

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2002 AT 7:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

OFFICIAL RECORD:

REGULAR
MEETING
11/18/2002

PRESENT: Trustees Carpenter, Ebner, Gockel, Hodge-West, Kostopulos and Turner and President Trapani

ABSENT: None

QUORUM: President Trapani convened the Regular meeting of the Village Board at 7:30 p.m. and declared that a quorum was present.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Trustee Ebner, seconded by Trustee Hodge-West, that the Minutes of the regular meeting of November 4, 2002 be adopted as submitted. The motion was adopted, with President Trapani abstaining, as she was not in attendance at the November 4, 2002 meeting.

MINUTES
OF 11/04/02
APPROVED

APPOINTMENT:

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It was moved by Trustee Kostopulos, seconded by Trustee Turner to concur in the following appointment by President Trapani:

Community Design Commission

Appointment of Mark Menzies, as member, for a term to expire September 5, 2005.

RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL CANVASSING BOARD RE: GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 5, 2002 ON PUBLIC POLICY QUESTION REGARDING CITIZEN INPUT CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION
OF LOCAL
CANVASSING
BOARD
ADOPTED

It was moved by Trustee Ebner, seconded by Trustee Kostopulos, that the proposed Resolution titled RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL CANVASSING BOARD GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 5, 2002 be adopted as submitted, a true and correct copy of said Resolution 2002-R-180A herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk. The motion was unanimously adopted.

The election results concerning the participation of citizen input during the preparation and approval process of development planning in the Village was as

follows:

14,082 votes were cast in favor

02,187 votes were cast against

PRESENTATION: CAVALCADE OF PRIDE AWARDS

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President Trapani stated that Mr. Joe Socki, Chair of the Community Design Commission, would be announcing the Cavalcade of Pride awards for 2002. Mr. Socki explained that the awards recognize the properties in the Village that demonstrate "superior maintenance and beautification" and which show an investment of time and effort by their owners. The Village is divided into nine zones for single-family residential properties in the Village, with one winner being chosen from each zone.

Mr. Socki asked President Trapani to present awards to the following:

SINGLE-FAMILY PROPERTY

Zone 1

John & Monique Behr
914 N. Kenilworth

Zone 6

Dana & Brian Fojtik
125 N. Euclid

Zone 2

Craig & Alisha Volpe
800 N. Oak Park

Zone 7

Simon & Tracy Richards
1163 S. Wenonah

Zone 3

Joseph McDonald & Madeleine Raymond
547 N. Cuyler

Zone 8

Jane & Stuart Swibel
1151 S. Elmwood

Zone 4

Matt & Kathy Kelleher
401 N. Kenilworth

Zone 9

Paul & Lisa Chernyshev
1169 S. Cuyler

Zone 5

Ralph & Jody Gerbie
231 N. Euclid

MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTY

Mirabel Court Condos
612-622 Harrison

Award accepted by: Benny Scianna

Oak Park Club

721 Ontario

Award accepted by: Barbara Oppenheim and Lynne Higgins

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Photography by Ebert
227 S. Marion

Cosi Restaurant
1101 Lake

BLOCK AWARD

The homes of Elizabeth Court

SPECIAL AWARD

Percy Julian Middle School
School District 97

Joint Award Presented to: John C. Fagan, Superintendent
Victoria Sharts, Principal

Austin Gardens
1100 Ontario

Joint Award Presented to: The Park District of Oak Park
The Austin Gardens Trust

GARDEN AWARD

Tom Defanti & Kathy Tanaka
628 N. Oak Park

Marcia & Gary Myers
159 N.

