



Village of Itasca
Community Development Committee Workshop
Tuesday, August 24, 2021
7:00 p.m.
Itasca Municipal Complex, Board of Trustees Room

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pruyn called to order the Community Development Committee Workshop at 6:41 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Pruyn, Trustee Dino Gavanos (Chair), Trustee Ellen Leahy (Co-Chair), Trustee Jeff Aiani, Trustee Kathy Linsner, Trustee Frank Madaras, Trustee Patrick Powers.

ABSENT: None.

Others Present:

Village Planner Mo Khan,
Village Administrator Carie Anne Ergo,
Deputy Clerk Deanne Curelo.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pruyn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Audience Participation

No Audience Participation.

4. Itasca Downtown Strategic Plan

Scott Ruhland, Senior Associate at The Lakota Group, presented an update on the Downtown Strategic Plan. Assisting him in his presentation were Mike Kritzman and Christian Vetter. Mr. Ruhland explained that the first phase of the project was over, and they were mid-way through the second phase.

So far, the feedback received from residents and the Steering Committee, is that there is a certain charm and characteristic to the downtown that people want to maintain. There is also a desire to connect public spaces within the Village through pedestrian enhancements, landscape design, art walks, and mid-block connectivity.

Based on Lakota's review, there are a lot of sites that have opportunity for development on Irving Park Road to the west and east. Developing these parcels will encourage developers to invest in Walnut/Orchard. Discussion ensued about the types of businesses the board would like to see, as well as the architecture and design that they would be comfortable seeing in downtown Itasca.

The next step is a community workshop on September 23rd to hear resident's ideas. After that, a summary report will be compiled and presented.

5. Old Business

No Old Business.

6. New Business

Trustee Gavanis informed the Board that at the next Committee of the Whole meeting, he will be bringing forth an item to discuss amending the fence ordinance. This may require a moratorium on issuing fence permits.

7. Closed Session

No Closed Session.

8. Adjournment

Trustee Madaras moved to adjourn the Community Development Committee Workshop at 8:45 p.m. Trustee Gavanis seconded.

Roll Call:

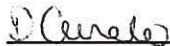
Aye – Trustees Aiani, Gavanis, Leahy, Linsner, Madaras, Powers.

No – None.

Absent – None.

MOTION APPROVED.

Submitted this 24th day of August 2021:



Deanne Curelo, Deputy Village Clerk