

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
DOWNTOWN LAND PLANNING TASK FORCE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2008
MEMORIAL HALL
8:00 A.M.

Vic Orler called the meeting to order at 8:05 A.M. Thursday, February 8, 2008, in Memorial Hall Board Room, the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois.

PRESENT: Vic Orler, Jeanie Janes, Philip Moriarty, Nickie Geannopoulos, David Friedman, Susan Dunphy, David Bossy, Kevin Hanrahan

ABSENT: Karl Weber

ALSO PRESENT: Tim Bleuher, Community Development Director, Nancy Chapa, resident.

Discussion

Vic Orler opened the meeting by introducing himself and asking members to give a brief description of themselves both personally and professionally.

Orler went on to state that it is not the purpose of the group to make the decision to move the Hinsdale Middle School and rather it was the job of the Hinsdale Middle School Planning Task Force to review that scenario. The task at hand for this group is to review various development possibilities with respect to the school property if the school does indeed move to another location.

The group discussed reviewing similar development scenarios in other municipalities and downtown Geneva, Wilmette and Winnetka were described as most alike in character with Geneva being most similar with respect to a large entity moving out of the downtown area and what developed in its place after.

Orler described the potential transaction between the Village and the school district as a land swap. He went on to say that the district was dealing with an outdated building, environmental issues and a problem with overall capacity. He viewed the job of this task force to come up with an out-of-the-box solution and present that to the overall community.

Susan Dunphy asked what the park district's role was in this effort. Orler responded by stating that Keith Medick (Chairman of P&R) will serve on the HMS Task force which will evaluate the park side of the equation. Discussion amongst the group then centered on the subject of the new school potentially having community space and providing additional parking for downtown retailers.

David Friedman mentioned that a group stemming out of the Village's 2025 Strategic Plan reviewed the possibility of the middle school moving from their present location and what might be developed on that property.

The group discussed the number of meetings and if they could be cut back because of members work

schedules.

The preliminary mission and objectives were discussed and agreed upon by all members of the group.

Hanrahan provided a brief overview of the mission of the Hinsdale Middle School Task Force and the issues that they would be focusing on.

Friedman noted that the work of the Central Business District/Northtown Task Force would ultimately tie into the work that this group was undergoing.

The Task Force discussed the time frame, expectations and having a monthly town hall meeting in order to discuss progress and issues at hand.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Bleuher
Community Development Director