

MINUTES OF THE PLAN COMMISSION
March 12, 2012

The special workshop meeting of the Plan Commission was called to order by Chairman Mark Moore at 7:19 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Members present: Chairman Mark Moore, Scott Adams, Dan Donahue, Walter Oakley, Kurt Schultz, and David Semmelman.

Members absent: William Cotey.

A quorum was established.

Village Staff present: John Spoden, Director of Community Development; and David Smith, Senior Planner.

Commissioner Oakley moved, seconded by Commissioner Donahue, to approve the February 13, 2012, Plan Commission meeting minutes.

Motion carried 6 - 0.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

Mr. David Smith, Senior Planner, introduced proposed amendments to Comprehensive Plan Section 3.5 Community Facilities. Mr. Smith stated that the additions to Section 3.5 include the approval of the Lake County Government Master Plan, the Cook Memorial Library addition, and the construction of the municipal parking deck at the southeast corner of Brainerd Avenue and Lake Street. Mr. Smith stated that a parking study has also indicated that there is a strong parking demand for the east side of Milwaukee Avenue as well and Staff is currently exploring various sites for a second parking deck.

Mr. John Spoden, Director of Community Development, stated that Staff is currently exploring the Cook Apartment parking lot as a possible parking deck site. He stated that the existing parking area near the Island Tap is in need of major improvements, but a surface parking lot for this area may be more appropriate.

Commissioner Oakley asked if the parking lot located at the AT&T facility would be a good place for a parking deck. Mr. Spoden stated that the research has shown that the AT&T lot is too far south. He stated Staff has recently met with Walker Parking Consultants and they have agreed to do a preliminary review of the Cook Apartment parking lot site.

Commissioner Oakley asked if the parking lot behind the Civic Center would be a good location for a parking deck. Mr. Spoden stated that there is a higher demand on the east side of Milwaukee Avenue.

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Chairman Moore stated that once the School Street development is complete, there will be a significant impact on the local traffic.

Commissioner Schultz stated that the Cook Apartment parking lot seems to be a good location for a parking deck.

Chairman Moore asked about the potential size for a parking deck at the Cook Apartment parking lot. Mr. Spoden stated that it is not yet certain, but it may be appropriate to go as high as four stories.

Mr. Smith introduced proposed amendments to Section 3.6 the Transportation section of the Comprehensive Plan. He stated an emphasis has been incorporated into the North Central Metra line station located at Prairie Crossings. He stated that this is the line that goes to O'Hare Airport, but that this area is underdeveloped. He stated that there has been a Bicycle Advisory Commission appointed in 2010 as well.

Mr. Spoden stated that the Prairie Crossing North Central Metra line lacks trains on the weekends and that this is a long term planning issue.

Mr. Smith stated that there are no proposed changes to Section 3.7 Natural Resources.

COMMUNICATIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Oakley moved and Commissioner Schultz seconded a motion to adjourn.

Motion carried 6 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.