

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC)

June 16, 2008

The meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:10 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2008 in the Village Board Room at the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Trustee Cullerton, Trustee Bulthuis, Dennis Keating, Vincent Gatto, Sam Greco, Greg Hassler, Dave Casey, Scott Shepard, Dan Verr, Rae Rupp Srch, Carol Marcus, Carl Timmerman, Chris Aiello, Community Development Director Govind, Village Manager Bob Niemann

ABSENT: Ron Guidolin, Michelle Dix, Finance Director Dubrowski, Don Murphy,

OTHERS PRESENT: Bola Delano, Mike Orlowski, President Stupegia, Secretary Jennifer Johnson

WELCOME

Trustee Bulthuis welcomed the committee members and guests

APPROVAL OF 5/20/08 MEETING MINUTES

Community Development Director Govind stated that there is not any meeting minutes from the May 20, 2008 presentation.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF DRAFT SURVEY

Director Govind stated that she sent out e-mails with a link to the survey and would like the committee members to give comments on how it was to complete the survey. She added that she would like names of key stakeholders to send the questionnaire to.

Trustee Cullerton stated that the survey was very east to take and added that people don't like to take a lot of time to complete surveys so it was good in that respect. Trustee Cullerton further stated that they weren't all "cookie cutter" questions which made you think about the question especially with the ranking. He questioned if the website would allow a person to take the survey multiple times. Director Govind explained that they could not, that the website recognized the computer and would not allow the person to take it again.

Sam Greco stated that he was concerned that if there are multiple adults in the household with one computer how would they be able to all take the survey. Director Govind stated that they could either mail it in or she would talk to the company to see if there is a way to create it so that more than one user could complete the survey from the same computer.

Vince Gatto questioned the emphasis that would be placed on the survey for the Village's decisions. Director Govind stated that they would be able to pull different things from the different types of questions to help them see what the residents want to see and what they feel is a priority. She added that the questionnaire for the stakeholders would be different and would be more specific.

Al Bulthuis stated that on page 3 there were very generic questions on housing and then the last

question was very specific in regards to the style with garage doors facing the street. Director Govind stated that this was just a visual type of question. Sam Greco added that many towns are currently looking at this issue.

Chris Aiello stated that there should be space for comments at the end to elaborate.

Director Govind stated that we would go through the survey question by question to see if the committee likes the questions or if they should be modified/deleted. Question #1 was in regards to quality of life. Greg Hassler stated a question on would you recommend Villa Park as a place to live should be added to this section. Director Govind stated that perhaps an age category could be added if want different age and/or class views. Rae Rupp Srch stated that she felt it was important to have kid's opinions as well as the adults. Vince Gatto stated that he felt this would not bear a lot of weight on the survey and he would like to see more about demographics of where people work and shop. He added that if you want to build a successful community it needs to be different than 15 years ago. Director Govind stated that the whole purpose of this survey is to find out what people want and then we will have some goals to work with to transfer into board policies. Rae Rupp Srch stated that she would like to see something about if they feel their area is changing. Carol Marcus stated or if you are planning on expanding your house.

Bola Delano from Chicago Metropolitan Planning stated that they are working on a regional comprehensive plan and that she came to observe our meetings and to provide some information and support and that they have all the demographics for the chicagoland area. She stated that the number of young people moving to this area is on the rise and that this committee needs to take that into consideration. Bola suggested having students fill out the survey and have someone from that age group be a steak holder for the questionnaire. Director Govind stated that Bola has a lot of information to provide us with.

Question #2, the fourth one down stated access to affordable house and quality of housing. It was addressed whether this should be kept together or separate. Chris Aiello stated that he felt it is be kept together but possibly reworded to say is there enough quality affordable housing available.

Rae Rupp Srch reiterated that she would like to have room on page 9 for additional comments and at the very end. President Stupegia inquired how this would get interpreted if in the survey. Rae Rupp Srch stated that they could limit comments to so many lines. Director Govind stated that on the website there is a separate area for comments and that all agendas, documents and such would be on line and that there is a FAQ section.

Question #3 the statement on amount of on street parking was addressed and that the word availability should be added. Director Govind stated that they could make it more clearly by adding availability.

Question #4 was addressed previously.

Question #5 Manager Niemann stated that we need to be careful with the section about the parks and adding more of them. If people want an additional park we do not have the land to provide

this. Vince Gatto stated that anything we can't offer we should not ask about. Sam Greco stated we still need to know what people want with what we have so we can see what can be done. Director Govind stated that we could change the statement to read additions to existing parks. Bola Delano stated that we could put a positive spin on our land lock by stating that we want to maximize the use of the land that is existing.

Question #6 Carl Timmerman stated he felt was well covered.

Question #7 Carl Timmerman stated that there should be a question if the community meets all the shopping needs. Sam Greco stated that Questions 7 & 8 combined answers this. Director Govind stated that together questions 7 & 8 are good to gather information.

Question #9 Sam Greco stated that it would be good to have a statement on how many people use internet to shop. Director Govind stated that she would have more on that at the next meeting. David Casey stated that adding people who work from home would be a good addition.

