

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
PLAN COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
November 4, 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 7:34 p.m. on the 4th day of November 2015.

2. ROLL CALL

The following were present:

Caren Thomas, Chairman, Public-at-Large Representative
Barbara Miller, Vice-Chairman, Village Board Representative
Louis Goldman, Glencoe Public Library Representative
Ed Goodale, Zoning Board of Appeals Representative
Bruce Huvard, Public-at-Large Representative
Dudley Onderdonk, Glencoe Park District Representative
Gary Ruben, School District #35 Representative
Tom Scheckelhoff, Historic Preservation Commission Representative

The following were absent:

Marya Morris, Public-at-Large Representative
Harriet Resnick, Public-at-Large Representative

The following were also present:

Nathan Parch, Planning & Development Administrator
Lee Brown, Village Planner

3. CONSIDER THE OCTOBER 14, 2015 PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the October 14, 2015 Plan Commission meeting were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

None

5. DISCUSSION AND OVERVIEW OF OCTOBER 28TH PLAN COMMISSION MEETING

Chairman Thomas stated that the Plan Commission hosted a public meeting at the Glencoe Historical Society (GHS), 375 Park Avenue, on Wednesday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m. for a special presentation highlighting the 1912 collaboration of architect Frank Lloyd Wright and landscape architect Jens Jensen on plans for downtown Glencoe and neighboring parklands. The collaboration was unknown until recently when the GHS received and compared copies of Wright's designs from the Wright Foundation in Scottsdale, Arizona with copies of Jensen's designs from the Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan. Together the designs, both dated

December 1912, proposed a sophisticated plan of landscape plantings and trellis structures intended to create gateways into downtown.

Commissioners shared their thoughts on the presentation and agreed that a return visit to the GHS would be helpful especially for those that were unable to attend on the 28th. It was agreed that staff would inquire with the GHS about a second meeting/presentation on November 18th.

6. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF DOWNTOWN TUNEUP

As a follow-up to the planning map tutorial at the October 14th meeting, Village Planner Lee Brown shared his recommendations for a series of planning maps documenting existing and proposed conditions within and surrounding downtown Glencoe. Mr. Brown proceeded to present a series of planning maps for downtown from three vantage points: (1) the macro level; (2) the midrange level; and (3) the micro level.

Recommendations:

- 1) Thematic Framework (Bubble Diagrams) (*Macro level*) – This map showed various sub-areas in downtown that represent thematic similarities in function, types of businesses, and services offered. The intent of this map would be to document existing conditions;
- 2) Concept Maps (Application of Planning Themes) (*Midrange level*) – This map focused on recommendations for the public areas controlled by the Village within downtown – specifically within the rights-of-way and the Village-owned parcels – including street layout, streetscape enhancements, wayfinding, gateway features, outdoor room framing, and others. The intent of this map would be to illustrate recommended future improvements primarily within the rights-of-way; and
- 3) “Tomorrowland” (Future Land Use and Site Specific Maps) (*Micro level*) – These maps 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. The intent of these maps would be to graphically depict the parcels as redeveloped for illustrative purposes only.

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 few months.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Scheckelhoff stated that the Historic Preservation Commission was working toward adding information to the Village’s website regarding the historically and architecturally significant properties within the Village.

8. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING OF THE PLAN COMMISSION

The next few meetings of the Plan Commission were tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th and Wednesday, December 16th.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Parch
Planning & Development Administrator