

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MEETING HELD VIA GOTO MEETING AND
AVAILABLE LIVE AT WWW.LINCOLNWOODIL.ORG/LIVE-CABLE-CHANNEL/
MARCH 2, 2021**

Call to Order

Village President Bass called the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees via GoToMeeting to order at 6:33 P.M. Tuesday, March 2, 2021, meeting held via GoToMeeting and available live at WWW.LINCOLNWOODIL.ORG/LIVE-CABLE-CHANNEL/, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.

Before calling the roll the Village President read into the record the requirements for public comments for later in the meeting.

Upon roll call by Village Clerk Beryl Herman the following were:

Present: President Bass, Trustees Patel, Halevi and Nickell. The following Trustees were present via GoToMeeting, Trustees Sargon, Klatzco, and Cope

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

Also present: Village Manager Anne Marie Gaura, The following were present via Go-To-Meeting Chuck Meyer, Assistant Village Manager; Heather McFarland, Assistant to the Village Manager; Jon Bogue, Management Analyst; Nadim Badran, Public Works Director; Scott Mangum, Community Development Director; Jay Parrott, Police Chief; Melissa Rimdzius, Director of Parks and Recreation; Doug Hammel, Development Manager.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of February 2, 2021 Meeting of the Committee of the Whole were presented for approval.

Trustee Sargon moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2021 Committee of the Whole, seconded by Trustee Klatzco.

Upon Roll Call the results were:

Ayes: Trustees Ikezoe-Halevi, Cope, Patel, Hlepas Nickell, Sargon, and Klatzco

Nays: None

Regular Business

1. Biennial Report of the Economic Development Commission

This item was presented by Community Development Director Scott Mangum.

Mr. Mangum provided an overview of the significant activities the Economic Development Commission (EDC) was a part of over the past two years, including community branding, District 1860 updates, impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic, Lincolnwood Town Center updates, commercial occupancy rates, sales tax rates, and working on envisioning activities. Mr. Mangum continued, describing upcoming activities and goals for the EDC. Some of the goals include Zoning workshops, EDC incentive requests, and cleanliness in the Village. Finally, Mr. Mangum asked the Board for their feedback on the possible purchase of property for redevelopment.

Trustee Halevi stated her appreciation for the Commission's work over the past two years. Trustee Halevi responded to Mr. Mangum's questions, stating it is difficult to opine without specific property information.

Trustee Cope expressed gratitude for the Commission's recent efforts, especially given the impact development has on residents and the community.

Trustee Patel thanked the EDC members for their time and dedication. Trustee Patel offered the Board's assistance if the EDC should need their resources or guidance.

Mayor Bass stated that anything is open to acquisition given the right situation, and provided an example in the Village of Skokie related to parking spaces.

Trustee Nickell responded that Skokie's Ordinance is related to a parking in lieu program that staff is currently reviewing. Trustee Hlepas Nickell stated that is a business friendly activity.

Trustee Sargon thanked Mr. Mangum and the EDC members for their work.

Trustee Klatzco thanked the EDC for their service and offered to provide any assistance, if needed, to the Commission.

2. Discussion Concerning Invest in Cook Grant Application for Pratt Avenue Bridge

This item was presented by Scott Mangum, Community Development Director, using PowerPoint.

Mr. Mangum provided an overview of different eligible grant projects that are traditionally considered in the Invest in Cook Grant program. Lincolnwood has had two successful grant applications, including one in 2017 and one in 2020. Mr. Mangum highlighted the purpose of the night's discussion, which is a multi-use path over the North Shore Channel, which he would like to submit for consideration in the Invest in Cook Grant program. Mr. Mangum stated the

estimated total project cost would be \$1,810,000, and the Village would be responsible for 30%. The project would be spread out over three phases, with a year one cost of \$42,000 for a Phase I study. Mr. Mangum continued that the pedestrian overpass would aid in local economic development and improve livability through enhanced access to local retailers and connecting a regional trail. Mr. Mangum provided a visual overview of current bike infrastructure of Lincolnwood and its surrounding communities. Mr. Mangum stated that if the Board is interested in moving forward, that applications are due March 12, 2021, and the award announcement is set to occur in July, 2021.

Mayor Bass stated that these opportunities are infrequent, and the Village has been successful in utilizing them in the past.

Ayan Toursky stated the presentation was excellent and believes the bridge will enhance connections with residents in Skokie. Mr. Toursky is in support of the bridge.

David Ryan stated he grew up in West Rogers Park and that the bridge would be a big improvement in the landscape and mobility. Mr. Ryan stated that the bridge would bring everything together.

David Hartman stated he wanted to echo what the others have shared, and for personal reasons would enjoy the bridge and the connection to the other community. Mr. Hartman thanked the Board for their consideration.

Trustee Halevi voiced her support for the project. Trustee Halevi asked what the Village's odds were for receiving the award.

Mr. Mangum stated that it is a competitive grant program and other communities may have an advantage. Mr. Mangum stated that despite the competition, the Village stands a good chance at receiving the award.

Trustee Cope asked Mr. Mangum if the grant was for construction or just a study. Mr. Mangum stated the funding would be for the engineering study, but other grants could be used for the construction.

Mayor Bass stated that the Village is currently in line for funding through other bonds, however, he is unsure if it is related.

Trustee Cope continued, asking Mr. Mangum what assurance we would provide residents that it would not be a vehicular bridge. Mr. Mangum stated it would only be sixteen feet wide.

Trustee Patel confirmed that the grant is for Phase I. Trustee Patel asked if our only current cost is staff time, which Mr. Mangum verified. Trustee Patel asked if it mattered if the pedestrian overpass could be shifted north so it is not in line with Pratt Avenue. Mr. Mangum stated it could be considered during the Phase I study, but it should be a relatively direct location. Trustee Patel asked if it was included in any master plans, which Mr. Mangum stated he has not seen, but knows it has been a part of ongoing conversations.

Trustee Nickell voiced her support, but concern for the cost. Trustee Nickell stated the bridge would be good to connect others and help local development.

Trustee Nickell asked Mr. Mangum why the project is being considered at the last minute. Mr. Mangum stated he feels there is still adequate time and has been in discussion with staff for several weeks.

Trustee Nickell asked if there had been coordination with the Parks and Recreation Board and Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Mangum stated it had not yet occurred. Trustee Hlepas Nickell asked for the Parks and Recreation Board to be brought into future conversations.

Mayor Bass stated there had been two hit and runs recently at Devon and McCormick and pedestrian safety should be considered.

Trustee Sargon voiced her support for the bridge for safety and economic development. Trustee Sargon asked Mr. Mangum about the easement expense. Mr. Mangum stated that staff is currently investigating this potential cost.

Trustee Klatzco stated that it is good to have projects ready to go when grant opportunities surface.

Mayor Bass remarked on the positive benefits this trail would create for the community.

Trustee Patel requested that moving forward that the word "pedestrian" be used when discussing the bridge. Trustee Patel also stated that he would like for staff to have conversations with the Chicago Park District and the Municipal Water Reclamation District on land available for use on both sides of the Channel.

Mayor Bass stated that there was a consensus to submit an application for a pedestrian bridge and thanked Mr. Mangum for his presentation.

Public Forum

None

Adjournment

At 7:19 P.M. Trustee Sargon made a motion to adjourn the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole, seconded by Trustee Cope.

Upon roll call the results were:

Ayes: Trustees Halevi, Cope, Patel, Nickel, Sargon, Klatzco

Nays: None

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beryl Herman

Beryl Herman
Village Clerk