Question #11 Trustee Bulhuis stated that he felt the word improving gave a negative tone and implies that it is deficient in some way. Manager Niemann stated that even if people want better water we can't change that. Director Govind stated that she could remove the question about water quality. Manager Niemann stated that he felt the question about crime should be moved down instead of on top. Trustee Cullerton stated that the parking question needs more clarification or to be removed. He further stated that the train service question does not apply. Carol Marcus stated that the parking situation for new development or parking garage should be addressed. Rae Rupp Srch stated that parking in certain areas has been an issue so perhaps rewording the question would be better. Mike Orlovski stated that sidewalk improvement and handicapped spacing should be addressed. Sam Greco stated that it is important to know how many people care about parking.

Director Govind went over what the committee came up with so far. Better bus service, take out the word better. Take out providing more parks. Taking improving out of the first three statements of question #11. Chris Aiello stated that they should split the parking question for residential and commercial. Director Govind stated that it would be clarified to improving for shopping/commercial areas as the neighborhood parking is already covered.

Question #12 Carol Marcus stated that there is nothing about entertainment. Rae Rupp Srch stated that is addressed in a previous section. Carol Marcus stated that for younger people there is nothing to do, no open community center. Director Govind stated that perhaps this could be addressed with the steak holder questionnaires and asks younger people. She added that this is address in the question with rating of importance.

Rae Rupp Srch stated that on question #9 it is questioned strangely and perhaps it should be changed to married/single.

REVIEW/DISCUSS KEY PERSON QUESTIONS

Rae Rupp Srch stated that the first few questions did not seem to be for the stakeholders.

Director Govind stated that they were more for the Committee. Director Govind explained that communities are required to have a comprehensive plan in place. David Casey inquired if there was anything forcing the Village to enforce the plan. Director Govind explained that once completed, it will be brought to the board and adopted to which it would then be required to be implemented. Trustee Bulthuis stated that when the plans are updated it gives the Village more legal binding.

Question #2 Rae Rupp Srch stated that she did not feel this would be a steak holder question. Director Govind stated that this question would be asked of all board members and CPAC members. Rae Rupp Srch stated that perhaps it should be divided different as it was too broad.

Carol Marcus inquired why incentives are not offered in this. Director Govind stated that it would not fit in this type of questionnaire.

Rae Rupp Srch stated that she felt all the other questions were very specific and good.

Chris Aiello stated that he felt question #6 made it seem like Villa Park was developing. Mike Orłowski stated that perhaps changing it to read develop or redevelop.

Manager Niemann stated that question #7 was not necessary. Director Govind stated she could remove this question. Chris Aiello stated that he thought this was a good question to help understand the second part of question. Trustee Cullerton stated that it puts them in a good mind set to answer the next part. Scott Shepard stated that perhaps moving this question up towards the beginning would get people thinking.

Rae Rupp Srch stated that she felt question #15 should be toward the end instead of in the middle.

Manager Niemann stated that if we keep question #13 we would need contractors and developers as key questionnaires.

Director Govind stated that she needed more names for key stakeholders and to please submit them to her. She added that she is looking for 20-30 people and a cross section of different people.

Trustee Cullerton stated that question #21 should add something to say what they feel is good and then what to improve.

David Casey stated that question #20 should change or add to what effort and what have seen done.

Sam Greco stated that for a face to face interview these are good basic starter questions.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION ON DRAFT WEBSITE

Director Govind stated that she has asked the consultants to add ASAP something that can be printed out with the four questions of what is Community Development, why Community Development, what have done so far and how can they get involved which would be easily seen on the website and very accessible so they know why their input is important.

Vince Gatto stated that the flyer that was made by Community Development should be on the Village Website as well as on this website.

Director Govind stated that the website should have a timeline which will show the anticipated time as well as real time of things happening and have click on items to view certain projects. She added that it will be a very visual timeline showing what already has been done as well as where we are at and where we need to go. Director Govind stated that there will be an existing conditions report which will detail all of this.

NEXT STEPS

Director Govind stated that she would take information and give to the consultants. The website will be live soon and that we need to set up our next meeting date. Trustee Bulthuis inquired how we will let residents know about the new website. Manager Niemann stated through press releases, board meeting and on our Village website. Rae Rupp Srch suggested giving to different organizations to spread the word. Director Govind suggested putting on a scroll on our cable channel.

Chris Aiello inquired when the survey would be released to the public. Director Govind stated the beginning or middle of July. Chris Aiello stated that the schools would be closed so they would not get it. Director Govind stated that perhaps the deadline could be until Labor Day weekend. Carol Marcus stated that there are many people who don't have computers. Director Govind stated that she can put printout surveys at the Village Hall and perhaps the community center and library.

Greg Hassler inquired on what % they expected to return. Director Govind stated about 20%, but more would be better.

DISCUSSION ON FUTURE MEETING DATES

Director Govind stated that the first Monday would be July 7th which might be too soon. Director Govind stated that perhaps we could meet on August 4th or would e-mail the next date if come up with a better time. *(Please note that the next meeting of the CPAC was later scheduled for July 16, 2008)*

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer C. Johnson

Secretary