BEST RENOVATED PROPERTY

921 Ontario Condo Association
921 Ontario

Kelli & Tom Kline
209 S. Grove

BEST SIGN

Oak Park Dental Studio
Joseph A. Lepkowski, DDS.
6630 Roosevelt

Unique Freaque, Ltd.
121 N. Kenilworth
Award Presented to:
Catherine Sutherland

GOOD NEIGHBOR

Buona Beef Catering
6833 Roosevelt
Award Presented to: John Gil, Director of Marketing

Congratulations and thanks were offered to all winners. Mr. Socki noted that the plaque for the homes on Elizabeth Court will be displayed in Village Hall throughout the year. Mr. Socki also stated that there would be a reception for the award winners in Room 101.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

David von Ebers, 526 S. Highland, stated he is here with three of his neighbors and wanted to share with the Board their concerns relating to the proposal to develop the property that formerly was the P. M. Smith Funeral Home and the property across the street that was used by the funeral home as a parking lot. They are concerned that the Village is interested in developing a parking structure to provide between 200-250 parking spaces. They are requesting that the Village include the residents, particularly in this area, in the development plans and that a study be conducted.

John Murphy, 537 S. Highland, also expressed his concerns about the development of the property at the southeast corner of Madison/Highland. He wanted to impress upon the Board that their decision will have an enormous impact for years to come and that this development will need enormous vision, leadership and hard work. He asked that the Village include the active participation of the residents in the development as well as the design phase.

Robert Bole, 516 S. Highland, reported that he and his fellow residents first became aware of the Village's RFP for the development of the Madison/Highland site in a newspaper article. He said no one from the Village informed any of the residents of this proposal. He stated that there seems to be only one strict requirement and that is that the developer include a 200-car parking garage not to exceed two stories, in addition to any parking required by the rest of the project. He went on to say that it indicates in Appendix I of the RPF that there has already been interaction between the Village and potential users of the site and that the potential developer may need to address the possible need for a loading dock and commercial grade drains similar to those of an 8,000 to 10,000 square foot restaurant. Mr. Bole stated that the neighbors are unanimous in their decision to not accept a fast food restaurant in their backyards. He further stated that they have requested a detailed quantitative needs assessment detailing why there should be a multi-story parking garage at the end of the block.

Bruce Samuels, 613 S. Lombard, asked that the Village request input from residents before an RFP is publicized.

Rose Meyer, 1111 Holley Court, spoke to the issue of the quality of life and that the Village needs to include the residents in their development plans. She stated she is not anti-development but as a spokesperson for more than 200 residents of the Holley Court Terrace Retirement Community, their fear is that their concerns are not taken seriously.

Ruth Hamilton, 1111 Holley Court, stated that the concern should be for the people who already live in Oak Park as opposed to those who hope to move here in

the proposed development on the corner of Ontario and Harlem. She also stated that the quality of life should be more important than money.

Kathleen Mullaghy, Executive Director, Holley Court Terrace, addressed the Board regarding the impact of the development on the corner of Ontario and Harlem to their business which is Holley Court Terrace. Since people have heard about this development, they are deciding to look elsewhere to live and many of those who live at Holley Court are considering moving. One of the comments I heard was, "Who wants to look into an 18-story building"? One of the existing residents was considering moving from the west side to the east side of the building but then found out from the newspaper about the development of the Bank One parking lot on the east side of the building. Many of the residents at Holley Court have been long-time residents of Oak Park and chose to stay in the Village. This 18-story building (on the west side) will have a very negative impact on our business and we ask that the recently passed referendum be considered. I saw a map of our neighborhood and I believe there are about five different developments that are being proposed within blocks of our retirement community. Where is the vision for our neighborhood? We also ask to be included in a meaningful, inclusive process.

Nina Ackerman, 1111 Ontario, cited her concern about the impact of transportation and the density of traffic with the addition of 200 apartments and 600 parking spaces. She stated that it would be more than the area can bear. She requested a transportation survey be taken.

Steve Glickman, 1136 Ontario, read aloud a letter to the Board and then distributed copies. The letter was signed by 89 residents of the Village which in part asks the Village Board to implement the open planning process for the Harlem/Ontario development site and that Oak Parkers want more involvement in the development process. It also urged the Village Board to give full disclosure at every step of the process and ample opportunity for citizen input.

