

# MEETING MINUTES

## WILLOW ROAD STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

October 12, 2007

Attached are meeting minutes from the Steering Committee Team Meeting for the Willow Road Context-Sensitive Enhancement Plan held October 5, 2007 at the Village Hall in Northfield.

<b>Steering Committee Members</b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>
Ken Behles, Village of Winnetka		X
John Birkinbine, Village of Northfield	X	
Peter Fischer, Village of Northfield	X	
Fred Gougler, Village of Northfield	X	
Becky Hurley, Village of Winnetka		X
Mark Kurensky, Village of Winnetka		X
Ian Sherman, Village of Winnetka	X	
Scott Turban, Village of Northfield		X
<b>Alternates</b>		
Carol Kurtz, Village of Winnetka		
<b>Staff Liaisons</b>		
Stacy Sigman, Village of Northfield		X
Steve Saunders, Village of Winnetka	X	
Doug Williams, Village of Winnetka		X
<b>Consultants</b>		
Scott Freres, The Lakota Group		X
Daniel Grove, The Lakota Group	X	
Kevin Clark, The Lakota Group	X	
Mike Kerr, Christopher Burke Engineering	X	

- Lakota distributed meeting minutes for Steering Committee meetings #1-4. Minor changes, corrections and discrepancies were discussed and noted for revision. A motion to approve was made and approved by committee members.
- Additionally, Lakota distributed the results of the visual preference survey from Workshop #1 along with table discussion summaries. Scott Freres walked the committee members through the tallied results.
- Significant discussion at the meeting focused on the “need for quantities” the results of the survey through numerical statistics. It was felt that the results, many of which were expected, were only subjective or reactive responses to the images displayed. The assessment of what they fully meant could be only be the pattern of responses. It was important to say that the specific image and category presented was the “generally accepted” or “generally unaccepted” desired character.
  - This approach should be used by Lakota as they present the summary results at Workshop #2.

- Following the above discussion, Scott Freres gave a simple overview of what the next Workshop agenda and format would entail.
- It was discussed at the meeting that perhaps the third Workshop-Community meeting should be held in Winnetka, since the first two were in Northfield. This would show balance and outreach at both community levels. Discussion also noted the need to attract more Winnetka residents to this combined forum. Stacy Sigman was going to coordinate the final meeting preparation for Workshop #2. Doug Williams would handle identifying and locating a meeting location for Workshop #3 in Winnetka.
- Dates for the Workshop #3 in Winnetka were proposed for Wednesday, November 28 or Thursday, November 29. Final confirmation would be handled through Linda Gittel.
- Scott Freres handed out a draft outline press release/article for The Winnetka Talk. Committee members should forward comments and revisions to Becky Hurley or Scott Freres for final copy and submittal to "The Talk" by late Monday/early Tuesday, October 8/9.
- Committee Chair, Becky Hurley asked if there was any comment from the two public persons in attendance. Mr. Dick Kates, Winnetka resident, voiced his strong concern, that he believed this planning process was going in the wrong direction and leading people to believe the only issues being addressed on Willow Road were for aesthetic beautification, and in no way addressed the paramount need to widen the road. He believes the widening of the road to four lanes should be designed first, then fix the stated fundamental concerns of safety, aesthetics, and community character.
- There was no additional public comment...and the Chair called for motion to end the meeting at approximately 9:00am.

These minutes represent Lakota's understanding and interpretation of the issues discussed at that meeting regarding the project. Please forward any comments or clarifications onto The Lakota Group.