



MINUTES

President and Board of Trustees
Village of Arlington Heights
Board Room

Arlington Heights Village Hall
33 S. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

October 1, 2018

8:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

President Hayes and the following Trustees responded to roll: Scaletta, Sidor, Baldino, LaBedz, Blackwood, Glasgow, Tinaglia and Rosenberg.

Also present were: Randy Recklaus, Charles Perkins, Robin Ward, Diana Mikula, Gerald Mourning and Becky Hume

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XIV. REPORT OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

A. Arlington 425 Development - Early Review

Mr. Recklaus said this is an Early Review of the proposed Arlington 425 project. No final decisions will occur this evening. The intent of Early Review is to help the developers gauge the Board's thoughts prior to bringing a project forward. Early Review does not commit the Board to

approve or deny a proposal. The Plan Commission and Design Commission reviews will still occur. Staff has reviewed the proposal and met with each trustee on this project. The petitioner has held two neighborhood meetings to obtain resident feedback. This is the first time the Board will have the opportunity to publicly discuss the issue.

Trustee Tinaglia said his firm is the architectural firm on this project, so he is recusing himself from the discussion. He left the room.

Mike Firsel, attorney for the project, said there are 18 separate lots, most of which are zoned B-5, a few are zoned R-3. The Master Development Plan shows the zoning as B-5. The owner, CCH LLC, is proposing 3 separate buildings. Feedback has been received from staff, Mr. Recklaus and the community. Eight hundred and thirty taxpayers were sent invitations to a neighborhood meeting and the Chamber of Commerce members were invited. The most sensitive point brought forward was parking. There will be a 450 car parking deck and an underground parking lot for the Chestnut building for a total of 548 spots. Under code they are required to have 385.

Mr. Firsel said CCH is not requesting a height variance or a density variance. The village's Vail Street garage is built to their property line. They believe the lots currently zoned as R-3 should be rezoned to B-5 because they abut B-5 lots. Loading is a concern, so they have employed a property manager to advise them on garbage and loading areas. There is a pull-in loading area on Chestnut for that particular building. All access to the parking deck will be off Highland. There will be a right turn only out onto Chestnut. They are requesting to not put retail in the Chestnut building even though it is B-5, as it is across from single family homes. There is an 8' dedicated setback on Chestnut so they will ask for a variance for squaring off the land on the south side of that lot. The Campbell Street building has 172 units and 8 floors. The Chestnut Avenue building is 5 floors. There is a website set up for public comments and questions. All move ins/out will occur interior to the property. They will have plenty of retail parking and guest parking. Valet parking would be encouraged for any restaurant.

Mr. Perkins said this project requires a PUD. Four parcels require rezoning from R-3 to B-5. There are a few variations regarding the elimination of commercial on first floor of Chestnut, loading and spaces. These will be flushed out in the review process. The Comprehensive Plan shows the area to be mixed-use. In the 70's high-density residential was zoned all the way to Ridge Ave. In the 80's the southern portion was changed to B-5. Then later it was changed to high-density residential. This part of the village has had a contraction in high-density uses over the years.

President Hayes said this is Early Review, so tonight is an opportunity for the Board to provide input to the developer. The Board is not committing to this project one way or the other. There is a long way to go. The audience/community will have plenty of opportunities to provide input.

President Hayes said he appreciated the outreach to the community. When he first saw the plans, he thought wow, this is huge. It's bold and exciting. The developer is willing to invest millions of dollars in the village. He was enthused about what has been presented so far. He said he would encourage the developer to put a restaurant on top of the larger building. It would provide an additional draw to the area.

Trustee LaBedz wished the Chestnut building was 4 stories versus 5 but liked the design of the building. She was glad to hear there is enough parking for guests and patrons of the retail establishments, so no additional strain is felt on the streets or in the Vail garage. She asked about the traffic circulation on the interior of the development. Mr. Firsell said cars will come off of Highland from one of the two entrances to the parking garage. One of the entrances will also access the interior drive. There are drop-offs at each building. They will need to take three parking spots on the west side of Highland for their second entrance. The interior capacity can hold a fire truck to service all the buildings. The ingress/egress for the underground parking at the Chestnut building will be on the south side of that building and is limited to one access point. The Highland and Campbell buildings each have loading areas separate from the Chestnut loading area. The entrance for residential on Campbell will be at the rear of the building, not where the retail space is.