Debra McQueen, 1022 Ontario, stated that the points she wanted to make have already been made but she wanted to reiterate and add strength to them. She said in her discussions with neighbors that they are quite alarmed and upset about what is going to happen. They share the same emotion that they want to be part of the process before a development becomes a done deal.

Ron Murphy said he would pass because his neighbors have already covered the subject matter and that he echoes their sentiments.

President Trapani wanted to explain the steps in the process. The Village Board instructs staff to prepare a request for development but it is never a done deal. She further stated that there are several processes in place that have to be followed as they have followed in the past and will continue to follow. Staff from the Development Team reviews any proposal received from a developer, the Village Board then reviews it and refers it to the Plan Commission which is made up of citizens who live in Oak Park. The Plan Commission conducts public hearings. When appropriate the Plan Commission will incorporate comments made at the hearings into their findings that they present to the Village Board. The Village Board may require additional

hearings where citizens have the opportunity to give their input. It is an open planning process. She further stated that there have been a number of projects that the Board has rejected.

She also said the Board would be remiss if they didn't consider expanding the tax base but money alone is never the sole consideration.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing on the Village of Oak Park's Proposed 2003 Annual Budget

Finance Director Greg Peters explained that State law requires the Village Board of Trustees to conduct a public hearing on the proposed annual budget prior to its adoption in order that citizens have the opportunity to comment on the proposed capital budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2003. The legal notice was published October 9 and copies of the proposed budget have been available for public inspection at Village Hall, the main library and the two branch libraries.

The Village Board conducted a number of budget study sessions. The total proposed spending is \$127,795,405 and includes \$18,324,324 in interfund transfers. To summarize, the proposal is to maintain or improve all current program levels for the Village. Additionally, there are proposals incorporated in a multitude of the various Village funds that do increase a service delivery and enhancement by increasing positions in the Building and Property Standards Department, Health Department, the Public Works Department as well as positions in the parking fund. There is a continued emphasis on the Village's Capital Improvements Program, with a total of over \$16 million being budgeted for various capital improvements and enterprise funds. Over \$12 million has been directed for expenditures for the completion of the library building on Lake Street. He added, that the proposed 2003 budget does not include a property tax increase. In fact, the combined Village and library taxes for next year is .91% less than the extended 2001 levy currently being collected by Cook County. This particular item will be discussed at the next Board meeting on December 2 during our Truth in Taxation hearing.

Mr. Peters also stated that there will be a 4% increase in the water rate relating to pass-through costs from the City of Chicago from January 1. There is also a proposed incorporated liquor tax increase from 2 to 3% and the implementation of a natural gas use tax for purchases that are currently exempt from the Village utility tax. This means that those businesses and/or residents that have been purchasing gas from a natural gas supplier are currently not paying a utility tax that would be normally collected. This increase is to replace that particular lost revenue.

We also incorporated a one-cent per pack cigarette tax. And additionally, there will be some adjusted permit fees and business license fees.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill Higgins, 721 Ontario, asked what direction does the Board give the

staff to prepare this budget.

President Trapani answered that the Board directs staff to prepare the budget. The Finance Director and his staff, with input from the Village Manager and his staff, prepare the numbers. Throughout the year at various meetings staff is directed to maintain or increase certain programs. The Village Manager must adjust that budget to meet our requirements for maintaining and/or increasing programmatic services.

Barbara Mullarkey, 204 S. Elmwood, asked the following questions, "What is the total dollar amount for consultants? What is the total dollar amount for the contingency funds? What are the top ten highest expenditures and expenses in all of the funds, their names and specific dollar amounts? What are the top ten highest revenue names in all the funds and specific dollar amounts? What are the top ten highest administration salaries, officials' names and specific dollar amounts? What specific budget cuts are the President and Trustees considering? What is the percentage increase in total budget for last five years? What is the percentage increase in total fees for the past five years for residents?"

