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## **STREETSCAPE & ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Committee Date: Monday, March 4, 2024  
Present: Chairperson Ald. Peter Jakab, Vice-Chair Ald. Michael Curiale, Mike Melone, Paula Masilotti, Shashwat Baxi  
Absent: Nick Luciana, Steve Mikos  
Also Present: Andy Koterak, Planner, Gosia Pociacha, Senior Planner  
Meeting Convened at: 6:30 PM

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Ald. Jakab called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

#### A. Approval Of the Minutes

Ald. Jakab motioned to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024 meeting with corrections, seconded by Ald. Curiale. The minutes were unanimously approved via voice vote.

#### B. Additional Benches - Quote

Planner Koterak presented a recap of prior discussion of the benches proposed for City owned properties. The bench that was previously selected by SEEC, the "Silhouette" by Barco was presented with both surface and in-ground mounted options. The previously selected locations suitable for bench installation are the Metra station facing the parking lot and the clock tower along the concrete walkway. Plaques can be added to the benches and customized as needed. The total cost for purchase and installation of four benches is \$4,655.11. Motion was made by Ald. Jakab and seconded by Ald. Curiale. During discussion Mr. Baxi raised a question if there is enough foot traffic at the clock tower to support installation of the benches. Ald. Curiale noted that there is a significant amount of foot traffic on the south side of Irving Park Rd, and there is also the possibility of patrons from adjacent Shorty's restaurant using the benches. It was noted that there is a need for benches at the Metra Station.

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Motion passed 4 “yes” to 1 “no” to purchase and install four benches. Motion was revised to remove the plaques at this time. The plaques can be added at a future date, when there are more benches installed in the City.

### C. Community Park Discussion

Planner Koterak started the discussion of the Community Park by sharing the community demographics for Wood Dale, with findings that Wood Dale has a high percentage of families with children aged 5 years and under.

Ald. Jakab provided an update on his discussion with City Manager. The budget for the engineer and architect will be increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Staff is already working to procure the engineer for topographic study. After that, an RFP will be prepared for landscape architects. The selected architect will provide a couple of proposals with various price ranges. One idea is to have an open pavilion, similar to Wheaton. The other alternative was to have an enclosed building, but it may not be advisable due to proximity to a similar building owned by the Wood Dale Park District. The SEEC may work with the architect, once selected, to propose a few different alternatives. Proposal in the range of \$1-1.5 million could be constructed by June of 2026. The architect could design the full park, that would be more expensive, but not all the construction would be constructed at once. Current Public Works staff would take on maintenance of the new park, but once established, a contractor may be hired to maintain the flowers. It was also noted that it is unlikely that the City would work jointly with the Wood Dale Park District for joint ownership/maintenance.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Chairperson Ald. Jakab and seconded by Ald. Curiale; it carried unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

*Minutes taken by Gosia Pocięcha*

*Approved April 1, 2024*