

Main Street Committee

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July 23, 2009

Call to Order: Candy Kenyon called the Main Street Committee Meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

The Following Members Were Present: John Corey, Frank Furlan, George Johnson, Candy Kenyon, Al Maiden, Raeanne McCarty (arrived at 7:20 pm) Ray McCarty (arrived at 7:35 pm) Jean McCue, Rick Zdeb

Also Present:

Absent: Peter Karlovics, Rich Kenyon, Robert Seminary, Patty Smart, Alan Welk, Ralph Woodworth

Approval of Meeting Minutes: April 22, 2009 minutes approved.

Old Business

Jean McCue reported that Peter Karlovics is still working on the 112K IDOT grant that is being reinstated. The final paperwork is not completed yet.

Jean McCue stated that the \$1.5 million bonds have been issued: 500K has been placed in a six month CD, 500K in a three month CD, and the balance of approximately 475K is in the checking account.

Frank Furlan, Northern Illinois Survey Inc. (Village Engineer), presented the completed engineering design West from, and including, the railroad tracks. The completed plan for the West side of Main Street includes infrastructure (storm sewer) amendments and RR crossing for pedestrians. The plans have been sent on to Metra RR for review. Designs include:

- Extending the existing rubber planking to the South about 50 feet for crosswalk or sidewalk.
- West side pedestrian gate and special gate on the East side (on the south side of 134).
- Power poles and right-of-way: 4-foot sidewalk is a better fit.
- Greenwood going West: existing storm sewer to be extended out, adding manhole, 36" to enclose open area culvert, fill in.
- South side: re-grade existing ditch. There is room to build shoulder up.
- New storm sewer West to adjust for sidewalk extending from Greenwood to the lift station.

Frank Furlan expects that it will take 2-3 months for Metra RR to get back to him to see if the RR is in agreement, or if there is something else they want us to do. He reminded the committee that after approval by Metra, we still have the bid process to look forward to, which can take 2 months and which can be overturned, at which time the bid process starts over again.

New Business

Discussed plan of action and scheduling in order to move Main Street Revitalization forward:

George Johnson reported that the infrastructure is sound on the East side of Main Street, except for one little spot that needs re-lining. He will discuss this with the Village Engineer.

George Johnson stated that he will have Public Works try to knock the weeds out of the existing sidewalks. Grinding down the sidewalks is not feasible as the sidewalks are owned by the State, but if we can contain the weeds, it will at least aid in appearance of Main Street until the renovation is completed.

Implementation of the East side engineering designs, a joint venture between Rolf Campbell and Northern Illinois Survey Inc., will begin, and completion is contingent on having funds in place.

Ray McCarty voiced the concern that gas meters placed in the front of businesses (facing Main Street) are a potential hazard if parking cars hit them. Is there anything in the ordinances requiring that the meters be at the back of the storefronts? Candy will check with the Village Building Inspector.

Candy Kenyon asked that redundant power poles be taken down and/or straightened. She also asked the engineer if a letter to business owners could be drafted to inform them what they can do to reduce eyesore of the power poles and lines/cables. For example, business owners could run underground wiring from poles to their shops. This would be at the business owner's expense since the bonds would not cover this expense.

The next Main Street Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

Candy Kenyon adjourned the meeting at 8:43 PM.