Ms. Mullarkey also suggested that next year's budget study sessions be open to residents so they can question particular budget areas. She then asked when she could expect answers to her questions.

President Trapani informed Ms. Mullarkey that she could find the answers in a copy of the budget. President Trapani said all of the information Ms. Mullarkey is looking for is listed by department and by the programs from which the various funds are allocated. She suggested that Ms. Mullarkey meet with Finance Director Peters and he can direct Ms. Mullarkey to the precise pages needed.

Consent Agenda

C. Resolutions for TIF Districts Increment Distribution

1. Resolution Declaring a Distribution of \$157,811.38 in Tax Increment Revenues from the Madison Street TIF District to Taxing Districts Based Upon 2001 Tax Rates

Resolution 2002-R-180B entitled **RESOLUTION DECLARING A DISTRIBUTION OF \$157,811.38 IN TAX INCREMENT REVENUES FROM THE MADISON STREET TIF DISTRICT TO TAXING DISTRICTS BASED UPON 2001 TAX RATES** was submitted for adoption.

2. Resolution Declaring a Distribution of \$1,178,232.81 in Tax Increment Revenues from the Madison Street TIF District to Taxing Districts Based Upon 2001 Tax Rates

President Trapani wanted to clarify that the word "Downtown Oak Park" should be stated in #2 of this two-part resolution instead of the words "Madison Street."

Trustee Ebner asked Mr. Peters if each of these TIF's has two tax codes and if so, would he explain why.

Mr. Peters answered yes, they do. He said that it would be easier to explain Downtown because downtown has two tax codes; the Downtown TIF extends basically all the way from Harlem to East Avenue. Back in the early '70's, there was a Special Service Area that was created by the Village and because of that there are two different areas of the TIF that have different taxing districts. When the TIF was created in 1983, the county had to split it into two tax agency codes.

The school district takes their tax rate and applies it to the entire EAV of the district to determine how many dollars they would have received if the TIF didn't exist, that is their deficiency amount. They receive 22 1/2 %.

Trustee Gockel commented that about 13% will actually be distributed to the Village. He asked if that money goes into the General Fund. Mr. Peters answered no, it's reflected to the general Corporate Fund and in the Downtown TIF distribution. The Village will receive \$140,000 next year which is budgeted as a revenue source for operations.

Resolution 2002-R-181 entitled **RESOLUTION DECLARING A DISTRIBUTION OF \$1,178,232.81 IN TAX INCREMENT REVENUES FROM THE DOWNTOWN OAK PARK TIF DISTRICT TO TAXING DISTRICTS BASED UPON 2001 TAX RATES** was submitted for adoption.

D. Resolutions Authorizing Execution of Lease Agreements to Provide Spaces For Public Parking Permits

1. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Lease Between the Village of Oak Park and First Bank of Oak Park for the Usage of Lot 99-A Located at North Avenue and Austin Boulevard

Resolution 2002-R-182 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF PARKING LOT LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE FIRST BANK OF OAK PARK** was submitted for adoption.

2. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Lease Between the Village of Oak Park and the First Bank of Oak Park for the Usage of Lot 27 Located at Humphrey Avenue North of Madison Street

Resolution 2002-R-183 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF PARKING LOT LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THE FIRST BANK OF OAK PARK** was submitted for adoption.

E. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Commercial Electronic Systems, Inc. (CES) for the Installation of Security Monitor-

ing Equipment for the Central Water Pumping Station, Public Works Offices, and Vehicle Storage Building

Trustee Kostopulos asked if this was in addition to the security that we've had in these areas. Mr. Swenson answered yes, this is an additional telemetry system that we would like to add to allow for central monitoring by camera of some of those facilities that are now being monitored without the use of electronic assistance.

