

**Minutes of the Community Design Commission/ Forestry Sub-Committee Meeting
Held on May 24, 2017 at 6:45p.m.
At Village Hall in Room 101**

Forestry Sub-Committee Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Attendees: Chair Douglas Chien; Commissioners Mitchell Murdock and C. Scott Smith

Absent: None

Also present: Rob Sproule, Forestry Superintendent; Craig Failor, Village Planner

Discussion regarding forestry issues/Forestry Supervisor Report

Forestry Superintendent Rob Sproule delivered his report. In-house crews have been focused on resident request pruning, wood chip deliveries and storm damage pick up. Removals continue for trees in decline from emerald ash borer and symptoms for Dutch elm disease were showing. Tree planting was completed last week with 365 locations throughout the village. A short discussion ensued about classes at the Tree Keepers – Open Lands.

Community Design Commission Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. and roll was called. A quorum was present.

Attendees: Chair Douglas Chien; Commissioners Juan Betancur, Teresa Heit-Murray (arrived at 7:17pm), Adam Kallish, Jonathan Kirk, Mitchell Murdock, Nick Sinadinos, C. Scott Smith and Aaron Stigger

Absent: Commissioners Susan Ebner, Richard Katz, Lloyd Natof and Cindy Wong

Also present: Craig Failor, Village Planner; Loretta Daly, Business Services Manager

Non-Agenda Public Comment:

None.

Forestry Superintendent Report Overview

Commissioner Smith reviewed the Forestry Superintendent's report. Chair Chien urged commissioners to attend a Tree Keepers session through Open Lands; information includes proper mulching, how to prune, etc.

Minutes:

Commissioner Sinadinos moved to approve the minutes from April 26, 2017. Commissioner Kallish seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted by a voice vote.

Public Hearing(s); Sitting as the Design Review Committee:

None.

Other Business

Wayfinding – Gateway Discussion

Loretta Daly, Business Services Manager, gave an overview on the submitted gateway concepts from the village consultant, Sasaki. Ms. Daly said the concept idea was using color and light unique to each district. Chair Chien asked staff for their thoughts on the concepts. Mr. Failor said most staff members were underwhelmed by the concepts. Ms. Daly agreed. Commissioner Sinadinos said it was disjointed and didn't make sense overall for the village. Commissioner Stigger asked what tangible benefits gateway

signage would bring to the village. Ms. Daly said it was a marker to distinguish and identify the community but there were no economic benchmarks she could give. Commissioner Sinadinos said it was marketing aesthetics for the community, which were worthy. Mr. Failor said it was helpful to have boundary markings for each community. Commissioner Kallish said he didn't believe Sasaki knew where to go next with the design. Commissioner Heit-Murray suggested making a design contest for this, perhaps for key areas in the village. Commissioner Stigger said a community-based effort would be more acceptable while using tax money. Chair Chien said it would be a good idea if focused on a few gateway areas with clear guidelines. Ms. Daly said the Public Art Advisory Commission has held the sculpture walk each year and it could be based on that process. Commissioner Sinadinos disagreed and said opening up a competition to the general public would diminish the importance of a gateway design. Commissioner Heit-Murray said commissioners should keep an open mind and not set too many parameters as sometimes thinking out of the box could produce great results.

Ms. Daly said they would put forward the CDC's recommendation on the general wayfinding design to the Village Board and should the Board choose to go forward, the first implementation phase would coincide with work along Lake Street.

Reports

Cavalcade of Pride

Chair Chien reviewed the Cavalcade of Pride nomination process. Commissioner Heit-Murray reviewed the presentation process. Zones were assigned to commissioners for the first round:

Zone 1: Murdock/
Zone 2: /Kallish
Zone 3: Smith/
Zone 4: Betancur/
Zone 5: Stigger/
Zone 6: Heit-Murray/
Zone 7: Kallish/
Zone 8: Sinadinos/
Zone 9: Chien/

Chair Chien reminded commissioners to consider good neighbor candidates as well.

Mr. Failor said the draft zoning ordinance was presented to the Village Board. The Board would vote on the draft at a later meeting. He reviewed some of the development projects ongoing in the village. Commissioner Stigger asked about a traffic light study. Mr. Failor said the village would be doing a comprehensive downtown traffic study.

Adjournment

Commissioner Stigger moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Angela Schell,
Recording Secretary