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VILLAGE BOARD CONSIDERS NEXT STEPS FOR TUDOR COURT

(Glenoce, Illinois)—Following an 18-month design review and public engagement effort, the Village of Glenoce Board of Trustees responded to a presentation of design alternatives for the segment of Tudor Court between Vernon Avenue and Green Bay Road at their January 10, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.

The design review of Tudor Court aligns with a recommendation of the Downtown Plan, adopted in late 2016. In the plan, Tudor Court was identified as presenting an opportunity for place-making enhancements that support the “arts core” that is emerging on Tudor Court, due in part to Writers Theatre and surrounding galleries. In developing the design alternatives for Tudor Court, the Village enlisted the assistance of urban design and landscape architecture firm Teska Associates. Teska Associates drew guidance from the Downtown Plan in addition to feedback gathered from the Village Board, the Tudor Court Stakeholder Focus Group (which consisted on representatives of Tudor Court business owners, Chamber of Commerce representatives, Writers Theatre representatives, the Glencoe Park District and the Women’s Library Club, as well as a resident of Glencoe Drive), as well as from the general community which was welcomed to give input via an open house and online survey.

The design concepts presented at the January 10 meeting were two tiered: one alternative represented baseline streetscape improvements, while the second alternative included those baseline improvements in addition to special elements to elevate the image and character of Tudor Court. The Village Board directed Village staff to move forward with planning for the baseline streetscape improvements, while also requesting additional options for various components of the special elements, such as seating and pedestrian-scale lighting.

With this direction, Teska Associates will work with Village staff to incorporate the streetscape improvements and special elements into a final design, which is expected to be presented to the Village Board in the first half of 2019. If the Village Board chooses to move forward at that time, construction could begin as soon as this fall. Elements being incorporated into the final design include:

- Realigning the roadway curb to create a designated drop off area for cars and buses, and developing a new mid-block pedestrian crossing in front of Writers Theatre;
- Enhancing the pedestrian level lighting with decorative LED bollards, and LED lighting in crosswalk pavement and planter curbs;
- Installing new clustered seating and plantings in along Friends Park, at new planter curbs and along storefronts;
- Widening the east end of Tudor Court to accommodate festivals and events;
- Terminating Glencoe Drive (which would become a dead-end street), allowing for the expansion and later renovation of the existing park located between Writers Theatre and Green Bay Road (this would be a collaborative effort between the Village and Glencoe Park District);
- Repaving the roadway and reconstructing the sidewalks, reusing the existing brick pavers where possible;
- The improvements as proposed rearrange, but retain the existing 42 parking spaces on Tudor Court and the portion of Glencoe Drive to be terminated, and also maintains existing trees. Additional landscape would include native plantings and other elements consistent with the streetscape elements in other parts of the downtown.

At this time, it is estimated that these improvements would cost approximately $1 million to $1.2 million depending on the final design elements selected and the results of the competitive bidding process.

More information about Tudor Court, the Downtown Plan and other current projects can be found online at www.villageofglencoe.org. Direct media inquiries to Megan Meyer, at mmeyer@villageofglencoe.org / (847) 461-1104.