Trustee Carpenter said she had two questions. She noted that in the commentary it stated that there's an optional comprehensive maintenance plan for the second and third years. After the third year, what would comprehensive maintenance include and how would it be monitored after that? Mr. Swenson explained that after the agreement has expired, we can purchase an extended maintenance agreement or we would provide the maintenance ourselves and replace parts as needed.

Trustee Carpenter then asked if the closed circuit system is monitored at the police station. Acting Public Works Director, Ray Wiggins said it would be monitored at Holley Court.

Resolution 2002-R-184 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH COMMERCIAL ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC. (CES) FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SECURITY MONITORING EQUIPMENT FOR THE CENTRAL WATER PUMPING STATION, PUBLIC WORKS OFFICES, AND VEHICLE STORAGE BUILDING** was submitted for adoption.

F. Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Two (2) 2003 Chevrolet Impalas with Police Packages from Miles Chevrolet through the State of IL Joint Purchasing Program, Waiving the Village's Bid Process

Mr. Peters stated that the Village was able to take advantage of several suggestions made by Trustee Turner during the budget process. One was to review the pricing of CNG vehicles and two, was the refurbishment of the street sweepers which saved the Village roughly \$40,000.

Resolution 2002-R-185 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2003 CHEVROLET IMPALAS WITH POLICE PACKAGES FROM MILES CHEVROLET OF DECATUR, IL THROUGH THE STATE OF IL JOINT PURCHASING PROGRAM, WAIVING THE VILLAGE'S BID PROCESS** was submitted for adoption.

G. Resolution Approving 2003 Action Plan and Authorizing Submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Joel Sheffel, 113 N. Humphrey, thanked the Village Board and CDCAC on behalf of the West Suburban Access News Association for the grant and the vote of confidence extended to this new organization.

Resolution 2002-R-186 entitled **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2003 ACTION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT** was submitted for adoption.

- H. Resolution Authorizing Free Parking in Business Districts at Parking Meters During the 2002 Holiday Season

Resolution 2002-R-187 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FREE PARKING IN BUSINESS DISTRICTS AT PARKING METERS DURING THE 2002 HOLIDAY SEASON** was submitted for adoption.

- I. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Three-Year Agreements for Tree Trimming and Tree Removal Services

- 1. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Three-Year Agreement with B. Haney & Son, Inc., Lombard, Illinois for Tree Trimming Services

Resolution 2002-R-188 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH B. HANEY & SON, INC., LOMBARD, ILLINOIS FOR TREE TRIMMING SERVICES** was submitted for adoption.

- 2. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Three-Year Agreement with B. Haney & Son, Inc., Lombard, Illinois for Tree Removal Services

Resolution 2002-R-189 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH B. HANEY & SON, INC., LOMBARD, ILLINOIS FOR TREE REMOVAL SERVICES** was submitted for adoption.

- 3. Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Three-Year Agreement with Winkler Tree Service, La Grange Park, Illinois for Tree Removal Services

Resolution 2002-R-190 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH WINKLER TREE SERVICE, LA GRANGE PARK, ILLINOIS FOR TREE REMOVAL SERVICES** was submitted for adoption.

President Trapani asked if there were any questions. Trustee Hodge-West asked for clarification of the process regarding the women and minority firms who attended the pre-bid meetings. After a short question and answer period, Trustee Hodge-West understood the process.

Trustee Carpenter asked at what stage is the Village regarding the pruning cycle. Mr. Semelka explained that originally the Village was divided into six sections but that was changed to four. In the last four years all of the trees have been pruned in the Village. We are again at the beginning of the four-year trim cycle.

- J. Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Fire Department Personal Property to the Hull, Iowa Volunteer Fire Department

Ordinance 2002-O-57 entitled **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TO THE HULL, IOWA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** was submitted for adoption.

- Q. Resolution Authorizing the Village to Enter into a Contract with Orlando Lopez Construction to Perform Code Compliance Work on the First Floor Space of 1121 Lake Street

Mr. Swenson noted that there is a budget ordinance allowing for that construction.

