

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
September 16, 2008
Memorial Hall**

The Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by President Michael Woerner in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building on Tuesday September 16, 2008 at 7:33 P.M.

Present: President Michael Woerner, Trustees Jean Follett, Tom Cauley, Cindy Williams, Vic Orlor and Bob Schultz.

Absent: Trustee Mike Smith.

Also Present: Village Attorney Ken Florey, Village Manager Dave Cook, Director of Finance Doug Cooper, Police Chief Brad Bloom, Director of Community Development Tim Bleuher, and Village Clerk Barb Grigola.

Also Present: Alexa Jenner of Suburban Life, Amy Deis of The Doings, Pam Lannom of The Hinsdalean and Chris Martin of the Chicago Tribune.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Woerner led those in attendance in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Schultz moved approval of the August 12, 2008 and the September 2, 2008 Board of Trustees minutes. Seconded by Trustee Follett. Passed on roll call vote. Trustees Follett, Cauley, Williams, Orlor, and Schultz voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Smith.

INTERNATIONAL WALK & BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY PROCLAMATION

President Woerner read a proclamation proclaiming October 8th as International Walk & Bike to School Day in the Village of Hinsdale and presented the proclamation to Mary Ann Romanelli. Ms. Romanelli thanked our police department and Village Staff for working on ways to get our children to school safely and said she was proud to represent our community when she received the Golden Shoe Award.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

Kim Angelo of 525 E. Third Street stated that sending the Central Business District-Northtown-Parking plan to Camiros is a waste of time and money. He said that the centerpiece of the plan, the Cultural Center, was unnecessary and could only be built through eminent domain, and suggested that in all likelihood we would end up with a massive parking garage. He criticized the Village for spending money on consultants that could have been spent on roads and suggested that the Board rejected the pricey recommendation for the Ogden Avenue Corridor in an act of self-preservation. He stated that the East Corridor had been scaled down now to a strip mall. He further noted that the Board had dispensed the ZBA Chair at a great cost and he asked where the value-added of consultants and projects on the drawing board was.

Nancy Chapa of 318 S. Garfield urged the Board to vote against the final report of the Central Business District-Northtown-Parking because it favors developers, not residents. She said it would put money into the hands of architects, developers, retailers and other investors and that the task force had a laundry list of indiscretions. She noted that there were minutes for only 7 of the 25 task force meetings; that 10 members had not attended one meeting this year; and that the website did not mention that Trustees Orlor and Follett were active participants on the

task force. She further complained that the minutes of the Downtown Land Planning Task Force to discuss moving the middle school had yet to be posted and that residents clearly opposed the plan. She suggested that the Northtown Task Force plan was destruction, not progress, and she accused the Board of manipulating the survey to make sweeping changes that were unethical and possibly illegal. She also stated that the Board had approved PUD's for spot zoning and now wants wholesale zoning. She further stated that the Board had put a decent man, Tom Nelson, on trial for trying to do his job.

Karl Weber of 219 E. First Street said he had served on the Central Business District-Northtown-Parking Task Force and he thought they were only going to make land use recommendations, not codify them. He suggested the Board adopt only Item 10b to use the final report as a reference guide. He stated that a centerpiece of this recommendation is a Cultural Center on the large property that is now Hinsdale's main parking lot and he expressed concern that there is no funding for it and no use for the Center. Furthermore, he noted that this main parking lot is an integral part of the successful reduction of our parking waiting list from 950 two years ago to zero today, so if we build on it, we would have to include a parking garage.

Julie Crnovich of 122 E. Third Street said that she was a member of the Central Business District-Northtown-Parking Task Force and thanked the members for their time and energy. She also thanked Police Chief Bloom for his efforts in reducing the parking waiting list from 950 to 0. She expressed concern for turning the plan over to Camiros and the zoning code rewrite task force; for expanding the buffer zones from the original boundaries; and for the cost at a time when we had to suspend our tree program to buy road salt.

Bob Saigh of 210 S. Lincoln said he lives on the periphery of the area in the plan and is concerned about the noise and light and suggested the buffer issue needs more attention. He thanked Dave Friedman for his work on the task force and said he favored adopting the plan as a reference, as Karl Weber had suggested.

Bill Haarlow of 112 N. Lincoln said that, like Mr. Saigh, he lives near the buffer area and that he was a former member of the task force. He stated that trying to surround an expanded downtown with apartments and townhouses was an ill-conceived idea and that to have a performing arts center on a Village parking lot was absurd. He asked how we can spend more money on consultants when we can't afford to fix our streets.

