

## SUMMARY NOTES

### Traffic & Transportation Committee Meeting Village of Northfield

Wednesday, October 28, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Present: Robert Hayward, Chair  
Margaret Parcels, Member  
J. Patrick Doherty, Member  
Linda Garard, Member  
Sean O'Grady, Member  
Peter Fischer, Member  
Donald Klein, Member

ABSENT: Ted Greene, Member  
Barbara Moore, Member  
Brian Kozminski, Trustee

Others Present: Stacy Sigman, Village Manager (Liaison)  
President Fred Gougler  
Trustee Fred Teichert  
Trustee Jack Chapin  
Patrick O'Donoghue  
John Kemper  
Anne Peterson  
Dan deLoys  
Sydney Clark  
Donald Whiteman  
Steven Hirsch  
Peggy Kozminski

#### **Approve Summary Notes of the September 23, 2009 Meeting**

A motion was made by Member Doherty and seconded by Member Parcels to approve the September 23, 2009 Summary Notes. By voice vote all approved.

#### **Update on Willow Road**

##### *Final Review and Approval of CAG List*

Chair Hayward went through the approval process with regard to IDOT's Community Advisory Group (CAG) list. He indicated the Village sent a list of about 32 people to IDOT seeking their appointments on the Community Advisory Group. IDOT responded indicating they would only give Northfield 13 of the 25 positions. They did give Northfield some flexibility in who the 13 people could be and also indicated that all 13 could have an alternate. Chair Hayward encouraged all members and alternates to attend as many CAG meetings as possible so that at such time as the alternate needs to step in, they are fully advised on the process and where the group is going. Chair Hayward made sure all the CAG members and alternates had received an email from IDOT with the information on the first meeting. A number of CAG members and alternates indicated they had not received the email notice and requested that it be forwarded to them from the Village. Chair Hayward

noted the first Willow Road CAG meeting was scheduled to be held Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the New Trier West High School Building. He asked Manager Sigman to send that email to all CAG members and alternates.

There was a request from the Traffic and Transportation members that that information should also be forwarded to them so they could follow the process.

#### *Overview and History of the 2005 IDOT Approved Plan*

Chair Hayward indicated that the Village had put together an exhibit that outlines the three lane plan of 2005 and gives details relative to the engineering design. All CAG and Traffic and Transportation members were provided copies of that color plan. It was suggested that at the December T & T meeting a representative from Christopher Burke Engineering attend the meeting to review the history and design details behind the plan.

#### **Review of Traffic & Transportation Schedule and Location for 2010**

The Committee discussed the meeting location for 2010 and hoped that with the increase in activity regarding IDOT's Contact Sensitive Solution process, there might be more residents in attendance and recommended that the meetings be moved to the Council Chambers on the first floor. In addition, a concern was raised about the March meeting date relative to the school spring break. The meeting date was changed to the prior Wednesday, March 17. It was asked that staff make the changes and bring the schedule back to the December meeting.

#### **Campaign Funding Update**

Manager Sigman reported that the School Board had made a final determination and has agreed to fund \$50,000 toward the Willow Road campaign over the next year. They have a provision in the agreement that the School Board will reconsider it at any time should it be necessary. The Park District indicated that they were waiting on a decision by the School Board and that they will schedule discussion on the issue at their next Board meeting.

#### **Miscellaneous Correspondence/Publicity**

Information was provided to the CAG members giving a lot of history and background on Willow Road, the variety of plans and how a larger road could impact property values in Northfield as well as some ideas and creative ways that road dieting and other concepts have been used elsewhere in the country. All CAG members were asked to familiarize themselves with the information and some of the articles that have recently appeared in the newspapers. Chair Hayward was pleased to report that the Chicago Tribune editorial board has written a number of stories on Willow Road and endorses IDOT moving forward with the three lane plan and discontinuing the process they have begun.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 8:20 p.m. there was a motion to adjourn... All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

*The next Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting will be held **December 16, 2009** at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the first floor.*