

**MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
July 12, 2022**

(Approved: August 2, 2022)

A record of a legally convened meeting of the Council of the Village of Winnetka, which was held at Council Chambers on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

- 1) Call to Order. President Rintz called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Manager Bahan called the roll of the Village Council. Present: Trustees Tina Dalman, Bob Dearborn, Kim Mancini, and John Swierk. Absent: Trustees Rob Apatoff and Andy Cripe. Community Development Director David Schoon called the roll of the Plan Commission. Present: Trustees Mamie Case, Layla Danley, Jon Golan, and Liz Kunkle. Absent: Trustees Jonathan Alt, Matt Bradley, Chris Foley, and Chair Bridget Orsic. Also present: Village Manager Robert Bahan, Assistant Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Village Attorney Ben Schuster, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, and Community Development Director David Schoon, Senior Planner Ann Klaassen, and approximately 13 persons in the audience.

- 2) Public Comment.

Chuck Dowding requests that Council does not sign letter of support for rejuvenation of Elder and Centennial Park because it may set a precedent for other planter boxes along the shorelines.

Ted Wynnichenko expresses his disappointment regarding limited beach access due to private homeowners and the Village implementing restrictions. Mr. Wynnichenko also suggests amending the Village zoning code to address temporary screens for homeowners.

Colleen Root commends the Winnetka mission statement and thanks Council for sending letters to Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Ms. Root does not believe that the Council should sign a letter of support for rejuvenation of Elder and Centennial Park.

Judy Rau states that she does not believe that the Park District is fulfilling its duty and mission. Ms. Rau urges Council not to endorse the letter of support for rejuvenation of Elder and Centennial Park.

Katie Stevens urges Council not to support the rejuvenation of Elder and Centennial Park and suggests that an ordinance be enacted to prohibit the tall screening plants at the lakefront.

- 3) Review of Comprehensive Plan Visioning Work Prepared by the Plan Commission.

David Schoon states that representatives from the Lakota Group, and Village staff will present the mission statements, goals, and initiatives regarding the Comprehensive Plan, confirming that the Comprehensive Plan is in Phase II of III phases.

Acting Chair John Golan states that the Plan Commission worked with the Lakota group to present a vision of the community as well as a visioning document is a representation of the community input from the last 6 months. Mr. Golan confirms that the Plan Commission will work with the Lakota Group to draft the plan document for consideration after hearing Councils thoughts and ideas.

Scott Freres, President of the Lakota Group, states that his staff has worked with the Plan Commission in an effort to identify initiatives in order to move forward with the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Freres reflects on the positive changes that have occurred in the Village due to the pandemic, reflecting on the existing conditions analysis report that is an overall reflection of the engagement with the community and commissions to complete the current vision presented. While emphasizing the perservance of community heritage, Mr. Freres indicates that the community vision is simple, clear, rich, and data-driven.

With the Comprehensive Plan consisting of 10 pillars that represent the vision and initiatives of Phase II, Scott Freres analyzes the pillars in depth. The pillars consist of; Pillar 1: Quality Livable Neighborhoods, Pillar 2: Vibrant Business Districts, Pillar 3: Community Heritage and Placemaking, Pillar 4: Sustainability and Climate Action, Pillar 5: Educational Excellence, Pillar 6: Healthy and Engaging Lifestyles, Pillar 7: Community Infrastructure, Services, & Technology, Pillar 8: Mobility and Accessibility Pillar 9: Civic Engagement, and Pillar 10: Operational Efficiencies & Regional Coordination.

Trustee Dearborn suggests an attentive approach to phrasing various housing within the Village and how to approach density measurements regarding zoning.

Council and members of the Plan Commission discuss the consideration of a Residential Design Review Board and the powers and duties of the board.

Council commends the educational approach presented in the Comprehensive Plan and the engagement of the community's youth.

Scott Freres presents the sites map displaying the style, architecture, redevelopment, and sizing regarding retail, housing, and parking in the Village. Council discusses the exercises that the Lakota Group completed and the consideration of modernizing the heritage of Winnetka while still preserving the overall aesthetic.

Council discusses potential engagement on a State level, engagement with the Illinois Department of Transportation, jurisdictional transfers, public trust doctrines, and intergovernmental agreements.

Public Comment.

Chuck Dowding commends the work of the Lakota Group and Village staff and provides the Council with suggestions to modify the wording and adding of the pillars.

Ron White reflects on Winnetka's history and suggests that the Comprehensive Plan maintain the current aesthetic and heritage.

Brendan Andrew expresses his concern regarding electric supply issues and suggests exploring ways to generate clean electricity.

President Rintz commends the Plan Commission for all of the work they have done.

Acting Chair John Golan commends the Lakota Group for all of the work they have done.

- 4) Adjournment. Trustee Dearborn, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:31 PM.

/s/Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk
Recording Secretary