

**APPROVED MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK  
HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 AT 6:30 P.M.  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF OAK PARK VILLAGE HALL**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Pope called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Trustees Brewer, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Salzman and Tucker; President Pope  
ABSENT: None

**III. CONSIDERATION OF MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION  
TO DISCUSS LITIGATION AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING IN ROOM 130**

In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, it was moved and seconded to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining in Room 130.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Brewer, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Salzman and Tucker; President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion was approved.

**IV. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING 7:30 PM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Trustees Brewer, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Salzman and Tucker; President Pope  
ABSENT: None

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**V. AGENDA APPROVAL**

President Pope noted that Item H would be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda for the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the agenda was approved as amended.

**VI. MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 4, 2011 and the Special Meeting of December 10, 2012 be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented. Trustee Salzman abstained from the vote for August 4.

President Pope announced that a Special Meeting would be held on Wednesday, January 9, at 7:00 to approve an employment agreement for the new Village Manager, Cara Pavlicek.

### **VII. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tom Broderick, 201 S. Ridgeland. Mr. Broderick discussed establishing a living wage ordinance in Oak Park.

Sydney Baiman, 201 Lake St. Ms. Baiman expressed support for a living wage ordinance.

Rich Pokorny, 1102-B S. Maple. Mr. Pokorny spoke in support of a living wage ordinance.

Ron Baiman, 205 S. Humphrey Ave. Mr. Baiman also spoke in favor of a living wage ordinance.

Jameel Rafia, 808 N. Lombard. Mr. Rafia expressed disappointment regarding the perceived lack of diversity in Oak Park.

### **VIII. PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

There were no Proclamations, Resolutions, Awards or Presentations.

### **IX. VILLAGE MANAGER REPORTS**

Interim Village Manager Cara Pavlicek stated that on Monday, January 14, the Comprehensive Planning Consultant and staff will be meeting with the Citizen Advisory Board and Commission members as part of the Comprehensive Plan Update process.

### **X. VILLAGE BOARD COMMITTEES**

There were no Village Board Committee reports.

### **XI. CITIZEN COMMISSION VACANCIES**

President Pope referred to the Board and Commission vacancy report, and urged residents to volunteer.

### **XII. CITIZEN COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS, REAPPOINTMENTS, REMOVAL, RESIGNATION AND CHAIR APPOINTMENTS**

It was moved and seconded to concur in the following appointments by President Pope:

#### **Citizen Involvement Commission**

Reappointment of Jim Kelly, as Chair, with a term to expire January 19, 2016

**Community Design Commission**

Reappointment of Douglas Chien, as Member, with a term to expire January 19, 2016

**Environment and Energy Commission**

Appointment of Hanna Kwiecinska, as Member, with a term to expire January 7, 2016

**Public Art Advisory Commission**

Appointment of Faith Humphrey-Hill, as Member, with a term to expire January 7, 2016

A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

**XIII. REGULAR AGENDA**

*All Ordinances and Resolutions adopted herein are herewith ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk*

**B. Presentation of Initial Lake Street Geometry Recommendations from Harlem to Euclid and Results of Additional Community Outreach Efforts from the Downtown Districts Streetscape Committee**

Business Services Manager Loretta Daly noted that the Board had requested an update from the Downtown Districts Streetscape Committee before any formal proposals were presented to them. This presentation would provide information in terms of recommendations being considered for restructuring the street scenario.

Daniel Grove, Associate Principal with the Lakota Group, discussed the results of surveys and other public outreach regarding current streetscapes in the Downtown Districts. He gave a presentation that included an overview of existing and proposed plans for various segments of the districts. Mr. Grove stated that he would like to discuss amenities, material palettes, costs, long-term maintenance and sustainability in approximately one month and get direction from the Board. From that discussion, he would continue to work with the committee to refine that into a plan to present for Board approval.

Trustee Johnson suggested coordination of any water and sewer upgrades or repairs with this project.

Trustee Tucker asked Mr. Grove if bike lanes had been discussed. Mr. Grove noted that the option of a defined bike lane and bike parking on Lake Street is challenging due to the narrow street. He added that changes in angled parking on North and South Boulevard would be a way to create east-west bike linkages.

Trustee Brewer commented that the amount of public response was insignificant and asked if additional public outreach would be done.

Trustee Lueck noted that as much as survey respondents felt an attractive streetscape was important, they were not asked if they would be willing to invest money in it.

Trustee Salzman suggested that the Disability Access Commission be asked for their input.

**C. Motion to Concur with Staff's Recommendation to Deny the Erection of an Eight Foot Tall Self-contained Automated Gate at 330 N. East Avenue**

Bipan Chand, 330 N. East Ave. and Shawn Pawlak, Grant and Power Landscaping. Mr. Chand distributed pictures of his property to assist the Board in visualizing the proposed gate.

