

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Nelson called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present were Village President Christopher Nelson, Trustees Michelle Kembitzky, Tom Price, Daniel Wilbrandt and Andy Yuscka. Trustees Pat Hanley and William Pflanz were absent.

Also present were Village Manager Joseph Cavallaro, Community Development Director Cathleen Tymoszenko and thirty-five persons in the audience.

III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

A. Homes for a Changing Region Community Housing Workshop

Jonathan Burch from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning presented an overview of the topics which will be covered in this workshop. He said that CMAP is working in conjunction with the Metropolitan Planning Council and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus to create a balanced mix of housing, serving current and future populations, and enhancing livability for the communities in the region.

He began by outlining current housing trends, including the housing supply of both of owner-occupied homes and rental properties, presenting a community profile, a visual preference survey and concluding with the attendees completing a map exercise.

Mr. Burch presented some of the national trends for homes in the future as: (1) homes will be smaller and more energy efficient; (2) preference for shorter commutes to work and smaller homes; and (3) an increase in multi-family homes across races, ages and incomes.

In presenting demographics, they were divided in terms of baby boomers ages 55/64, the younger baby boomers 46/54 (this group may have difficulty in selling their home due to the current market cycle), generation Y - teens to early 30's (this group is renting longer due to current economic conditions and other factors) and finally immigrants who are choosing to move to the suburbs.

The attendees were provided with hand held key pads and then asked to vote on a variety of scenarios on ethnicity, age, owning or renting, what they would prefer in their next move, what seniors would prefer and what those under thirty would prefer.

Attendees were asked to look at various types of housing and designs and asked to vote on what they would prefer to see in their community, their neighborhoods or not at all in the community.

The attendees were asked to work on and complete the mapping exercises.

Attendees made their presentation and suggestions including redevelopment of the downtown to include maintaining businesses on Main Street on the first floor and residences on the second floors, adding more parking downtown, expanding the Riverwalk to include restaurants, boat

launch, kayak shop, a grocery store, parking deck by the bank and keeping the river open and accessible to the public.

Other suggestions included developing a town center on the Haeger property as well as homes built along the river along with some light industrial and retail; a neighborhood center on the property across from the Police Department; along Randall Road a mix of retail, apartments, condos and townhomes, as well as a town center. There was also a consensus that it is essential to encourage development along Randall Road.

Suggestions were made to work on redeveloping Spring Hill Gateway and upgrading Spring Hill Mall. (It was noted that a portion of Spring Hill Mall is not in West Dundee.) It was also suggested that a big box store (on the property where Wal-Mart was scheduled to be built) would draw traffic to the Mall.

Finally, the maps showed leaving the Historic District as is and keeping it maintained.

Mr. Burch said there would be follow up workshops to help create visualizations and cement unified visions.

President Nelson thanked the guests, and everyone who attended this workshop.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Moved by Trustee Kemitzky and seconded by Trustee Yuscka to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

ATTEST:

Barbara Traver
Village Clerk

Christopher Nelson
Village President