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REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A PUBLIC HEARING  
BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS  
PLAN COMMISSION

COMMISSION

RE: NEW HOPE ACADEMY - 3250 NORTH ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ROAD - PC #21-016  
AMENDMENT TO LUV ORDINANCE 17-016

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had before the Village of  
Arlington Heights Plan Commission Meeting held virtually, in response to the COVID-19  
pandemic, which permits the public to fully participate via their computers or using their phones,  
on the 22nd day of September, 2021 at the hour of 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- SUSAN DAWSON, Chairperson
- BRUCE GREEN, Acting Chairperson
- JOE LORENZINI
- JAY CHERWIN
- JOHN SIGALOS
- TERRY ENNES
- GEORGE DROST
- LYNN JENSEN

ALSO PRESENT:

- SAM HUBBARD, Development Planner
- HART PASSMAN, Village Attorney

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right. Well, let's call this meeting to order. Before we start, I need to state that I find that the public health concerns related to the Corona virus pandemic render in-person attendance at the regular meeting location not feasible.

So, with that, let's call to order and start with the Pledge. Who has a flag?

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Wait, I've got a flag.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Get your flag, Bruce.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Thanks, Bruce.

(Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, roll call attendance?

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Here.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Drost.

(No response.)

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes. Commissioner Ennes? I see you're on mute. I see you here, but you're on mute.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Present. Sorry.

MR. HUBBARD: All right, Commissioner Green.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Here.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen.

(No response.)

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Here.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Here.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Warskow.

(No response.)

MR. HUBBARD: Chair Dawson.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Here.

All right, our first agenda item is approval of the minutes. Do you have a motion?

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes, I'll make a motion to approve two sets of minutes, the first one being Chapter 28 Text Amendments, and the second one being Ridgeline/Rohrman Development, both from 8/25/21.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: I'll second that.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, we need a roll call vote.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Drost. Commissioner Drost, who I see present, but on mute?

COMMISSIONER DROST: Unmute, yes.

MR. HUBBARD: All right, Commissioner Green?

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Abstain, I was not here.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Chair Dawson.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes.

All right, then moving on to our next agenda item, at this point I am recusing myself and someone else will be taking over the meeting. I'll be joining you back shortly.

MR. HUBBARD: Yes, Chair Dawson has to recuse herself, so as a matter of procedure, we need to nominate a Chair Pro Tem for the next zoning matter. Chair Green did an excellent job the last time we were in this position, so if anyone is so inclined, they may nominate him or anyone else.

COMMISSIONER DROST: I will nominate Commissioner Green.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I'll second.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Second.

MR. HUBBARD: All right, let's take a roll call.

Commissioner Drost.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Aye.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Green.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes, I guess.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen who is now in attendance.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: That's it. So, we have a Chair Pro Tem, Chair Green for the next zoning case, and then our standard Chair Dawson will join us back for the following case.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Okay, thank you all for your vote of confidence here. Our first case tonight is PC #21-016, the New Hope Academy land use variation amendment. Brandy Larrance is the Petitioner.

Are you here?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes, Brandy and anyone on Brandy's team, if you could raise your hand in Zoom? I'll go ahead and bring you in to the meeting. Hold on.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: When you get them, Sam, I'll swear everybody in at once.

MR. HUBBARD: So, it looks like we now have Mrs. Brandy Larrance and Mr. Dave Larrance in attendance, the Petitioners for the New Hope Academy agenda item. Zoom should be asking both of you to unmute and activate your camera.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: All right, Terry, you're on mute, I think. I can't hear you, unless I'm on mute or something.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes, Terry is on mute.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: There you go, okay. I lost Sam though and I lost the Petitioners. I don't see them yet.

MR. LARRANCE: We're here.

MRS. LARRANCE: This is Brandy.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Oh, there we go.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes, I see the Petitioners.

MR. HUBBARD: Yes, they're in here, Chair Green, but we have so many people as part of this meeting that it won't show everyone at all times.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Okay, well, I'm going to swear you in. If you would just answer my one question.

(Witnesses sworn.)

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: There you go. I've always wanted to say it that way. But anyway, at this point, I don't know who's going to lead, whether it's Dave or Brandy, but why don't you tell us about your project?

MR. LARRANCE: Brandy is going to go ahead and take the lead on this one.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Okay.

MRS. LARRANCE: Sure. So, at this time, would you like me to screenshare the presentation?

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Yes. Go through, yes, whatever you want to present to us, we would love to hear it.