It was moved and seconded to Concur with Staff's Recommendation to Deny the Erection of an Eight Foot Tall Self-contained Automated Gate at 330 N. East Avenue.

Village Planner Craig Failor stated that per the Village Code, the Board of Trustees has the final authority to approve or deny this variation. He described the pictures given to the Board and noted that staff does not have an issue with the requested height but has concerns with the aesthetics of the gate. He added that its industrial appearance is out of place in a residential neighborhood and suggests that this is a high-crime area. Staff felt that a 6 foot gate or one that slides would work just as well without adversely affecting the surrounding properties.

Trustee Johnson agreed with staff's recommendation and noted that the gate would diminish the attractiveness of the property. Trustees Lueck and Hedges and President Pope offered alternative suggestions to Mr. Chand.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Brewer, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Salzman and Tucker; President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion was approved.

**D. It was moved and seconded that Ordinance 2013-0-01 entitled **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF THE TIMELINE FOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE NO. 2009-0-089 AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY ORDINANCES 2011-0-47, 2010-0-50, 2011-0-09, 2012-0-09 AND 2012-0-38 FOR MADISON HIGHLANDS (229, 231-245, 301-307 MADISON STREET AND 511 SO. HARVEY AVENUE) LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF MADISON STREET AND HARVEY AVENUE** be adopted.**

Ms. Pavlicek stated that the developer had requested an additional six month extension.

Mr. Failor added that they are still in negotiations with potential tenants and have submitted applications for a demolition permit for the two existing buildings on that site.

Trustee Johnson commented that giving the developer, who purchased this land from the Village, the flexibility to move forward with these negotiations is in everyone's best interest, as it will expand the tax base

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Brewer, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Salzman and Tucker; President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The ordinance was adopted.

David Kralik, 526 S. Highland. Mr. Kralik spoke in opposition to the development.

- H. It was moved and seconded that **Referral of a Staff-Generated Application Amending the Zoning Ordinance to Allow the Plan Commission to Review Use-Related Variances within Overlay Districts** be approved.

Mr. Failor clarified that the current process allows all variances within these districts to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals for a final decision. Staff has offered four other options for the Board to consider but believes the most appropriate alternative would require any use variance within the transit related retail district to go to the Plan Commission, who would make a recommendation to the Village Board for final approval.

Trustee Lueck commented that since it was the Plan Commission that created the overlay district, they have a better understanding of how it is intended to function and it made sense for the Board to go with this recommendation.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Brewer, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Salzman and Tucker; President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion was approved.

#### **XIV. CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded to approve the items under the Consent Agenda, without reading aloud each item.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Brewer, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, Salzman and Tucker; President Pope

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Consent Agenda was approved.

President Pope noted that a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$1,613,405.17 was included on the Consent Agenda.

#### **CALL TO THE BOARD AND CLERK**

Village Clerk Powell thanked all the elected and appointed officials for completing the Open Meetings Act training.

Trustee Tucker looked forward to the coming year and entertained the idea of discussing the living wage ordinance on a future agenda.

Trustee Brewer concurred with Trustee Tucker.

Trustee Lueck was also in agreement regarding the living wage ordinance. She thanked Mr. Rafia for his comments regarding diversity.

Trustee Johnson noted that Mr. Rafia's comments resonated with him and that he should be contacted for followed-up. He also stated that the backup material for the Consent Agenda is available to review online, and although it was not publicly read, there are important decisions that are made within it. In closing, Trustee Johnson referred to the Sandy Hook tragedy and the deaths of young people at the hands of guns and violence in general. He stated that the Board and others in leadership roles had to get involved to end this.

Trustee Salzman agreed with Trustee Johnson and gave his perspective of that tragedy as the father of a kindergartener. He noted that nothing concrete, policy-wise, has been done regarding gun violence and perhaps there should be a discussion. Trustee Salzman also announced that the Sugar Beet Co-op's Membership Kick-off Party will be Saturday at Unity Temple from 7 to 10 p.m.

Trustee Hedges agreed that a conversation should be had about gun violence. He noted that the items on the Consent Agenda are available online and urged people to read online about any items. He referred to some of the items regarding development.

Interim Village Manger Pavlicek agreed to follow up with Mr. Rafia. She added that the gun issue with the Board of Health needs to return, but noted that the court has put limitations on what the Village can do. She also said she is excited about the meeting on Wednesday.

President Pope urged Ms. Pavlicek to invite her family to attend Wednesday's meeting. He announced that next week he will be in Washington for the Annual Mayor Innovation Project Conference and the U.S. Conference of Mayors meetings and looked forward to bringing back information to share with everyone.

### **ADJOURN**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:26 P.M. Monday, January 7, 2013.

### **SUBMITTED AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF:**

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Teresa Powell, Village Clerk

By: MaryAnn Schoenneman  
Interim Deputy Village Clerk