Michael Meissner of 1405 Chanticleer said he has seen a degradation of respect with which people in this Village treat each other and that many untruths were spoken in these meetings to inflame people. He suggested that we were being asked to consider a composite of ideas that represents a lot of hard work by a lot of intelligent people, and that none of it was meant to be destructive. He chastised Trustee Cauley for not mentioning during the discussion of the Amlings property that he owns property backing up to it. He said that, despite attempts to generate fear, we were not being asked to rezone or change anything tonight.

(Village Manager Cook announced that they were having technical difficulties with the Channel 6 telecast and that they were working with Comcast to correct them.)

John Bohnen said that at no time during the survey were residents told that it would be used for governance of the Village. He said this report is Vic Orlor's \$600,000 view of Hinsdale and does not reflect the opinions of residents. He asked that the task force plan be used as a reference and noted that any changes in the zoning code require extensive public hearings. He further asked that we get back to basics and fix the roads and sewers.

David Friedman of 211 N. Washington said he was the Chairman of the Central Business District-Northtown-Parking Task and thanked all who participated. He said that the task force had been an open process; that a number of people from the Village had attended in addition to the task force; and that there were 10 members present when they voted 8-2 to adopt the plan. He said that a number of original members of the force had dropped out in the first few weeks. He stated that we should take the initiative on what we want our Village to be, and not wait for others to tell us. He asked that the Board vote in favor of 10a to pass the plan on to the zoning rewrite task force.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Woerner thanked Village Manager Cook, Police Chief Bloom and Fire Chief Kelly and their staffs for the remarkable job they did during the recent storm. Chief Bloom stated that we were lucky the rain stopped when it did. He reported that earlier this afternoon he was informed that the Elmhurst quarry basin, which holds the Salt Creek runoff, is full and the DuPage County Emergency Management Center is concerned that, as a result, Salt Creek may back up and there could be more flooding in that area overnight. They are keeping a close watch on the situation. He praised the actions and cooperation of residents of Graue Mill, many of whom moved out due to the risk of flooding. Village Manager Cook advised residents to call the Village if they need assistance clearing away parkway debris.

President Woerner advised that Dr. Brian Skale of Cincinnati, Ohio had donated two water color paintings of downtown Hinsdale to the Village. Dr. Skale, who grew up in Hinsdale, expressed his gratitude for the education received here and his many happy years in the Village. The paintings are the work of Albert Hollenbeck, who was also a long-time Hinsdale resident.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Woerner presented the following Consent Agenda items for approval.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Item #1: Move to **Approve a resolution approving and accepting a plat of subdivision to resubdivide the properties commonly known as 126 E. Hickory and 224 N. Park Avenue in the Village of Hinsdale.** (Omnibus vote) (R2008-22)

Item #2: Move to **Waive fees related to a certificate of occupancy for the property located at 48 S. Washington Street and the Hinsdale Center for the Arts.** (Omnibus vote)

Item #3: Move to **Approve an ordinance authorizing vacation of the west half of public alley right-of-way adjacent to and east of 407 South Stough Street and a purchase price of \$14,500.** (Omnibus vote) (O2008-51)

Item #4: Move to **Approve an ordinance amending Title 11 ("Subdivision Regulations") of the Village Code of Hinsdale by adopting a new Chapter 2 ("Required Improvements, Engineering Design Standards and Standard Details").** (Omnibus vote) (O2008-52)

Item #5: Move to **Approve an ordinance authorizing the sale by auction of personal property owned by the Village of Hinsdale.** (Omnibus vote) (O2008-53)

Item #6: Move to **Approve a resolution approving a certain contract change order for the 2008 Road Program Utility Work in the amount of \$54,977.00.** (Omnibus vote) (R2008-23)

Item #7: Move to **Award bid #1445 for the service of Senior Citizen Leaf Pick-up to Fuller's Service Center.** (Omnibus vote)

Trustee Orlor moved to approve the above items. Seconded by Trustee Schultz. Passed on omnibus roll call vote. Trustees Follett, Cauley, Orlor, Williams and Schultz voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Smith.

ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Trustee Schultz moved the **Approval and payment of the Accounts Payable for the period of August 29, 2008 through September 12, 2008 in the aggregate amount of \$743,036.25 as set forth on the list provided by the Village Treasurer, of which a permanent copy is on file with the Village Clerk.** Seconded by Trustee Orlor. Passed on roll call vote. Trustees Follett, Cauley Orlor, Williams and Schultz voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Smith.

