VILLAGE BOARD APPROVES DESIGN FOR TUDOR COURT, STAFF PREPARES TO BID PROJECT

(Glencoe, Illinois)—At their March 21 Committee of the Whole meeting, the Village of Glencoe Board of Trustees directed staff to move forward with the final design and construction bidding for the street and streetscape improvements on Tudor Court between Vernon Avenue and Green Bay Road. With the Village Board’s feedback, staff will now finalize construction plans and prepare bid documents with the assistance of urban design and landscape architecture firm Teska Associates. Tentatively, the Village plans to bid the project in late spring, and bring a contract for construction to the Village Board in early summer. Construction could begin as early as August and be completed by mid-fall. A placeholder of $1.2 million was included in the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget to fund the project, although the selection of final design alternatives and the results of the bidding process will impact the ultimate project cost.

The project is planned to include the following (view current plans here):

- Grinding and resurfacing of the roadway, new concrete curb and gutter, and reconstructing the sidewalks, reusing the existing brick pavers where possible;
- 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, benches and landscaping along Friends Park, at new planter curbs and along storefronts, as well as the inclusion of additional bicycle parking near Friends Park and Writers Theatre;
- 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 area located between Writers Theatre and Green Bay Road (this would be a collaborative effort between the Village and Glencoe Park District);

As planned, the improvements retain (but reconfigure) the existing 42 parking spaces on Tudor Court and the portion of Glencoe Drive to be terminated, and also maintains existing trees. Additional landscaping would include new street trees, native plantings and other elements consistent with the streetscape elements elsewhere in the downtown.
About the Tudor Court Design Review Process
The direction to move forward with the project components stated above comes after a 20-month design review and public engagement effort, initiated as an out-growth of the Village’s Downtown Plan which was adopted in late 2016. The Downtown Plan identified an opportunity for place-making enhancements that support the “arts core” that is emerging on Tudor Court, due in large part to Writers Theatre and surrounding galleries. In developing initial design alternatives for Tudor Court, the Village enlisted the assistance of 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 of representatives from Tudor Court business owners, the Chamber of Commerce, Writers Theatre, the Glencoe Park District and the Women’s Library Club, and one resident of Glencoe Drive), as well as from the general community which was welcomed to give input via an open house and online survey.

Preliminary design concepts, which were two-tiered, were presented at the January 10 Committee of the Whole meeting. 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. The Village Board’s feedback was incorporated into the final design presented at the March 21 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

More information about the engagement process behind the Tudor Court Street/Streetscape Improvement Project, the Downtown Plan and other current projects can be found online at www.villageofglencoe.org.

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Streetscape Plan: Base Plan
Tudor Court Streetscape: Glencoe, IL

- **PARK DISTRICT PROPERTY: FRIENDS PARK**
  - Underlit retaining curb, seat wall benches, and lighted bollards
  - Brick Crosswalk with in ground LED Lighting
  - Benches and Bike Racks
  - Curb Planters
  - Potential future Park enhancements in partnership with the Park District and Writers Theatre

- **WRITERS THEATRE**
  - Brick Mid-Block Crosswalk with in ground LED Lighting
  - Benches and planters

- **TUDOR CT.**
  - Existing Tree
  - Glencoe Standard Light Pole
  - Bike Racks
  - Park Entry

- **PARK DISTRICT PROPERTY: PARK 15N**
  - Reconstructed stone retaining wall, clustered seating, and lighted bollards
  - Driveway access to remain

- **GREEN BAY RD.**
  - GLENCOE DR.
  - WRITERS THEATRE
  - SIGNATURE OF ART
  - TUDOR WINE
  - NAILS
  - BMO HARRIS BANK
  - WT ADMIN. OFFICE
  - THREE TWELVE TUDOR
  - BIEN ASSORTI

- **TUDOR CT.**
  - Existing Tree
  - Driveway access to remain

- **Bus Drop-off Zone**

- **Identity Features**
  - Planters
  - New Tree
  - Power Control

- **Tudor Court Walkway in partnership with Owner. Improvements include widened walkway, festoon lighting, movable tables and chairs, lighted bollards, and landscape screening along the fence.**