

VILLAGE OF SCHILLER PARK – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 2/7/17

Call to Order: Chairman Gorzynski called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Roll Call: Present – Chairman Gorzynski, Trustee Fritz, Mayor Piltaver Absent – none

Also in attendance: Village Manager-Acting Community Development Director Brad Townsend, Village Clerk Claudia Irsuto, Assistant Village Manager Brian Bursiek, Public Works Director Eric Oscarson, Building Official Greg Gamades, Building Division Coordinator Karen Woods-Ortiz, and HVS Sports & Facilities Consultant Tom Hazinski

Minutes: Committee reviewed minutes of 1/3/17. Motion Fritz, second Piltaver to approve. Passed

Discussion, Recommendation or Referral:

1. Sports Facility Market Study – Brad Townsend described the Comprehensive Plan process and CP Railyard redevelopment on about 70 acres. CP Rail and partner Dream, Inc. plan to confine their efforts exclusively to industrial uses; e.g., logistics, warehousing, light industrial. He said the Village will need to take the initiative on alternative commercial or other development.

Tom Hazinski noted that he and his firm studied the potential for sports, leisure and hotel development in Schiller Park as a sub-consultant for Ginkgo Planning & Design on the Comp Plan project. Their preliminary work indicates potential demand and merit for exploring it further. He and the HVS team would approach the assignment in 3 phases: 1) survey, interview and analyze feasibility. If not feasible, the project ends; 2) if feasible, identify a pathway for proceeding including public/private partnerships, sponsorship, transportation, etc... and; 3) consider national tournament and local recreation in a combined facility, hotels and restaurants. Motion by Mayor Piltaver to recommend approval of the agreement. Motion died for lack of a second.

Brad urged the Committee to support moving ahead because the CP Rail and Dream team are losing patience with the Village as we work through the Comprehensive Plan process. Eric Oscarson advised everyone to be firm in pressing for commercial development and municipal facilities. But he said the Village should not do it too hard because CP Rail could walk away from the table. Trustee Fritz favored a strong position on rezoning in relation to the railroad and their planners. Trustee Gorzynski wanted consider this issue further after the Comprehensive Plan is approved. Motion by Fritz and second by Gorzynski to return item to Village Board without a recommendation. Passed.

2. Building Division Update – Karen Woods-Ortiz and Greg Gamades reported on team activities and data.
3. Wally Park Signage & Scott Street Parking – Brian Bursiek said he and Brad are talking with Trey Vassar of L & R Group concerning an agreement for lease of the street. More to come.
4. License Administration Gaming – Trustee Fritz asked Frank Abel to prepare an ordinance that would separate consideration of gaming licenses from liquor licenses so the number could be limited.

Public Comment: No one addressed the Committee.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mayor Piltaver, seconded by Trustee Fritz to adjourn, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Recorded by: Brad Townsend