Resolution 2002-R-191 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ORLANDO LOPEZ CONSTRUCTION TO PERFORM CODE COMPLIANCE WORK ON THE 1ST FLOOR SPACE OF 1121 LAKE STREET** was submitted for adoption.

1. Ordinance Amending the 2002 Annual Budget to Provide an Additional \$42,900 for Construction Services in the Downtown Special Tax Allocation Fund

Ordinance 2002-O-58 entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2002 ANNUAL BUDGET TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL \$42,900 FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES IN THE PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT/ACQUISITION PROGRAM OF THE DOWNTOWN SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND** was submitted for adoption.

Approval of Consent Agenda

President Trapani asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It was moved by Trustee Ebner, seconded by Trustee Hodge-West, to approve the items under the Consent Agenda. True and correct copies of the Resolutions and Ordinances are to be filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Carpenter, Ebner, Gockel, Hodge-West, Kostopulos and Turner and President Trapani

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Regular Agenda

- K. Resolution and Ordinance Related to Euclid Terrace Redevelopment Agreement
1. Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a First Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement between the Village and the Euclid Terraces, L.L.C. as Developer
 2. Ordinance Amending the 2002 Annual Budget to Provide an Additional \$850,000 for Construction Services in the Downtown Special Tax Allocation Fund

It was moved by Trustee Ebner, and seconded by Trustee Carpenter, that Ordinance 2002-O-59 entitled **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND THE EUCLID TERRACES, L.L.C. AS DEVELOPER** and Ordinance 2002-O-60 entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2002 ANNUAL BUDGET TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL \$850,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES IN THE PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT/ ACQUISITION PROGRAM OF THE DOWNTOWN SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND** be adopted as submitted, a true and correct copy of said Resolution and Ordinance herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

Trustee Kostopulos requested that an addendum be added to this agreement in which the contractor gives a breakdown of his work so that the Board could monitor this project. Mr. Swenson assured him that it would be incorporated.

Trustee Hodge-West mentioned some concerns she had regarding item K 1. Mr. Heise explained that the Village can have title commitment, if they choose, on an ongoing basis because there is a guarantee as part of this contract stating that this work will be submitted lien free.

Trustee Hodge-West asked if the Developer's fees and management fees are included in the \$850,000. Mr. Heise said yes.

The roll call on the vote is as follows:

AYES: Trustees Carpenter, Ebner, Gockel, Hodge -West, Kostopulos and Turner and President Trapani

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Citizens Advisory Boards and Commissions

Parking & Traffic Commission Recommendations

- L. Recommendation to Deny a Petition to Install a Traffic Diverter and On-Street Overnight Permit Parking on the 1150 Block of South Kenilworth Avenue
1. Do not install a traffic diverter on the 1150 block of South Kenilworth Avenue
 2. Do not add any on-street overnight permit parking
 3. Do not make any changes in the traffic patterns or parking patterns at this time

President Trapani asked Mr. Murtha, Chairperson of the Parking and Traffic Commission if he would answer questions.

Trustee Gockel asked Mr. Murtha if he or the Commission have any points of view with respect to the right-in and right-out only diverters. Mr. Murtha stated not in regard to this project, but in general that type of treatment is recommended in areas where there is a high collision rate.

Trustee Gockel then asked Mr. Murtha to comment on the issue mentioned in Minutes from the Parking & Traffic Commission that permit holders in a particular parking lot are required to leave by 7:00 a.m. Mr. Murtha stated that 24-hour parking is an issue in the Village and people do not have a place to leave their car while they go to work so they take their car with them.

Trustee Kostopulos commented that the proposal to close off Kenilworth at Roosevelt Road would only create the same traffic problem that exists near North Avenue and Lindberg Park. He asked if Mr. Murtha would substantiate his view. Mr. Murtha stated that Village staff was requested to investigate, a little further, and based upon their information this proposal was not necessary.