MRS. LARRANCE: Is my screen available for you to see?

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Yes, it is. Yes, it is, Brandy. If I could just interrupt for a minute, I want to ask Sam, have all the public notices been made on this petition?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Thank you.  
Now, Brandy, I'm sorry, we're back to you. If you could proceed, please?

MRS. LARRANCE: Sure, and if at any point in time you need me to slow down, repeat, stop, please just let me know.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Okay, thank you.

MRS. LARRANCE: Yes, absolutely. So, New Hope Academy is a private therapeutic day school located in Arlington Heights. We moved from Niles in 2017 and joined the Village of Arlington Heights then. You might not remember us, but we remember you guys though.

So, New Hope Academy is one of the best therapeutic day schools in Illinois. We think that because it's our school, but we also hear that often from many people. We serve students ages 11 through 21, grades six through 12. We have students with primary disabilities, emotional disability, OHI which is other health impairment, SLD which is specific learning disability, and autism. We have highly qualified staff that work with our students, and we provide a safe, supportive environment for them to learn.

So, our plan now is that we have a current site obviously at 3250 North Arlington Heights Road. It is our biggest setting for our therapeutic day school at 18,000 square feet. We have 35 staff and we reach capacity at 95 students. So, our hope moving forward is that we will bring our east campus, which is currently located in Glenview, over to the 100 Wing in Arlington Heights within the same building. When we do this, we'll be able to combine all of our resources and work more effectively in order to meet the needs of our students. At that time, if we do bring the campus over to the 100 Wing, we will have 27,000 square feet, around 50 staff, and reach capacity at 135 students.

So, one of the biggest things that we needed to look into was the traffic, the parking, the drop-off, and the pick-up. So, we did have that traffic study completed again, and we will continue to follow all of their recommendations. All that information was submitted to the Village and we will follow all the recommendations made by the Village of Arlington Heights to make sure that our traffic, parking, drop-off/pick-up run as smoothly as possible.

All of our drop-off and pick-up will continue, even though we're adding students, at the existing entrance that we use now. It makes more sense to have all the students enter into one entrance versus stopping traffic, letting some kids out, and then moving cars forward. That would take much longer.

Just as a side note, although typically students with a driver's license are allowed to drive to school, our policy and special ed law does not allow New Hope students or any students in special ed to drive to school. So, we don't have students parking in our lot. Drop-off happens in the morning at 8:15, pick-up happens at 2:30.

One of the things that we addressed in our PowerPoint that was asked of us is to look at any complaints or anything that we've heard through the Village or during our time in Arlington Heights, and I'm happy to report there have been no complaints. If there have been, I don't know about them, which I guess is okay. So, we are and will be committed to being good community members.

We really appreciate the Village of Arlington Heights. We greatly appreciate the Fire Department and the Police Department. We have excellent working relationships with both of those departments. They come visit us often just to say hello or to do some speaking to our students about Internet safety, they walk with us through crisis intervention or intruder drills. It's wonderful, and we're committed to continuing to make a positive impact in your Village and our Village, too. So, this is an example of something that we've done recently where we've adopted a highway down the street and we work to keep Arlington Heights beautiful and clean.

So, I can stop screensharing and open for any questions or comments, address any concerns you may have. Is that what --

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Yes, we'll get there, Brandy. If you're complete with what you're going to do, the Staff will give its report. Then we'll have questions from the Commissioners and the public or then we'll get back to you as needed.

MRS. LARRANCE: Excellent.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: So, thank you.

Sam, would you like to give the Staff report?

MR. HUBBARD: Sure. Let me find my presentation here, just one second and cue it up.

Okay, can everyone see this?

(Chorus of yeses.)

MR. HUBBARD: All right, as you've heard, the subject property is located on North Arlington Heights Road in the 200 Wing of the subject property, that's on the very far north side of the Village. New Hope has been there since 2017 when they were approved for a land use variation to allow a private school in the M-1 Research Development and Light Manufacturing District. The subject property is developed with a light industrial/flex office building that's zoned M-1, and private schools are not allowed in the M-1 district and, therefore, the school needed a land use variation which, as you've heard, was approved in 2017. The proposed expansion requires an amendment to that existing land use variation, and so that is the reason that the Petitioner is before you this evening.

I just want to briefly walk you through an aerial of the subject property. You can see it here bounded in red with the red line. North is to the top of the screen, let's see. One moment here.

