

## DRAFT SUMMARY NOTES

### Traffic & Transportation Committee Meeting Village of Northfield

Wednesday, February 24, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Present: Brian Kozminski, Trustee and Acting Chair  
Margaret Parcels, Member  
Linda Garard, Member  
Ted Greene, Member  
Peter Fischer, Member  
Donald Klein, Member (arrived 7:10 p.m.)

ABSENT: Robert Hayward, Chair  
J. Patrick Doherty, Member  
Sean O'Grady, Member  
Barbara Moore, Member

Others Present: Chief Bill Lustig  
President Fred Gougler  
Trustee Fred Teichert  
Trustee George Warga  
Patrick O'Donoghue  
Dan deLoys  
Sydney Clark  
John Kemper  
Phoebe Raymond  
Linda Gittel

Acting Traffic and Transportation Chair Trustee Brian Kozminski called the meeting to order. He discussed the IDOT Open House which would take place on Thursday, March 4, 2010 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. He noted that it is up to members of the community to go up and give a statement to the court reporters who would take notes. He noted that the NSAG group planned to have a booth with information on the three lane Willow Road plan, promoting "build it now – the plans are already complete."

Acting Chair Kozminski also noted that a letter has been sent to IDOT by our legal advisor Ed Gower of Hinshaw & Culbertson objecting to the CAG Minutes as not being inclusive of the various discussions that have been made at the meetings that could be used to support future analyses as well as comments devoted to public discussion and comment which were not included. It was asked that IDOT provide a court reporter for the meetings to make sure all comments are noted.

*At this time, Member Donald Klein arrived and there making a quorum so the Committee could vote on the December 16, 2009 Summary Notes.*

#### **Approve Summary Notes of the December 16, 2009 T& T Committee Meeting**

A motion was made by Member Parcels and seconded by Member Fischer to approve the December 16, 2009 Summary Notes. By voice vote all approved.

### **Update on Willow Road**

Acting Chair Kozminski referenced his letter of December 20, 2009 to Governor Quinn, a copy of which was included in the packet, in which he mentioned the 3 Lane Willow Road Plan which was set to be constructed in 2005. In his talks with Governor Quinn he discovered that the Governor had not been aware of the Plan.

Trustee Warga noted a conversation with a developer friend of his who has told him that Willow Road is a done deal and that IDOT is just saying "yes" so it can move ahead.

Acting Chair Kozminski noted that the Village is talking about hiring a lobbyist to represent the Village to help get its message across. Various lobbyists were interviewed but a final selection has not yet been made.

Member Fischer suggested that Trustee Warga question his friend to determine if IDOT has already made up its mind. If so, it would provide a legal way to stop the current process.

Acting Chair Kozminski noted that IDOT is just trying to wear the Village down.

### **Discussion on Upcoming IDOT Open House**

Acting Chair Kozminski reminded those in attendance to encourage their friends and neighbors to attend the IDOT Open House on March 4 and provide statements and comments on Willow Road. He noted that IDOT is spending \$6 to \$8 million dollar on the current process.

Member Garard suggested that anyone who has access to emails of residents on School, Park District, Church Boards and others to send a message to attend the meeting on March 4.

President Gougler encouraged residents to bring their children to the Open House.

Member Parcels related that in talking to Representative Beth Coulson, she was informed that the State has no money for Willow Road.

President Gougler again referred to the lack of information in the CAG minutes and questioned whether T&T and CAG members want to chronicle that IDOT is not following the Contact Sensitive Solution process.

Acting Chair Kozminski noted there is a flaw in the CAG process and that is a good point that should be brought up that discussions and comments are not being included in the Minutes and there is no record of some of the issues raised.

Member Fischer reported that they could refuse to accept/approve the minutes. They should follow up with a letter to IDOT to put them on notice that CAG members have not been allowed to have input. He also recommended filing frequent FOIA requests to find out exactly what is on record. Information has to be in the file.

Police Chief Lustig commented that it will be interesting to see who the Open House draws from the surrounding communities. There has not been a significant attendance by residents of Glenview, Northbrook or Winnetka at past CAG meetings.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m...

*The next Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting will be held **March 17, 2010** at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the first floor.*