

THE PLAN COMMISSION

MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2023

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Plan Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. A quorum was present. Chairman Patricia Letarte, Alma Montenegro, Teresa Badillo, Linda Suwalski, Kay Frey, Lisa Manzo (Secretary), Ryan Adriatico (Planner), and Rudy Repa (Planner). All members were present.

Mr. Adriatico and Mr. Repa along with all the members of the Plan Commission welcomed new member Kay Frey to the Board.

3. Member Badillo made a motion to accept the minutes of March 22, 2023, as presented. Member Suwalski seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. New Business: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) – Grand Corridor Study Introduction

Ms. Lily Brack, who is a Planner with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) was introduced on the Village's behalf at this time. She is here to discuss the kick-off to the Grand Avenue Corridor Study that will be taking place.

She stated that the Corridor Plan develops goals for improvements along a specific street and proposes projects to address those goals. It is a technical assistance program and takes approximately 18 months to complete. Some examples of other Corridor Studies are the Prairie Path and Taft Avenue Plans, the Fox River Corridor Plan and the North Avenue Corridor Revitalization and Mobility Plan.

Ms. Brack stated that these types of studies attract funds for the Village. The map she displayed covers Grand Avenue from bordering River Grove to the east going straight to the western border.

Some key topics that will be covered by this study will be the following: the safety of vulnerable roadway users, ADA compliance, streetscaping and placemaking, and the boost of local economy and support of small businesses.

Ms. Brack discussed the next steps which is the project kickoff, then will be communication and outreach strategies, then the launching of the project website.

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Ms. Brack mentioned that they will need everyone's help in manifesting this study. She continued to give examples of the stakeholders (which would be anyone that will be affected by the plan) that should be spoken with such as residents, business owners, elected officials, students, non-profit organizations, village staff and more.

The members thanked Ms. Brack for attending this evening and giving a wonderful kick-off presentation. They look forward to working with her and CMAP.

6. Old Business: None.

7. Staff Update: None.

8. Member Montenegro made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Plan Commission. It was seconded by Member Badillo. The motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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