So, again, the subject property bounded in red, this is the existing location in yellow where New Hope is located. They have a small auxiliary office located in the southeastern corner of the building. The red area is where they want to expand. So, basically, this is going to make one long continuous space for New Hope within the building, plus the auxiliary office and storage area there.

The site has good access. Up on the north side, you can't really see it here but there is a right-in/right-out driveway. There's a secondary southern access point here. This is a full access intersection with Arlington Heights Road. It's non-signalized, but I would note that northbound traffic on Arlington Heights Road does have a dedicated left-hand turn lane to make left-hand turn movements into the subject site. On the southwestern corner, there's an access easement with the Hillside site just to the south which provides access on to University Drive, which provides eventual access to a signal at University and Arlington Heights Road. So, the site does have pretty good access being that it isn't directly served by a signal on Arlington Heights Road.

Here is the site plan. Again, you can see here the right-in/right-out access, and then the full access intersection at the south, and then down here we have the access easement onto the property, and the eventual access to University Drive.

Here is where the entrance, the main entrance to the New Hope facility is. One of the things we looked at was the drop-off/pick-up operations. Basically, what happens at the beginning of the day and at the end of the day for drop-off and pick-up is that cars, buses and vans start queuing right here, and then the line queues all the way back, wraps around the building sometimes, and then comes all the way to the back right around this point. So, we wanted to make sure that the stacking queue, given the increased capacity at New Hope, was not going to create any stacking or parking problems.

There is a proposed increase in staff; going from about 35 to 50, so it's 15 additional staff members. So, New Hope is going to, and the property owner, is going to need to stripe additional parking spaces as reserved only for New Hope. Currently, they have a few spaces striped as reserved in this location, and then down here, and then there's going to be additional, 15 additional spaces as part of this project reserved for New Hope here, and then here as well. What this does is basically, when cars start to stack up during the drop-off and pick-up operations, when these spaces are reserved for New Hope employees, it eliminates

conflicts getting in and out of these spaces during times when there may be cars and vans and buses stacked up in the drive aisle.

We analyzed this relative to traffic; there are a few key items to point out. In the analysis, additional trips that would be experienced as a result of New Hope's expansion, the analysis is fairly conservative. What KLOA, the traffic consultant, did was they observed the number of buses and vans at the existing facility in Glenview, and they based their number of increased buses and vans on the subject property as based on those observations in Glenview. But in reality, a lot of those students that are at Glenview are students that are coming from districts that send students already to New Hope. So, what that means is that these existing buses and taxis and cabs and vans that are already queuing and stacking on the site dropping off students can, in theory, double up on students from the same district. So, it may not actually result in the number of 29 additional bus and van movements during the peak hours because that's, you know, there's going to be some consolidation of students in these vans and it's not strictly going to be a one-per-one given the expansion. So, we think that was important to note in our analysis.

They did do a level of service analysis for all existing intersections in the vicinity. Probably one thing to note, and the worst, the lowest level of service grade is the eastbound approach with the south access drive. So, basically, what that's saying is if you're leaving on this southern access drive, there is going to be a level of delay as you wait to get into traffic either southbound on Arlington Heights Road or take a left to head northbound. That level of service is projected to go from a D to an E. So, in the morning as existing, it's at about a 34-second wait; it's going to go up by about six seconds of delay to a level of E. Then in the evening, it's going to go from about a 35-second delay to about a 43-second delay, so about eight more seconds of delay time.

This doesn't create any additional stacking on site. The cars are able to clear within those time periods so that stacking on site doesn't create any conflicts. I would note that if stacking here at this intersection during peak times becomes unmanageable, there are alternative options on the site for egress. So, we're not as concerned with traffic relative to this project.

Regarding parking, the traffic consultant did do a detailed study. They took surveys of existing parking areas, forecasted demand for what parking would be. Given that the students here aren't driving, this is a really low intensity parking use, so we don't have any issues relative to parking.

But relative to drop-off and pick-up, you can see in this aerial, you can see this was actually taken when there was stacking and queuing for New Hope. So, you can see that line of traffic. It's well managed. You can see that there's, you know, spaces for cars to come in here. They don't queue to block drive aisles. So, New Hope does have a large number of staff out there to assist in these operations, and the traffic consultant did find that, you know, the stacking during morning and afternoon drop-off/pick-up clears within about 15 to 20 minutes.

