

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Meeting Minutes
Algonquin Village Hall Board Room
June 27, 2006

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

Present: Chairperson – Trustee Smith; Trustees Dianis, Glogowski, Read, Spella; and President Schmitt

Absent: Chairperson Steigert

Staff Members Present: William Ganek, Village Manager; Jeffrey Mihelich, Assistant Village Manager; Ben Mason, Planner; Kelly Cahill, Village Attorney; and Susan Witte, Recording Secretary

AGENDA ITEM 2: Community Development

*A. 315 South Main Street – Case Number PC 2006-06/South Main Street
Certificate of Appropriateness Appeal – Siding Replacement*

Mr. Mihelich gave a brief PowerPoint presentation highlighting existing conditions and proposed improvements. The Historic Commission considered the petition and voted 5-1 with one abstention recommending the issuance of the Certificate of Appropriateness with two conditions. The owner is appealing the second condition reasoning that the wood improvements required by the Historic Commission are significantly more expensive and harder to maintain. He also noted that other homes in the area have been allowed to use vinyl as an alternative material.

Trustees asked if the petitioner was aware that the property was in the Old Town District when he purchased it, to which Dr. Pacana stated that he was unaware of the restrictions due to the fact he bought it from the individual without any real-estate involvement.

Trustee Spella asked if the status of the home plaque would change if the proposed improvements were allowed, to which Jeff Jolitz, Chairman of the Historic Commission, stated that the identification plaque on the home would remain.

Trustees noted that it was not the materials, but the architectural changes that the Committee was opposed to. Trustees Dianis, Glogowski, Read, Spella, and President Schmitt concurred that the preservation code is specific and historically significant architecture would be lost if the appeal was allowed.

Trustee Glogowski agreed with the minority opinion of the Historic Commission member who wanted all exterior building materials to be wood including the fish scale style shingles below the eaves.

Trustee Dianis noted that low interest loans are available from the Village for improvements made to commercial buildings in the Old Town District.

The Committee of the Whole recommended that the Certificate of Appropriateness for residing the building located at 315 South Main Street be forwarded to the Village Board with the conditions as stated by the Historic Commission.

Trustee Glogowski did not agree with the condition that would allow the builder to use vinyl fish scale shingles as recommended by the Historic Commission.

B. Case No. 2006-09. The Great Escape – Final Plat of Subdivision and Final PUD

Mr. Mason gave an overview of the Final Plat of Subdivision and Final PUD highlighting the project's location, style, architecture, and site orientation. He noted that the petitioner has been very cooperative making modifications requested by staff. The Planning and Zoning Commission considered the petition and unanimously recommended approval of the request with conditions listed by staff.

Trustee Read asked if additional architectural features could be added to the back of the building in an effort to minimize the massing that will be seen by the neighboring town homes. She also suggested minimizing the contrast between the building colors. Mr. Mihelich suggested that the brick wraparound be added to both sides to create balance, darken the precast panels, and add the cast stone cap element to the back elevation. President Schmitt asked that an alternate color example be available before the next meeting. Trustee Glogowski concurred with the revision of colors. Trustee Dianis noted that he approved of the colors as presented. Trustee Spella concurred with the colors presented, but would also like to see detail added to the back of the building.

The petitioner suggested lightening the brick and not darkening the precast to ensure a different building appearance from the neighboring Ashley Furniture. The majority of the Committee did not like this idea.

The Committee of the Whole tabled a recommendation until the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole in order to allow the developer to submit alternate colors and an enhanced rear building design.

AGENDA ITEM 3: General Administration

- A. *Consider Ordinance Amending Chapter 5, Streets, Sidewalks and Trees, to Add Section 5.19 Utility In Right-of-Way.*

Mr. Ganek explained that the new Ordinance is designed to address any problems regarding compliance to Village construction standards that may arise with telephone and other utilities using the right-of-way. If the utilities need to be moved as part of construction done, Village-initiated improvements, or operations within the right-of-way, it will be at the expense of the utility companies.

The Committee of the Whole recommended that consideration for the Ordinance Amending Chapter 5 be forwarded to the Village Board.

- B. *Consider Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Municipal Gas Use Tax Collection Agreement with NICOR Gas and Clarifying the Use Tax in Section 32.04-C1.*

Mr. Ganek explained that this Ordinance would allow NICOR to be the collection agency for the utility tax collected from other companies who sell natural gas within the Village limits. The Ordinance will also correct the placement of the decimal point, which will result in a miniscule cost difference, but is required by the State.

The Committee of the Whole recommended that consideration for the Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Municipal Gas Use Tax Collection Agreement with NICOR be forwarded to the Village Board.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Works & Safety - No Items

AGENDA ITEM 5: Executive Session - None

AGENDA ITEM 6: Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting of the Committee of the Whole was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Witte, Recording Secretary