

# CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Date: May 18, 2022

Present: Mayor Nunzio Pulice, Alderman Art Woods, Pam Wawczak,

Edna Manganello, Anna Szostek, Pattie Scott, John Abbate

Absent: Paula Masilotti, Deborah Andonoplas, Blanca Cruz, Ryan

Sauers, Isaac Capistran,

Guests:

Meeting Commenced at: 6:30 p.m. Meeting Convened at: 7:22 p.m.

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Roll call taken.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

1<sup>st</sup> motion – Pam Wawczak 2<sup>nd</sup> motion – John Abbate

#### **DISCUSSIONS:**

- Committee member Patti asked for patriotic bunting to be placed on the wooden bridge over Veterans Memorial, suggested flowers at Veterans Memorial. This should be placed on Fourth of July, Memorial Day and Veterans Day.
- CIC member John Abbate discussed a 390 camera opportunity.
- CIC member Anna Szostek discussed concerned about a building on Irving Park Road next to Bella Salon. She stated there were people going in and out of the building and she was concerned. Janelle and the Mayor will look into it with PD.
- Marino's is preparing to move to the old Ready Electric location.
- A tree was reported, cut and left on the parkway at Gilbert and Prospect there for many weeks. Janelle will follow up with Public Works.
- Grass maintained is still needed at 230 N. Addison in the Parkway. Would like a status for when seeding will take place. Janelle to follow up with Public Works.
- Work at the old SBT begins in fall. It will have 172 units.
- The Mayor discussed the UDO hearing and explained that it is mostly zoning updates
- The VFW has a successful BINGO event. The VFW has combined with Itasca.

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- Committee Member Edna inquired about Park District activities and suggested they
  offer more activities like Bensenville. She shared the Suburban Family magazine as an
  example.
- Edna stated concerns with the Park District busses. And stated that the Bensenville Park District has new busses and are great to use for group outings.
- The Mayor discussed the bridge on Elizabeth Drive. It is scheduled to be improved in the next year or 2. The City received grants for the work.
- The Committee inquired about the community garden and if the Library will still be organizing this. Janelle to follow up.
- Totem Lumber is now open replacing Maher Lumber.
- The committee discussed the incident at the Wood Dale Bowl. The Mayor explained why some visited Wood Dale vs Chicago. He shared that cameras were approved for the police department.
- Committee member Patti asked about Forward Space on Wood Dale Road and if the City owned it. The Mayor confirmed that the City does not own it. A developer purchased it and sold it to Nvenia and Forward Space.

Motion to adjourn Pam 1 /John 2 all said yes.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2022

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

7:22 p.m.