

**VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OF JANUARY 18, 2022**

President Byrne called the meeting to order at 7:24PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Trustees Forster, Koch, Oppenheim, Schenk, Marquardt and President Byrne. Trustee Takaoka was absent. A quorum was established.

Also present were: Village Manager Timony, Assistant Village Manager Petrillo, Chief Kreis, Finance Director Flori, Director of Community Development Atkinson, Public Works Director Brown, Village Attorney Ferolo, Village Attorney Forte and Recording Secretary Koehl.

1. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2021

Motion by Trustee Marquardt second by Trustee Oppenheim to approve Committee of the Whole Minutes for the December 14, 2021 meeting.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 6 – Marquardt, Forster, Koch, Schenk, Oppenheim, Byrne

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 - Takaoka

Motion carried.

2. APPLE ORCHARD – 1101 S. MILWAUKEE AVENUE – CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL OF A VARIATION FROM THE SIGN CODE

Matt Laska of NorthShore Signs appeared before the Board and answered their questions.

Motion by Trustee Koch second by Trustee Marquardt directed staff to prepare an Ordinance approving the sign variation subject to the conditions of approval referenced herein.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 6 – Marquardt, Forster, Koch, Schenk, Oppenheim, Byrne

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 - Takaoka

Motion carried.

3. HAWTHORN MIDDLE SCHOOL SOUTH – 600 N. ASPEN DRIVE – CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO A SPECIAL USE PERMIT, APPROVAL OF SITE PLAN, LANDSCAPE PLAN AND ARCHITECTURAL ELEVATIONS ALLOWING AN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING FACILITY

Representatives from Legat Architects and Leann Taylor from School District 73 appeared before the Board to give their presentation and answered questions.

Motion by Trustee Schenk second by Trustee Forster to prepare an Ordinance approving the addition subject to the conditions of approval referenced herein.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 6 – Marquardt, Forster, Koch, Schenk, Oppenheim, Byrne

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 - Takaoka

Motion carried.

4. CENTENNIAL REAL ESTATE/FOCUS/ATLANTIC RESIDENTIAL – CONCEPT PRESENTATION FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER CARSON’S PARCEL AT HAWTHORN MALL

Jon Meshel, Senior Vice President of Development with Centennial gave a presentation on the redevelopment of the former Carson’s parcel at Hawthorn Mall. He introduced Vicki Lee, Vice President of Focus Development.

Ms. Lee gave a presentation on the revised Phase II proposal, which will be a more inviting space that the original concept. She introduced her team and they gave an in depth vision of the revised future development phase.

Andy Czajkowski, Associate Principal Architect of SK & I Architecture gave a presentation on the architecture of the project.

The team answered various questions from the Board regarding parking, new retail spaces, and residential buildings.

The Board gave consensus to move forward into technical review with the understanding that the redevelopment agreement be amended with these changes.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Oppenheim second by Trustee Koch to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting and move into Closed Session to discuss litigation-[sec. 2(c) (11)]

Roll call vote:

AYES: 7 – Oppenheim, Forster, Marquardt, Koch, Schenk, Byrne


NAYS: 0 – None


ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 - Takaoka

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

Approved this 1st day of February 2022.


Kevin Timony, Village Manager


Roger L. Byrne, Village President