

Southern View President and Board of Trustees Agenda for the Special Meeting

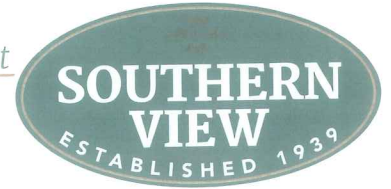
Thursday / February 15, 2024 / 6:00 p.m.

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: Mike Patsche, Village President
- 2) ROLL CALL: Nate Briggs, Trustee
Robert Eskew, Trustee
Bill Haines, Trustee
Rebecca LaRussa, Trustee
Betsy Richbark, Trustee
Mike Tavernor, Trustee
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mike Patsche, Village President
- 4) CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:
- 5) OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION:
- 6) NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION:
 - a) Discussion with IDOT regarding the proposal of 6th Street and 5th and 6th Street coming from Business 55

President's Comments-

- 7) ADJOURNMENT:
Any subject matter placed on the agenda, regardless of how the matter is stated on the agenda or where it is placed, may be acted upon by the President and Board of Trustees.

Posted: February 13, 2024 5:30 p.m.



Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the Village of Southern View Board

CALL TO ORDER: The President and the Board of Trustees held A Special Meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at the Southern View Municipal Building, 3410 South Fifth Street, Southern View, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Patsche, followed by Roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The following were present:

Nate Briggs, Trustee of Economic Development
Robert Eskew, Trustee of Building Permits
Rebecca LaRussa, Trustee of Public Relations
Betsy Richbark, Trustee of Health & Safety
Mike Tavernor, Trustee of Grants, Business Development

Also Present:
Lisa Cave, Village Treasurer & Clerk
Don Craven, Attorney
Illinois State Senator Doris Turner

Absent:
Bill Haines, Trustee of Parks

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION: President Patsche asked for discussion of the IDOT proposal. Greg Hinkle, Program Engineer, representing IDOT was in attendance to answer any question the Board and residents had regarding the proposal of 6th Street Road and the plan IDOT is presenting for the frontage roads. President Patsche stated that he would like the Trustees to ask one question at a time so that we all are able to hear the answers. Once everyone has had a turn of one question the Trustees will be allowed to ask follow up questions but we want to be able to get all questions answered and be able to hear those without sidebar conversations or multiple people talking at once.

Trustee Tavernor stated he wanted a fence up along the side of the park and that he did not want to see a shared sidewalk tying into the park path. Trustee Tavernor stated the park is isolated and he would like to see it kept that way.

Trustee Briggs stated that his concern is that with the map he was provided it looked like the sidewalk merges into the park path and does not continue down 6th Street West therefore forcing people into the Park. He would like to see the sidewalk continue down 6th Street West to allow for walking outside of the Park path.

President Patsche asked if there was a connection for Fit Club to be able to continue to access our Park? Greg stated it is in the plan they will have access.

Greg also stated that the barrier is the curb, it is a total of 9 inches which is 3 inches higher than a regular curb and if the Village wished to have trees planted that IDOT would pay and plant those trees at the Village recommendation.

Trustee Richbark stated she does not agree with a fence, that is more maintenance issues for the Village and trees, boulders, plants could be a barrier to the park.

Trustee Eskew stated that what is the plan for the dirt for the storm drainage? If possible, could we use that dirt to form a berm similar to what is on the west side of the park? Greg stated that the dirt could be an option.

Trustee Briggs asked if there were additional parking for the park on 6th Street West. Greg responded no there will be no parking area planned.

Greg also stated that the school will have more parking.

Trustee Tavernor stated that just past Flora the plan shows a cul-de-sac at the end of the Frontage Road and who is responsible for repairs?

Greg stated the Village is being offered \$10,900.00 to take ownership of the cul-de-sac. The road will be brand new pavement with curb and gutters. Trustee Tavernor stated that is \$436 a year to maintain this road and that is not enough to repair the road in the future as the Village does not have enough funds as it is for the roads we have.

Trustee LaRussa asked if the sidewalks were going to be handicapped accessible? Greg stated yes, by State mandates all construction of sidewalks built must be handicapped accessible. Trustee LaRussa asked so IDOT is not willing to maintain the cul-de-sac?

Greg stated that right now the Village has the option to accept the amount offered and take ownership of the road with all maintenance on the Village. If not, then IDOT will accept ownership and maintain the road.

