

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
PLAN COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
October 14, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Plan Commission of the Village of Glencoe, Cook County was called to order by Chairman Thomas in the Village Hall Council Chamber at 7:40 p.m. on the 14th day of October 2015.

2. ROLL CALL

The following were present:

Caren Thomas, Chairman, Public-at-Large Representative
Barbara Miller, Vice-Chairman, Village Board Representative
Ed Goodale, Zoning Board of Appeals Representative
Bruce Huvard, Public-at-Large Representative
Marya Morris, Public-at-Large Representative
Dudley Onderdonk, Glencoe Park District Representative
Tom Scheckelhoff, Historic Preservation Commission Representative

The following were absent:

Louis Goldman, Glencoe Public Library Representative
Harriet Resnick, Public-at-Large Representative
Gary Ruben, School District #35 Representative

The following were also present:

David Mau, Director of Public Works
Nathan Parch, Planning & Development Administrator
Lee Brown, Village Planner

3. CONSIDER THE SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the September 30, 2015 Plan Commission meeting were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

None

5. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF DOWNTOWN TUNEUP

Village Planner Lee Brown presented a tutorial on the purpose of planning maps and how they are used to convey varying levels of information. Example maps from various communities were shown to illustrate the range of detail that can be shown in a series of three – from the macro level to the midrange level to the micro level.

Mr. Brown shared the map for Future Land Use from the 1996 Glencoe Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Brown noted the limitations of this singular map, which

was a common approach at the time, but which only showed the intended future land use per parcel based on the color it was shaded. Planning maps have evolved in the last twenty years with advancements in geographic information systems (GIS) and new graphics capabilities that allow for the application of modern planning concepts.

Rather than continuing with the singular approach from 1996, Mr. Brown asked the Plan Commission to consider an option with more flexibility. He suggested using a series of planning maps for downtown Glencoe from three different vantage points, similar to the examples presented:

- 1) Thematic Framework (Bubble Diagrams) (*Macro level*) – As proposed, this map would show where various sub-districts have emerged in downtown that represent thematic similarities in function, types of businesses, and services offered;
- 2) Concept Maps (Application of Planning Themes) (*Midrange level*) – As proposed, this map would focus on the public areas controlled by the Village within downtown – specifically within the rights-of-way and the Village-owned parcels – including recommendations for street layout, streetscape enhancements, and wayfinding; and
- 3) “Tomorrowland” (Future Land Use and Site Specific Maps) (*Micro level*) – As proposed, this map would show conceptually how the Village-owned parcels within downtown – Public Works Garage, Temple Court parking lot, and Temple Court right-of-way – could be redeveloped with varying land uses.

It was emphasized that the maps were only in the draft stage and would be fine-tuned with input from the Plan Commission. Further discussion will continue over the next month.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice-Chairman Miller reported that Chairman Thomas would be providing members of the Village Board an update on the Downtown TuneUp on Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Goodale shared information about the Glencoe Historical Society’s current exhibit highlighting Frank Lloyd Wright’s 1912 Plan for downtown Glencoe and his collaborations with landscape architect Jens Jensen. Commissioner Goodale noted that he and Mr. Parch were in discussion about holding a future Plan Commission meeting at the Historical Society.

Commissioner Onderdonk announced that the fifth annual Buckthorn Barbeque was scheduled for Thursday, October 22nd at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

7. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING OF THE PLAN COMMISSION

The next meeting of the Plan Commission was scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2015.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Parch
Planning & Development Administrator