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES

APPROVAL OF 2008 ROAD PROGRAM

Trustee Schultz moved to **Approve a professional services agreement with Clark-Dietz, Inc. for Engineering Services for the 2008 Road Program.** Seconded by Trustee Williams. Trustee Follett explained that we were having a lot of trouble with the engineering firm that we originally contracted with for the roads and that we were exercising an opt-out option for the completion of the job. Passed on roll call vote. Trustees Follett, Cauley, Williams, Orlor and Schultz voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Smith.

OTHER EPS BUSINESS

Trustee Follett announced that leaf pickup would begin the first week in October.

Trustee Follett advised that the emerald ash borer is getting really close to Hinsdale (in Burr Ridge now) and that we are looking at programs to experimentally treat some trees. She said that we have a lot of information on the borer on our website and in our front hall. She announced that we have been reducing our percentage of ash in anticipation of the borer arriving here, because 20% of our public trees are currently ashes.

ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT-NORTHTOWN-PARKING TASK FORCE PLAN

President Woerner explained that this task force was the outgrowth of our strategic planning meetings and that he had invited everyone to participate. Director of Community Development Tim Bleuher advised that Camiros will use this document as a reference point only and that any changes made to the code would be the result of a lengthy process that would include the committee, then the ZPS, then the Plan Commission, and finally the Board before any changes are made. Camiros believes that only three of the plan's six points would be applicable to zoning. They are recommendations 4, 5 and 6 and are all related to design guidelines in areas such as streetscaping, architecture, building materials and landscaping. Village Manager Cook said that Camiros did not anticipate recommending any map amendments.

Trustee Follett moved to **Adopt the final report of the Central Business District-Norhtown-Parking Task Force and to refer the final report to the Village's consultant, Camiros Ltd for use in its ongoing review of the Hinsdale Zoning Code.** Seconded by Trustee Schultz.

There was a lengthy discussion about whether the task force's plans should be used only as a reference or should be codified into zoning changes. The merits and process of changing the zoning was also discussed.

Trustee Follett assured residents that there was no suggestion in this plan that they would use eminent domain for the cultural center. She also noted that not one of the citizens who had spoken tonight about preserving the character of the Village had nominated their own homes for historical preservation, even though they all live in historically significant homes.

Trustee Cauley expressed concern over the cost to the Village of using consultants and urged setting limits on how much Camiros could spend.

President Woerner invited members of the task force to weigh in with their thoughts.

Jeff Keller of 5523 South Park said he was on the Central Business District-Norhtown-Parking Task Force and that it was too bad that there were catcalls, etc. toward the task force and that some talented people and the administration had come together to work very hard on it. He said they were handed the work of various strategic groups, were cognizant of the survey, and collected input from residents. He said he does strategic planning for a living and he suggested that we need a plan and should not just react as projects come up. He cited the middle school and the property across from Fullers as examples of the glaring errors that can happen when there is no plan.

Beth Barrow of 319 N. Washington said she was on the task force and that she had left in May of this year. She noted that she did in fact landmark her house and that she was the first in Hinsdale to do so believing we should preserve many of the historical houses in Hinsdale. She stated that the task force's final report had too many changes and that residents had told her that there were areas, such as around the middle school, that they appreciated and want preserved.

Passed on roll call vote. Trustees Follett, Orlor, Williams and Schultz voted Aye. Nays: Trustee Cauley. Absent: Trustee Smith.

There was a discussion that, even though Item 10a had passed, Item 10b also had merit with the word "govern" replaced by "guide".

Trustee Orlor move to **Adopt the final report of the Central Business District-Norhtown-Parking Task Force for use as an official reference to guide future land use and design.** Seconded by Trustee Schultz.

Passed on roll call vote. Trustees Follett, Cauley, Orlor, Williams and Schultz voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Smith.

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Village Manager Cook announced that they have just received word from the DuPage County Emergency Management Center that the Elmhurst quarry basin would not exceed capacity and as a result Salt Creek should continue to recede.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

None.

TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS

Trustee Schultz thanked the Staff for the great job during the concert in the rain last week.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Follett moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Orlor. Passed on roll call vote. Trustees Follett, Cauley, Orlor, Williams and Schultz voted Aye. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Smith.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 P.M.

ATTEST: _____
Barbara J. Grigola, Village Clerk