Trustee Carpenter asked if adding something similar to speed bumps or speed patches would reduce cars from speeding through the alleys.

Trustee Kostopulos explained that a study was done in the area between Oak Park Avenue, Ridgeland, Lake and Chicago regarding high school parking and traffic. Staff has been doing a series of studies in an attempt to minimize the parking and traffic problems in the whole area as opposed to block by block. We will have hearings in the next month or so.

Trustee Ebner reiterated that citizens bring a petition to the Parking and Traffic Commission requesting a parking study in their particular area. From those studies we are able to generate information where there are available lots

which reduces the need for overnight parking on the street. She stated that she agrees with the Parking and Traffic Commission.

It was moved Trustee Ebner, seconded by Trustee Gockel, to **ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PARKING & TRAFFIC COMMISSION TO DENY A PETITION TO INSTALL A TRAFFIC DIVERTER AND ON-STREET OVERNIGHT PERMIT PARKING ON THE 1150 BLOCK OF SOUTH KENILWORTH AVENUE**

President Trapani called for a voice vote. The recommendation was unanimously approved.

Historic Preservation Commission Recommendations

- M. Ordinance Authorizing Amendment to Section 7-9-8F of the Village Code, Relating to Historic Landmarks Designating 1027 Chicago Avenue, 223 N. Euclid Avenue and 1139 Randolph Street as Oak Park Landmarks as Reviewed at the November 4, 2002 Village Board Meeting

It was moved by Trustee Kostopulos, seconded by Trustee Turner, that Ordinance 2002-O-61 entitled **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF SECTION 7-9-8F OF THE VILLAGE CODE RELATING TO HISTORIC LANDMARKS** be adopted as submitted, a true and correct copy of said Ordinance herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk

- N. Motion to Accept Historic Preservation Commission Resolution and Findings with Regard to the Nomination of 300-304 N. Grove Avenue/818 Erie Street as an Oak Park Landmark and Direct Staff to Prepare an Ordinance Designating 300-304 N. Grove Avenue/818 Erie Street an an Oak Park Landmark

It was moved by Trustee Turner, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to **ACCEPT THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION AND FINDINGS WITH REGARD TO THE NOMINATION OF 300-304 N. GROVE AVENUE/818 ERIE STREET AS AN OAK PARK LANDMARK AND DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING 300-304 N. GROVE AVENUE/818 ERIE STREET AS AN OAK PARK LANDMARK.**

President Trapani called for a voice vote. The motion was unanimously adopted.

- O. Motion to Accept Historic Preservation Commission Resolution and Findings with Regard to the Nomination of 321 N. Euclid as an Oak Park Landmark and Direct Staff to Prepare an Ordinance Designating 321 N. Euclid Avenue as an Oak Park Landmark

It was moved by Trustee Kostopulos, seconded by Trustee Hodge-West, to **ACCEPT THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION AND FINDINGS WITH REGARD TO THE NOMINATION OF 321 N. EUCLID**

AS AN OAK PARK LANDMARK AND DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING 321 N. EUCLID AS AN OAK PARK LANDMARK.

President Trapani called for a voice vote. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Liquor Control Review Board Recommendation

- R. Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Article 8 of the Code of the Village of Oak Park - Creation of Package Liquor C1 License for Dominick's Finer Foods, 259 Lake Street

President Trapani wished to clarify the fact that if Safeway, the owner of the Dominick's food chain, sells Dominick's that the liquor license is not transferable.

Roberta Larsen, 141 S. Scoville, spoke in favor of granting the C 1 liquor license to Dominick's. She stated that there are other stores that sell liquor in Oak Park and she feels that Dominick's should have the same privilege which would also keep people shopping in Oak Park instead of going out of the community.

It was moved by Trustee Kostopulos, seconded by Trustee Ebner, that Ordinance 2002-O-62 entitled **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 8 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK – CREATION OF PACKAGE LIQUOR C1 LICENSE FOR DOMINICK'S FINER FOODS, 259 LAKE STREET** be submitted for adoption.

