

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
July 20, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE: Village President Byrne called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. The following Trustees were present: President Byrne, Trustees Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Schwartz, Williams, Hebda.

Also present were Village Manager Allison, Assistant Village Manager Kalmar, Chief of Police Fleischhauer, Public Works Director Brown, Building Commissioner Atkinson, Attorney Kenny and Recording Secretary Fischbach

1. APPROVAL OF 7/06/2010 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES.

Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Williams to approve the 7/06/2010 Committee of the Whole Minutes.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Koch, Hebda, Marquardt, Schultz, Schwartz, Williams

NAYS: 0 None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 None

Motion carried.

2. CONCEPT PRESENTATION FOR NEW CONNECTIONS ACADEMY – 150 FAIRWAY DRIVE IN CONTINENTAL EXECUTIVE PARK

Representatives from New Connections Academy (NCA) appeared before the COW to present their concept plan for locating this private therapeutic day school into approximately 10,000 sq ft of the office building located just west of the intersection of Fairway Drive and Lakeview Parkway in the Rogers Office Park. The property is immediately adjacent to the Arbortheater.

NCA is a private therapeutic day school which serves children and adolescents with Autistic Spectrum Disorders ranging from Asperger's Disorder to High Functioning Autism. They have two other locations (Grayslake and Palatine) and serve students from Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake and McHenry Counties. All students are referred by their public school. Tuition for all students is funded through their public schools.

NCA has indicated that at full capacity, they will have 37 full time staff and 7 part time staff member who are educators and psychologists and 60 students at this location. On a typical day, which runs from 8:45 AM to 2:45 PM on M-W & F and 8:45 AM to 1:45 PM on TH, students arrive in vans, mini-busses, taxi cabs and occasionally full size school bus. School starts at the end of August and runs thru May. They also have summer school programs which will be run at this location.

As you will recall, the Board previously approved a special use permit to allow NCA to locate into the former Wicks Lumber office building located at Deerpath Drive and Phillip Road. NCA was unable to negotiate a lease with the owners.

The zoning on the Rogers Office Park property is BP, Business Park. As was the case for the other location, the Zoning Ordinance does not allow schools as permitted or special uses within the District. To allow this use in the BP, Business Park District, the Zoning Ordinance will have to be amended to allow this as a special use. For the use specifically, it may also require a variation from the parking requirements. Finally, we will have to review the traffic circulation around the buildings. Unlike the

other location, the proposed site does present some possible challenges to the other tenants in the AM/PM periods when students are dropped off due to the queuing of vehicles in front of the building which may block parking spaces.

NCA provided a booklet which explained their programs and mission. The booklet also contained plans and location maps for the new location on Fairway Drive. They have also included a circulation map which identifies how traffic will enter and exit the site during the AM/PM periods.

The consensus of the Committee was to allow New Connections Academy to proceed with the project.

3. REQUEST FROM DISCOVERY CLOTHING COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF FAÇADE RENOVATIONS AT 701 NORTH MILWAUKEE AVENUE, SUITE 220

Representatives of Discovery Clothing Company appeared before the COW to request approval of facade renovations to their facility in Rivertree Court Shopping Center. The new store (approximately 14,000 square feet) would replace Hallmark and would fill three adjoining vacant spaces. The Hallmark store would be relocated to another space within the center.

The applicant is proposing to modify the existing storefront in order to relocate and enlarge the entry system. A new column will be added to the left of the main entry to accommodate a widened entrance canopy. The column would be constructed of matching brick. The upper part of the canopy would consist of an EIFS material with the color and texture matching the existing center.

Motion by Trustee Hebda, second by Trustee Schultz to direct staff to prepare the necessary ordinance approving the changes subject to the following conditions:

1. Compliance with the elevation drawings prepared by JTS Architects, dated June 22, 2010.
2. Compliance with letter from JTS Architects, dated June 22, 2010 regarding the proposed renovation.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Koch, Hebda, Marquardt, Schultz, Schwartz, Williams

NAYS: 0 None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 None

Motion carried.

4. VHAC PATH REQUEST TO UTILIZE FUNDS FROM THE PATCHING PROGRAM TO FUND ASPHALT PATH IMPROVEMENT AT THE VHAC

Staff requested that the Village Board consider utilizing approximately \$28,600 for improvements to the VHAC limestone path along fields 5 thru 9 to connect the existing asphalt paths. The patching program anticipated substantial repairs to Lakeview Parkway but was delayed due to the uncertainty of the Fairway and Lakeview Parkway north of the Post Office project. This improvement has been pushed back to 2014 or later depending on funding and therefore staff will recommend that Lakeview Parkway be resurfaced in 2011.

The existing VHAC limestone path acts as a drainage way and the limestone screenings require replacement and/or regrading at least once a year. This section of path provides connectivity of paved pathway from the pinwheel fields to the Fairway Drive bike path system which now receives more activity with the success of the Stinger program on fields 5 and 6. It is also used by the Park District to collect garbage adjacent to the paths on scheduled intervals including in inclement conditions which leads to additional rutting of the limestone screenings.

The consensus of the Committee was to allow the VHAC path improvements to proceed using the funds from the annual patching program.

5. 740 CORPORATE WOODS PARKWAY- COUGARS ASSOCIATION

Last March the Village Board authorized staff to provide labor assistance in the renovation at the new Cougars Indoor Recreation facility, 740 Corporate Woods Parkway. The work started Monday, March 29, and involved Building Inspector and Public Works Staff. Most of the original work for the interior has been completed. The scoreboards and backboards along with some minor electrical work in the office area remain. The original estimate for Village Staff time working on the facility was 204 hours, not including the path. With work nearing completion it is anticipated that an additional 36 hours will be needed for a total cost to the Village of \$19,919.

Due to the staffing constraints, staff is limited but committed to construct the connecting path, install the backboards, scoreboards and will look for opportunities to further assist with the recreation facility. Building Commissioner Atkinson addressed the removal of the modular building once the recreation facility is opened. Disassembling the trailer by staff is approximate 40 hours.

The consensus of the Committee was to continue working on the Cougar Association recreation facility and path as time permits. If the Cougar Association is on a time scheduled they may need to consider contracting out the work.

6. ADJOURN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion by Trustee Schultz, second by Trustee Williams to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting
Roll call vote:

AYES: 6 Schultz, Schwartz, Koch, Hebda, Williams, Marquardt

NAYS: 0 None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Lisa Fischbach, Recording Secretary



Roger L. Byrne, Village President