflict with some utility lines and that brought the project to a halt. However, the problem has been corrected, the contractor has been notified, and work is expected to resume.

Trustee Lamb asked to review the traffic on Lockport Street. Trustee Lamb also commented on greeting students for the first day of school.

Trustee Bonuchi stated that she too greeted students. Trustee Bonuchi expressed concern regarding truck traffic on Route 30 making such a wide turn that they go into oncoming traffic. Mr. Persons stated that final pavement markings should help with the issue.

Trustee Rippy stated that he greeted students too and was surprised at how orderly the process was.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

WORKSHOP MEETING

#1 CENTRAL AREA PLAN

Mr. Michael Garrigan, Planning Supervisor, gave a presentation highlighting the preliminary draft of the Central Area Plan, including boundaries, sub-sections, vision/goals, history, Downtown Plans, street interconnection, neighborhood development, design standards and redevelopment.

Mr. Carl Bryant, downtown property owner, expressed concern regarding the Street Car Barn and the Kachel building not being shown on the master plan and the impact that has to the current owners.

Trustee Lamb thanked staff for including the Riverfront Master Plan in this plan. The plan needs to be a bit more comprehensive and a bit more as a sales presentation. We need to know where we want to go and how we are going to get there. Trustee Lamb expressed concern that since there is no overall developer doing the work, we have to coordinate between individual property owners and developers.

Trustee Fay stated that this is a very aggressive plan and has tremendous potential. He likes DesPlaines residential component. Trustee Fay encouraged including the parcel at Main & Center Street (Baish property) in the plan. There's a potential there for a natural gateway. He also suggested including the abandoned manufacturing building. He thought that there are some ideas surfacing for Lockport and Route 59 and thought that discussions should continue for that corner. Trustee Fay stated that the Library is a vital attraction/destination and that there needs to be various amenities downtown, such as a grocery store/convenient store. Trustee Fay encouraged developing partnerships.

Trustee Bonuchi stated that part of the discussion is how to connect the east side of Route 59 to the west side of Route 59 for pedestrian traffic. She also expressed concern regarding putting in businesses in with current residential. Parking is an issue, if the solution is a giant parking deck, where do we put it? We also need to be careful because that structure can change how an area looks.

Trustee Rippy suggested looking at separating service business and retail. He thought that the Plan is aggressive and suggested putting emphasis on Route 126 as well. He stated that it is extremely important that when the economy comes back to exercise patience and follow our vision.

Trustee Racich stated that the plan is very optimistic. Currently, every thing is at a stand still with unemployment and declining revenues. How are we going to pay for it? The Board has to be concerned with future, but also needs to be concerned with the present.

Mayor Collins likes plan, we need to be more proactive rather than reactive and not be so anxious to fill a building, wait for what we want.

Trustee Lamb stated that we need another river crossing. The parking deck may be an essential feature to make the plan work and could be located on Illinois Street where the parking is now. Right now, there's no money, however. It pays to visualize what you want and if you can then sell the concept, maybe it will materialize.

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Mr. Garrigan pointed out that the Board may want to consider looking at the Teng Plan at a future meeting to see if they are still interested in following that Plan. Mr. Garrigan thanked the Board for the discussion this evening and will continue to work with the Central Area Plan Committee.

Mayor Collins read the reminders.

Trustee Fay moved to adjourn to Executive Session as permitted under the Open Meetings Act, under Section 2 (C) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of employees or legal counsel, not to reconvene. Seconded by Trustee Racich. Vote by roll call. Rippy, yes; Bonuchi, yes; Fay, yes; Lamb, yes; Peck, absent; Racich, yes. 5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Michelle Gibas, Village Clerk