CCH is planning to construct this as one owner, with one management contact for all three of the buildings. If the buildings are sold off separately, they would make the necessary arrangements for access and easements. Mr. Firsell said there have been inquiries as to if there will be condos. If they did have condos, they would be in the Chestnut Avenue building but they are studying that. Mr. Perkins said staff can put language in the PUD to make them come back before the Board to request a transition into condos.

Trustee LaBedz said the Highland/Sigwalt/Campbell intersections are dicey. Mr. Perkins said this will be analyzed. A midblock crosswalk is being designed on Campbell between Highland and Vail which will have impact. Trustee LaBedz asked if the new garage would limit maintenance access to the Vail garage. Mr. Perkins said staff is in discussions with them to ensure garage will be compatible from a maintenance standpoint. Trustee LaBedz asked about the reflectivity of the west windows. Mr. Firsell said the glass will be non-reflective. The glass starts at the 6th floor, high above any homes. Architect Kelle Bruckbauer said the glass will softly reflect the sky. Trustee LaBedz asked about electrical service. Mr. Perkins said ComEd said they can provide sufficient service to the site. ComEd will review the detailed plans and make any necessary changes. Trustee LaBedz thanked CCH for the commitment to affordable housing. Mr. Firsell said they are committed to affordable housing but this is not the final number of unit counts.

Trustee Blackwood asked for clarification on the Chestnut building parking. Mr. Firsell said all parking for that building will be in its own underground

lot. That is why it might be more adaptable to a condo development. The first floor of the building is all apartments, no retail. Trustee Blackwood asked about solar energy. Mr. Firsel said they have interviewed two general contractors and will be addressing some of these issues. They will not build a project unless they know they will have adequate electrical service. All of the storm water detention will be underground on site. He said they would look at solar power.

Trustee Sidor asked if the entrance to the garage on Highland matched up with the village's egress to the Vail Street garage. Mr. Perkins said the egresses need to be studied carefully to make sure they work. Trustee Sidor said there are already truck traffic and safety issues on Highland Avenue. As a village, we need to figure this out, or it will be a mess on Highland. He said he liked the glass on a building that size because it lightens it. If it was all brick it would look too heavy. He wished the Chestnut street building was lower but liked the look of it. He said he liked the project as it will differentiate the village from others along the corridor.

Trustee Baldino said he got more comfortable with the size of the project the more he looked at it. It seems right sized. The lack of request for variances shows that it fits the property. It's a good, well thought out design. He said he was a little uncomfortable with the number of stories on Chestnut. He was encouraged by the commitment to affordable housing. Mr. Perkins said there would be 54 affordable units if code were followed. Trustee Baldino said if we get close to that, it would be phenomenal. He was encouraged by the storm water detention and the possibility of solar energy. At this point, he was excited and encouraged.

Trustee Rosenberg said he thought it was great from the get go. It's sized right with good parking. He had some concerns on egress/ingress on Highland and circulation with deliveries and issues there. Those things need to be worked out. He asked about security in the parking lot. Mr. Firsel said it will be gated with a key card. They will consult with a parking deck company who has sophisticated software and technology for addressing guest and retail parking. Trustee Rosenberg agrees with trying to get a top deck restaurant. He asked about making Highland one way. Mr. Firsel said he didn't know about that. The residents of the buildings will most likely prefer to enter from Sigwalt versus off of Campbell. Trustee Rosenberg directed Mr. Perkins to think about making Highland one way or address the issue somehow.

Trustee Glasgow said he did not have a problem with the R-3 lots changing to B-5. He confirmed with Mr. Firsel that there would not be any retail on Chestnut. Trustee Glasgow said the downtown businesses want this. He asked how many retail establishments would be in these buildings. Mr. Firsel said they are imagining destination retail or co/working spaces with perhaps outdoor dining on the corner. 18,000 square feet of retail space is available, so there could be 5-8 different retailers or uses. They would like a steakhouse or something upscale for the top floor restaurant. Between 600 and 800 people will live here. It would be nice to have co/working

space to keep people in town to patronize the local restaurants for lunch.

