

Lan-Oak Park District
Planning Committee
October 7, 2009

The meeting was called to order Chairperson Kelly at 6:10pm. Upon roll call the following were present. Committee Members Gaffney, Kelly. Guests: Commissioner Long. Staff present: Wilson.

The committee reviewed and had a discussion about the questions from the 2001-02 community wide survey for the follow-up survey that will be a part of the Winter-Spring Brochure. Committee members agreed that the survey would be four pages of the brochure versus two pages. After reviewing the 2001 questions, several modifications were made and the committee agreed to place the proposed questions on the agenda for the October Board meeting for further discussion. Once the draft is completed, Wilson will send it out to the committee members for review hopefully before the Board meeting.

Wilson updated on the Committee on the drainage concerns at the Park Plaza that are still outstanding. He has contacted the Village about and hopefully will have some type of a solution in the near future.

Wilson initiated a conversation with the Committee members about a joint planning meeting with the Village and the Chamber of Commerce for the downtown area. The committee discussed the concept and the positive possibilities that a meeting of this nature could bring about. Wilson will contact the Mayor to see if he could may available time some time for a meeting in early November.

The Meekma Park Project has received final approval from the INDR for the Park District to proceed with the project. Wilson will start the planning of the project as per the established timeline provide to IDNR.

Long indicated that he talked to the Mayor regarding the bike path's route through Monaldi Manor via the ComEd property that the Association leases. The committee felt that a decision needed to be made about the route in the near future so planning of an alternative route could be considered.

A discussion ensued about grants relating to the Pennsy Greenway that have been received by the district but not initiated as of yet. Wilson discussed about moving forward with the IDOT enhancement grant that would have a \$40,000 obligation for the Park District. Wilson indicated that the delay with initiating CMAQ

grant for the Pennsy Greenway Spur can be justified because Cook County has not finalized its plans for the improvement of Wentworth Avenue. The concern is that with the condition of the state budget, there may be a scenario where the state will start pulling grants that have not been initiated. In addition to these two grants, the Park District in the future will be receiving an invoice from the state for nearly \$160,000 for the district's 20% share of construction costs associated with the Pennsy Greenway. Funding for these grants was discussed.

There being no further business Motion to adjourn the meeting by Gaffney. Second by Kelly. Upon roll call all present voted "aye". No nays.

Adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Wilson, CPRP
Secretary to the Park Board