

Approved Minutes

Reinventing Government Committee

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

7:00 pm

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Room 130.

Present: Trustee Johnson, Trustee Tucker, President Abu-Taleb. Trustee Brewer was absent but called in to the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Also in attendance: Village Manager Cara Pavlicek, Assistant Village Manager Cole, Village Attorney Stephanides, Building and Property Standards Manager Witt, and Housing Programs Manager Grossman.

II. Minutes

Trustee Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of October 8, 2013. Seconded by Trustee Tucker. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

III. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

IV. New Business

There was no new business

V. Old Business

a. Partner Letters: There was discussion about reaching out by the members of the Village Board to the Visit OP and Arts Council to be successful. Trustee Tucker advised he has a meeting scheduled.

Regarding the Arts Strategic Plan Trustee Johnson stated ample direction has been provided in the past and as part of the transition with Trustee Brewer as the new Trustee Liaison.

In regards to Visit Oak Park it was discussed that thought should be given to how they work in order for meaningful feedback. Concern was expressed that the Village has fragmented marketing dollars by contracting with multiple entities for marketing. The potential and/or existence of mission creep of both Visit OP and OP Area Arts Council was discussed.

It was noted that the letters being sent by the Village are emphasizing that FY14 is the year to make big improvements to continue to receive Village funding in the future.

1. What is the role and future of the Visitor Center
2. What do they need to do to continue to receive Village funding

Trustee Brewer joined the meeting by telephone pursuant to the Village policy for electronic meeting participation.

Trustees Brewer and Johnson concurred that a Public Art Strategic Plan is needed to bring more efficiency and meaningful sight selection process.

It was agreed that the Village needs to support a single coordinated arts program.

Discussion moved to a review of software for licensing, permitting and inspections in BPS. In response to President Abu-Taleb, BPS Manager Witt described why there is not “off-the shelf” software and some audit review is needed prior to software design/purchase.

Trustee Brewer asked about the CISC needing more work, Manager Pavlicek affirmed they did the follow-up.

Trustee Johnson noted that he does not want a people soft situation where we have over engineered complicated software that employees cannot be easily trained on how to use. In addition, he complimented the mission statement.

There was consensus for expenditures of up to \$50,000 for auditing.

The discussion moved to a review of property and worker’s compensation insurance plans for 2014. Village Attorney Stephanides advised he will be working with VMO and IRMA to see what they can provide the Village and compare this to private insurance as well as status quo for possible 2015 changes.

For the next meeting, Manager Pavlicek proposed a review of the Community and Economic Development Department organizational structure with new Director Grossman.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m., as moved by Trustee Tucker and seconded by Trustee Johnson, with all in favor.