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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES April 10, 2013

-Amended-

The Community Development Committee meeting was called to order at 9:31 AM.

Present: Trustees Charlotte Hollenbach (Chairman), David Kielpinski and Ramsin Wardanian.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Village Clerk, Karla Thomas.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the March 19, 2013 meeting were reviewed.

Trustee Kielpinski moved, seconded by Trustee Wardanian, to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

At this point, Chairman Hollenbach announced that agenda item "Public Comment" would take place due to individuals present.

Public Comments: Pam Becker (4249 W. Dempster St., Skokie IL), owner of property located at the corner of Route 12 and 173, voiced concerns regarding the Bypass routes. Ms. Becker is concerned over the economic impact that would result from the bypass to the Village. She questioned whether any discussion has occurred making Route 12, 4-lanes from the train viaduct north through the Village. Trustee Kielpinski reported that the Board has been told that vibration created from a 4-lane improvement could cause structural damage to the older buildings located along Route 12. Additionally, pedestrians crossing Route 12 would cause safety issues. Per IDOT, no stoplight would be placed at this intersection. Ms. Becker stated that the Keystone Road route would not support retail business due to lack of population. She asked if the Village Board has reviewed the cost vs. advantage of the proposed bypass.

Samir Patel, owner of the Shell Gas Station, voiced concerns about the impact of the bypass to his business, stating the sales were already down due to lack of Route 12 traffic and gas and cigarette taxes by the State.

Laura Ferris, Executive Director of the Richmond/Spring Grove Chamber of Commerce, asked if the Village still wishes to be a destination spot. Ms. Ferris asked about the status of the old Magnolia building and whether the Village is working on marketing the property. Trustee Kielpinski stated that the CDC has put together a New Business Packet, which includes information on the 3-year Tax Abatement Program and the Revolving Loan. Ms. Ferris also asked if the Village would consider economic marketing. Trustee Kielpinski stated that the Village Board is working on economic development and service providers.

Tom Johnstin, owner of Richmond Ace Hardware, asked if there is an advantage for having the bypass. He stated that he is not in support of the bypass. Mr. Johnstin voiced concern regarding the impact of construction on local businesses.

Craig Kunz, 10930 Partridge Trail, reported that several residents of the Sunset Ridge subdivision are opposed to widening Route 12 north because of additional noise and difficulty of getting out of the subdivision.

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Chair/Trustee Charlotte Hollenbach stated that the Village needs more shops not a bypass.

Trustee Wardanian does not support the bypass and feels there is no benefit to the Village.

It was suggested by Pam Becker that the Village contact the Regional Managers for both McDonald's and Taco Bell to notify them of the April 22, 2013 Bypass Forum.

Unfinished Business: Once the Village is in receipt of the signed Tax Abatement documents from Township, Trustees Kielpinski and Wardanian plan to attend the next Nippersink Library Board meeting.

Chairman Hollenbach has been in contact with a several Antique Appraisers for the Antique Appraisal Show. The committee discussed when the Appraisal Show would take place. The committee decided it should take place early fall either September or October on a Saturday. Trustee Kielpinski suggested holding the Appraisal Show the same Saturday as the Chamber of Commerce Fall Wine Walk. Trustee Hollenbach stated that the last time the Appraisal Show occurred, 800 people attended. Concerns about adequate parking were mentioned. Trustee Hollenbach will work on contacting the Rebekah's to see if they would be interested in serving snacks and beverages. Public Works will need to set up tables and chairs. Removable stickers will need to be ordered so that individuals with antiques know which appraisal line to get into. The charge per item rate was discussed and no decision was made. The last time fees were \$5.00 per item. Advertising was discussed; the following is a partial list for promoting the event: NW Herald, Sign at Memorial Hall, Crystal Lake Radio Station, Village Newsletter, printed posters for the local businesses windows, McHenry County Convention Visitors Bureau, Village and Chamber websites and Press Release. All calls should be directed to Trustee Hollenbach at (815) 678-7951.

New Business: The committee reviewed the ad for the McHenry County Visitors Guide and will move forward with placement. The ad for the Grand Style was reviewed and approved with the revision of the date for Christmas of Yesteryear.

Adjournment: *With no further business to discuss, Trustee Kielpinski moved, seconded by Trustee Wardanian to adjourn the March 19, 2013 Committee Development Committee meeting.*

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM

Respectfully submitted by Karla L. Thomas, Village Clerk