

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ZONING CODE REVIEW TASK FORCE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008
MEMORIAL HALL
7:30 P.M.

Task Force Member Finlay called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M. Wednesday, November 20, 2008, in Memorial Hall Board Room, the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois.

PRESENT: Task Force Member Finlay, Task Force Member Anglin, Task Force Member Tuggle,

ABSENT: Task Force Member Wood, Task Force Member Weil

ALSO PRESENT: Sean Gascoigne, Village Planner, Arista Strungys, Camiros Consultant

Minutes

The Task Force discussed the minutes from November 5, 2008. Mr. Anglin motioned to approve the minutes as corrected from November 5, 2008. Mr. Tuggle seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business/Old Business

Nancy Chapa, Hinsdale resident, introduced herself and expressed her interest in the review of text amendments. She questioned the definition, process, and authority involved regarding text amendments. The Task Force explained the process and gave a step-by-step analysis of the text amendment process. Ms. Strungys stated anyone with a contractual interest in a property is able to apply for a text amendment and they would not need an affiliation with the Village. She noted the Village Trustees would hear the request and decide if the proposal would be appropriate for further analysis or a dismissal of the request. Sean Gascoigne, Village Planner, offered his thoughts and gave a detailed discussion over the process and meeting schedule of a text amendment application. Ms. Strungys stated any changes made to this section in the Zoning Code would be for clarity and organization and major changes would be illegal because of Illinois State Law.

Discussion on Zoning Code Reorganization

Mr. Finlay introduced Article 3 and asked for any changes the Zoning Rewrite Task Force felt were needed. Discussion took place regarding Article 3 on issues such as time frames, dates, notification standards, and questions dealing with Hinsdale's Strategic Plan and lack of a comprehensive plan.

Julie Crnovich, Hinsdale Resident, requested clarification on whether all applications get passed around to all Commissions regardless of process or proposal. Ms. Strungys stated applications would get passed on to only appropriate Commissions that are applicable.

Discussion ensued regarding the applicability of eminent domain in the Zoning Code. Ms. Strungys stated this should be placed into a separate section in the municipal code and not in the zoning code. Discussion took place between the Zoning Rewrite Task Force members questioning where the most appropriate place for this item should be. Ms. Chapa expressed concerns with all of the laws that override the ability of the zoning code to govern. Mr. Finlay offered his comments regarding eminent

domain and where it should be placed. Ms. Strungys stated eminent domain is not a zoning issue and should be placed in the municipal code rather than the zoning code.

Mr. Finlay opened discussion regarding Article 4. The Zoning Rewrite Task Force noted small wording changes and offered ways to clarify the document and to organize certain sections better. Ms. Chapa expressed interest in having the zoning code establish when the Village Manager should consult council. The Zoning Rewrite Task Force discussed what powers the Village Manager has, and discussed the power this position holds. The Task Force continued to discuss notification standards and time frames for certain procedures and meeting dates.

Adjournment

Mr. Finlay recommended picking up discussion on Article 4 at the next meeting. With no further discussion, Mr. Anglin motioned to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Tuggle Seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Gascoigne,
Village Planner