

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
PLAN COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
February 11, 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 6:30 p.m. on the 11th day of February 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 Huvad, Public-at-Large Representative
Marya Morris, Public-at-Large Representative
Seth Palatnik, Glencoe Park District Representative (*arrived 6:55 p.m.*)
Harriet Resnick, Public-at-Large Representative
Gary Ruben, School District #35 Representative
Tom Scheckelhoff, Historic Preservation Commission Representative

The following were absent:

Louis Goldman, Glencoe Public Library Representative

The following were also present:

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

3. CONSIDER THE JANUARY 28, 2015 PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the January 28, 2015 Plan Commission meeting were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

None

5. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF DOWNTOWN TUNEUP

The Plan Commission hosted its seventh panel discussion as part of the Downtown TuneUp planning process. The panel was focused on transit and featured the following representatives:

- (1) Heather Tabbert, Manager, Local Planning and Programs, Regional Transportation Authority;
- (2) Steven Andrews, Community Relations Representative, Pace; and

(3) David Kralik, Division Strategic Capital Planning, Metra.

Panelists recognized that Glencoe has great transit options, more so than many other communities. Passenger counts were shared supporting the robust ridership on the Metra Union Pacific North Line and Pace 213 Green Bay Road Route in both directions. Initiatives were also shared for vanpooling, rapid bus service, and bikes on trains and buses.

Panelists shared their observations on possible conflicts between pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles (cars, buses, trains) within and adjacent to downtown and what types of improvements could be made to improve safety.

Panelists also shared ideas on how to encourage more visitors to stop in downtown Glencoe who are visiting nearby attractions like the Chicago Botanic Garden and Ravinia Park or cycling through town on the Green Bay Trail.

Following discussion between panelists and members of the Plan Commission, several ideas emerged warranting further consideration, including:

- Installation of a uniform way-finding system directing people to downtown Glencoe from the Metra station, bus stops, bike trails, and commonly traveled roadways highlighting what food options, shops, etc. are available there;
- Development of additional multi-family housing downtown recognizing the growing trend of people wanting to live near public transit;
- The addition of more bike parking options in downtown; and
- The addition of a midblock pedestrian crossing on Green Bay Road between Lincoln Ave. and Tudor Ct. recognizing that many cross midblock and do not utilize the controlled intersection at Park Ave.

Debbie Dresner, 614 Sheridan Rd., suggested an expansion in the 213 bus route to include service to the new development at Dundee and Skokie Blvd.

Scott Padiak, 1170 Terrace Ct., shared his suggestions and concerns as a cyclist.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

7. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING OF THE PLAN COMMISSION

The next meeting of the Plan Commission was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 2015.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Parch
Planning & Development Administrator