

VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Meeting Minutes
Ganek Municipal Center Board Room
August 11, 2015

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

Present: Trustees Debby Sosine, Brian Dianis, Jerrold Glogowski, John Spella, and Village President, John Schmitt. Absent: Robert Smith.

Staff Members Present: Tim Schloneger, Village Manager; Russ Farnum, Community Development Director; John Bucci, Chief of Police; Ben Mason, Senior Planner; Katie Parkhurst, Senior Planner; Michelle Weber, Deputy Village Clerk; and Kelly Cahill, Village Attorney were also in attendance.

Chairperson John Spella called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and announced those in attendance. A quorum was established.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Community Development

A. East Algonquin Road Market Study Presentation by Gruen Gruen & Associates

Mr. Farnum indicated Gruen Gruen Associates was hired in May, to perform a market study of the East Algonquin Road Corridor. The consultants spent the last three months compiling economic data and meeting with local businesses, property owners, commercial developers and brokers.

Aaron Gruen and Debra Jeans, principals with Gruen Gruen Associates, provided an overview of the study, with a focus on the report's findings and recommendations.

The Committee members questioned some of the hurdles noted in the study i.e. traffic, too many curb cuts, the perception of the high school, too much retail space, too many restrictions on signage, and special use conditions of medical buildings. To elevate some of these hurdles it was suggested to pinpoint areas to allow medical buildings without having to go through the special use process, adding a frontage road so patrons do not have to wait in traffic, add a recreation center. Entice an anchor, destination, or entertainment type business to come to the area.

Mr. Mason asked to Committee to move this to the Board so it can be adopted as a policy document. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to move this to the Board for approval.

AGENDA ITEM 3: General Administration

Nothing to report.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Public Works and Safety

Nothing to report.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Executive Session

No Items Discussed

AGENDA ITEM 6: Other Business

A. Slid the City Update

Mr. Schloneger indicated the Slide the City portion of the event this weekend has not submitted adequate certificates of insurance. If the Village lets this go as is there is a potential risk to the Village. There is an option to get an addition insurance rider to cover the Village from liability but there is a cost associated with that. Staff is currently looking into

the additional cost. Mr. Schloneger asked; If Slide the City doesn't come through with what we require for insurance, would the Committee be willing to incur the cost of the insurance?

It was the consensus of the Committee not to allow the Slide the City portion of the event be held if the insurance requirements were not met. The Committee does not support the Village incurring any additional insurance costs for this event.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Spella adjourned the Committee of the Whole meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted: Michelle Weber, Deputy Village Clerk