Trustee Richbark stated she doesn't feel it is an issue to take ownership of the cul-de-sac.

Trustee Eskew asked why they decided on a cul-de-sac? Greg stated with the current intersection and the S/W frontage road the entrance is too close to the 5th/6th street and St Joseph intersection they must close the entrance.

Engineer Kevin Kuhn asked why to eliminate the intersection when it already exists? Greg stated the capacity and block does not meet safety requirements. Engineer Kuhn asked how many accidents have been in that intersection? Greg stated there were 5 accidents in the last 5 years reported. Greg continued to state for safety, the decision was made to eliminate it and it does not warrant an exception.

President Patsche asked why not deadhead Flora? Greg stated the capacity and to avoid impact by taking more than it is needed for the project.

Engineer Kuhn asked so nothing prevents us to reopen the intersection later if we own the road.

Trustee Richbark stated so if the state has the road, we have no right to open it later.

Greg stated that at 6th Street, Thorntons and St Joseph see 1500 cars per day. St Joseph and 6th street West see 2800 cars per day and 6th Street South and St Joseph see 800 cars per day.

Greg stated the cul-de-sac is planned to allow access to the commercial lot at the corner of the Frontage Road and St Joseph. Without the cul-de-sac that property would have no access.

Trustee Briggs asked if there would be sidewalks and pedestrian crossings still at St Joseph and 5th/6th Street. Greg stated that yes and there will also be an island as 5th and 6th will have 6 lanes of traffic. There is also a pedestrian walkway at Lincolnshire and 5th/6th Street.

Trustee Richbark asked if the plan was to take out the viaduct on 5th and 6th Street. Greg stated that is part of the 2nd phase of the plan and that the bridges will be redone and stay.

Trustee Tavernor asked about Thorntons entrances? Greg stated that Thorntons will be on the second phase of the plan as this plan stops just south of Thorntons.

Trustee LaRussa wanted to clarify that this does not affect the east entrances for Thorntons. Greg stated not at this time. Trustee LaRussa stated that vehicles cut through the bank parking lot to get to and from Thorntons.

Trustee Briggs stated he would like to see sidewalks on the 6th Street Road as with the Outlet on that road there is no where safe for people to walk except in the road. Greg made a note of the issue.

John Kilroy stated the spur by the Route 66 Strip Mall he would like to see eliminated to allow more parking for his businesses.

Trustee Eskew asked where the value came from on the park land that will now be a part of 6th Street West? Greg stated that certified appraisers that are IDOT certified came up with the value. It is not unusual for disagreements with the amount and that the Village could hire an appraiser from their approved list if they wanted to verify the value.

President Patsche asked about the trees that are being taken out on the east side of the park. Greg stated that the legal requirements for Land Acquisitions requires them to include in the design plans and put in the contract a proposal of trees to be replanted at the costs of IDOT. Trees would be planted west of the ditch and the Village would need to propose where they want them, what kind, space between etc.

Trustee Briggs wanted clarification on the the cul-de-sac by asking if the building did not exist than the cul-de-sac would not be necessary.

Greg stated that if the Village accepts jurisdiction with land rights the Village at a later time once the project is complete, they could make an entrance into that property from St Joseph but if IDOT has the ownership then the Village would not be allowed to do that.

Trustee LaRussa stated safety is her number one priority.

Sue Ellen Fredericks, owner at the SE corner of 6th and St Joseph has owned the property since 1945, asked if the project is fully funded? She has not received any payment on what they have signed with IDOT. Sue Ellen feels that they did not value her property enough. Greg stated that they are in the land acquisition phase and once that is complete, they are looking to bid out for the project this year and start the project.

Brayden Mayberry, resident of the Village stated he felt the cul-de-sac proposal is a bad idea as the Village roads are bad and we are adding more wear and tear on the roads that we can't afford.

Senator Doris Turner stated that paper maps would be a good idea to allow residents to voice their concerns and allow the opportunity for an additional meeting to be had in the future to hear those concerns from the residents.

Greg took down resident's phone numbers and stated he would give them a call to discuss their land personally. Greg will be providing the Village some maps of the areas to allow residents to come into the Village office at their leisure to review prior to the board voting on the action and to provide any comments they have.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, President Patsche asked for a motion to close the meeting at 7:27 pm. Motion was made by Trustee LaRussa and 2nd by Trustee Eskew.

PREPARED BY: Lisa Cave, Clerk

DATE APPROVED: February 27, 2024