Trustee Glasgow asked about overflow parking at the Vail Garage. Mr. Recklaus said they will be able to provide that detail on October 22 at the Committee of the Whole meeting when the parking study is presented. Trustee Glasgow said he will be looking for parking solutions. He was pleased with the addition of affordable housing. He said he had concerns regarding the massing and transition to a residential area. The Highland building is big and has a lot of glass. It will put a lot of pressure on the infrastructure. He asked if it will block views. Mr. Firsel said the eastern side is over a parking deck, so it has no immediate impact to the east. The common area is going to be expansive and a park like setting. He said he didn't see how sunlight would be blocked out, and the zoning calls for this size. Trustee Glasgow said they did a nice job buffering the traffic flow and liked the green space which adds to the joy of living in the downtown. Those are nice factors. The delivery truck issues are real. He liked the underground parking on Chestnut.

Mr. Firsel said they would construct the Highland and Campbell buildings first within two years, and then build the Chestnut building last. It will depend on demand for apartments and leasing numbers. The third building will start after the first two are complete to help with staging and so as not to disturb the neighbors even more. Trustee Glasgow said to think about if the area becomes pedestrian-only on occasion.

Trustee Scaletta said on Highland there is retail and restaurants. On Campbell, there is retail and a grand entryway. The lobby goes all the way through the building. So, the lobby is surrounded by retail on either side, including what faces Chestnut. Trustee Scaletta said people will use the lobby on the Campbell side for drop offs and entrance/exiting. The interior circle will be gridlock central. The biggest challenge will be circulation into the garage. The entry to the center is across from the loading dock of the Metropolis Lofts and the village garage. There's a lot of gridlock there. He said he was concerned that they are putting too much on the property. There is not enough room to circulate for residents/move ins/deliveries. He urged them to have the traffic people look at the traffic and he will focus on that. He wants to know where dogs will be allowed and if the interior green space was open to the public. He said he will ask how they intend to make the outdoor space safe. He was not opposed to the glass on the Highland building but he prefers a little framing. The Highland building will be 12.5 stories.

Trustee Scaletta asked about the southern boarder lot lines. Mr. Perkins said the distance between CCH's buildings and the proposed CCA building would have been 18' on the east side and 33' on the west side. Trustee Scaletta said he will be looking for underground detention. Mr. Firsel said guests to the Chestnut building would park underground. They will charge residents for parking, but not retail users or guests. Trustee Scaletta suggested they provide a rendering showing the shadow effect.

Resident Keith Moens said not all Board members commented on the affordable housing and he would like the affordable housing to go through. He asked if there was some way to provide a schedule for the commission process. Mr. Recklaus said given the interest on this project, social media will be used to communicate to the public. All meetings are posted on the village's website as well. The timing depends on how the petitioner comes forward. The project will go through the Conceptual Review Committee, the Plan Commission Public Hearing, Design Commission and the Housing Commission. All surrounding properties owners will receive written notices regarding the Public Hearing and there will be a sign on the property. Mr. Moens asked for the Board to communicate to the commissions that they want the maximum affordable housing units with no buyouts.

President Hayes said he didn't mention affordable housing earlier because in CCH's materials they committed to the units versus a cash in lieu of scenario.

Trustee Rosenberg asked if staff could create an area on the village website that shows the timetable of the project as it progresses, understanding it is dependent upon the petitioner's submissions and responses.

Mr. Recklaus said the website could have a section dedicated to this with a date range outlined. He said he would hesitate projecting hard dates, because things can get delayed for various reasons.

Mr. Firsel said CCH will put their information on their website and could link to the village website. He offered their website as a point of contact for the community.

XV. APPOINTMENTS

XVI. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee John Scaletta moved to adjourn at 10:13 p.m. Trustee Bert Rosenberg Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Blackwood, Glasgow, Hayes, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor

Absent: Tinaglia