Trustee Hodge-West commented that she hopes Dominick's will rethink the reduction of its Asian food section.

Trustee Carpenter stated her concern that Dominick's would be steadfast in monitoring the sale of alcohol and that minors are strictly prohibited from purchasing any alcohol. She asked how Dominick's trains its employees, how they are supervised and that it is important that liquor is kept in a separate section of the store.

Mike Mallon, Vice-President of Real Estate for Dominick's stated that Dominick's understands that obtaining a liquor license is a privilege in Oak Park and that they take it very seriously. He said Dominick's takes extreme measures to make sure that every employee is very familiar with the store's policies and procedures as it relates to the sale of alcohol. The BASSET training program is mandatory. It is against the law to sell alcohol to a minor and anyone who sells alcohol to a minor will be fired immediately. If anyone looks under the age of 30, they will have to provide proof of age before the sale is completed.

Mark Gartland, Chairperson for the Liquor Control Review Board, said that the Liquor Control Review Board currently requires that liquor be checked out at a separate cash register. Several months ago, the Liquor Control Review Board requested that this practice be reversed. It is a great inconvenience to the shoppers

when they have to remove items from their basket to check out a second time.

President Trapani stated that she has talked to the Village Clerk and the Village Manager and perhaps the Village Attorney can review this ordinance and make the necessary modifications and then after Mr. Gartland has held a public hearing it can be referred back to the Board.

Trustee Gockel asked if the fact that an employee will be fired for selling alcohol to a minor is stated in the union contract, Mr. Mallon answered yes.

Trustee Hodge-West commended Wynona Redmond and the consultants and the residents for the classic example of a collaborative process. She said that they did a stellar job.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Carpenter, Ebner, Gockel, Hodge-West, Kostopulos and Turner and President Trapani

NAYS: None

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Village Manager Reports

P. Reports:

(1) Village Board Calendars November and December

(2) Receipt of Grant for Study to Cap the Eisenhower

Village Manager Swenson reported the good news that the Village received a grant for \$250,000 for a study of capping the Eisenhower Expressway. He said this grant is due to the efforts of our representatives in Springfield, Illinois and comes from the Governor's Illinois Tomorrow Program. It is specifically designated to update the 1987 study regarding the capping of the Eisenhower Expressway.

President Trapani praised Pete Dame, Assistant to the Village Manager for his extraordinary recall and said that he has been an invaluable resource working on the IKE project.

Trustee Gockel inquired how the Village plans to spend this grant. Mr. Dame stated that the grant has two main purposes: 1) to update on a technical basis the feasibilities of the cap in Oak Park, particularly as it relates to IDOT's current planning processes and 2) undertake a public planning process to engage the community as to the needs for dealing with the Eisenhower as it currently stands.

Trustee Gockel asked if people with engineering expertise will be involved in the project and if the Board could expect a report within the next couple of

weeks. Mr. Swenson said the working group is proposing to conclude its recommendations by the end of January and asked Trustee Gockel if that is an acceptable time frame. Trustee Gockel said yes.

Trustee Kostopulos asked if capping the Eisenhower is a reality. President Trapani commented that the Village hopes to see some remediation which may or may not include a cap. It actually has the potential to create green space.

Trustee Turner questioned where are we with the funding. Mr. Dame responded that IDOT will do an environmental assessment and write an environmental statement. On or before December 3, we will be concluding the report.

Trustee Hodge-West thanked Mr. Dame for the reports. She then asked when the confidential information from the Community Development Services would be ready. Mr. Swenson answered that he will double-check and ask Mr. Chen to contact her.

A motion was made by Trustee Turner, seconded by Trustee Hodge-West to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously adopted and the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

SUBMITTED AND RECORDED IN
THE OFFICE OF:

By: Susan McMahan
Administrative Secretary

