



Village of Itasca  
Community Development Committee Workshop  
Tuesday, February 9, 2021  
Immediately Following the Capital and Infrastructure Committee Workshop  
Itasca Municipal Complex, Board of Trustees Room

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**1. Call to Order**

Trustee Latoria called to order the Community Development Committee workshop at 7:36 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Jeff Pruyn, Trustee Mike Latoria (Chair), Trustee Ellen Leahy, Trustee Jeff Aiani, Trustee Frank Madaras, Trustee Kathy Linsner.

**ABSENT:** None.

**VIA ZOOM:** Trustee Dino Gavanis (Co-Chair).

Others Present: Director of Police Bob O'Connor, Community Development Director Shannon Malik Jarmusz, Village Engineering Consultant Mark Wesolowski, Administrative Services Manager Jessica Spencer, Public Works Director Mike Subers, Village Administrator Carie Anne Ergo, Village Clerk Jody Conidi.

Others Via Zoom: The Lakota Group Senior Associates Scott Ruhland and Mike Kritzman.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the preceding Capital and Infrastructure Committee workshop.

**3. Audience Participation**

No Audience Participation.

**4. Downtown Planning Process Presentation**

The Lakota Group Senior Associate Scott Ruhland and Senior Associate Mike Kritzman presented the Downtown Itasca Strategic Plan to the Village Board. The boundaries of the project are Rush Street to the east, Center Street to the north, and I-290 to the west. The southern boundary is Bloomingdale Road along Wesley Usher Memorial Park to Walnut Street to Grove Street to Maple Street and then down Irving Park Road to I-290. The project is posted online at [www.itascadowntownplan.com](http://www.itascadowntownplan.com).

Public Works Director Subers, Director of Police O'Connor, Administrative Services Manager Spencer, and Engineering Consultant Wesolowski departed at 7:56 p.m.

Comments and feedback from the Village Board about downtown develop included:

- Moving the Metra Train Station to allow the Walnut Street crossing to remain open while passengers board and unboard
- Updating outdated outdoor lights in the historical district
- Remodeling the Metra Train Station
- Updating zoning ordinances in the historical district
- Promoting awnings, flower boxes, and black rod iron
- Extending the downtown area along Irving Park Road

- Burying power lines
- Connecting Springbrook Nature Center to Eaglewood Hotel, Barking Lot Dog Park, Ray Franzen Bird Sanctuary, and Softball Complex
- Adding restaurants to the south side of Irving Park Road
- Increasing Irving Park Road crossing safety
- Increasing outdoor dining
- Having the closest train station to Busse Woods for bikers
- Enhancing the Riverwalk
- Highlighting events at Wesley Usher Memorial Park (wedding and prom photos)
- Promoting the Old Town buildings next to Tree Guys Pizzeria

Community Development Director Malik Jarmusz reported the next steps are to roll out a downtown development survey to the public and schedule another meeting between The Lakota Group and the Village Board in March or April 2021.

**5. Old Business**

No Old Business.

**6. New Business**

No New Business.

**7. Closed Session**

No Closed Session.

**8. Adjournment**

Trustee Madaras moved to adjourn the Community Development Committee Workshop at 8:58 p.m. Trustee Gavanese seconded.

**Roll Call:**

Aye – Trustees Aiani, Gavanese, Latoria, Leahy, Linsner, Madaras.

No – None.

Absent – None.

**MOTION APPROVED.**

Submitted this 9th day of February 2021:



Jody A. Conidi, Village Clerk