So, we are supportive of this use. We are supportive of the expansion. We think it can be accommodated with the existing street network relative to traffic. Parking can be accommodated on site. We are recommending a condition of approval that if there are issues observed during drop-off and pick-up, that New Hope will work with the Village to address those, you know, with possible strategies such as additional staff managing those

operations, they could even try and reconfigure the queuing and stacking locations and perhaps even allow double stacking of vehicles in appropriate locations, or even staggering arrival and departure times. Additionally, we would recommend a condition of approval that the property owner stripe an additional 15 parking spaces as reserved for New Hope. But other than that, we are supportive of the project, and happy to answer any questions.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Thank you, Sam.

Just to get back in to Brandy and Dave, you've seen those three conditions. Do you accept those three conditions?

MR. LARRANCE: Yes, we do.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Great.

Is there a motion to enter the Staff report into the minutes?

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes, I'll make that motion.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Is there a second to that?

COMMISSIONER ENNES: I'll second that.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: If we could take a roll call vote, please,

Sam?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

Commissioner Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Green.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: You're mute, Lynn. Lynn's on mute.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes. Sorry.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Drost.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Okay, so moved.

Does the Commission have a preference to go to the audience first, or would you like to get to any questions you might have, you know, at the Commissioner level? Any preference, guys?

COMMISSIONER DROST: Audience first.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Audience.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Okay, Sam, if you would see if there's anybody in the audience that would like to speak on this?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

If there's anyone in attendance in the audience that wants to speak on this matter relative to New Hope, please raise your hand in Zoom and I will bring you in to give your comment. If you dialed in over phone, dial \*9 to be added to the queue to speak. I do see one individual with their hand raised, let's bring them over.



So, I should be bringing over a Cassandra Holliday who has their hand raised. Zoom should be asking you to promote yourself to a panelist. All right, Cassandra Holliday, you are now in. You can unmute yourself and activate your camera and provide your public comment.

### **QUESTIONS FROM AUDIENCE**

MS. HOLLIDAY: Hi, I'd just like to say congratulations to New Hope. They do excellent work and are a wonderful asset to any community they join. Thank you.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Cassandra, if you could do me a favor? If you could state your name and spell your last name for the court reporter, I would appreciate it.

MS. HOLLIDAY: Cassandra Holliday, H-o-l-l-i-d-a-y.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Thank you very much.

MS. HOLLIDAY: You're welcome.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Sam, is there anybody else?

MR. HUBBARD: I don't see anyone else with their hand raised, so I think we can close public comment.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Okay, we will close public comment and get to the Commissioners. I'm looking at across the board.

Terry, you're right next to me, would you like to start with any comments you have?

COMMISSIONER ENNES: I would. Just a comment in the interest of full disclosure. I should point out that I was a tenant in this building for quite sometime, and I no longer have an interest in that building or in that business that was in the building. But I was there all during the time of New Hope Academy, and I've got to say they were really a great tenant. The stacking is done at a time that isn't a big conflict to most of the office occupancy. The building is medical and office and New Hope. The building I should say is very well managed. They did everything they could to make it convenient and work for all the tenants including New Hope. Everything I heard about the school was great about them.

That's more of a commentary than a question, but I really have no questions. I think it's a great project. It's good to see that they're doing such a great job. It's my understanding that the expansion of the school, and Ms. Larrance, you might be able to confirm this, was at the request of the state. Another school that was either closing, the state asked that you take over their students, is that correct?

MRS. LARRANCE: So, I think what you're speaking about is our location in Glenview was formerly Evanston Day School, which was owned by North Shore Hospital System, and they were closing that school down. They reached out to us because of our performance and the job we did and asked us to come in and take that school. We determined that that was a really great thing to do, right. But aesthetically and space-wise, we've run out of room there. Like I said, we really appreciate being where we are and want to continue to serve the most fragile kids, right? So, this will work very well for us.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Well, I think it's a great project and look forward to you to go ahead with it.

MRS. LARRANCE: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: That's all I have, Bruce.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Thank you, Terry.

Jay, I see your name up there next. Would you like to ask any questions?

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: No, I appreciate the opportunity but, you know, I was very supportive of this when they went into it. I'm glad to see that it's working out well. Some of my biggest concerns when they initially did it back in 2017 was just to make sure some of those turning movements and everything were going to be safe and workable. Sounds like they are.

You know, I'm supportive of this. I think it's great. It sounds like it's working out really well. I think it's a great use. They're obviously doing a really good job for folks and the community and the surrounding area. So, I'm happy to support this.

I guess if I could ask one question of Sam? How is, it doesn't seem like the southerly access route to get you to the light, the signaled intersection, is that really at this point superfluous or, you know, how is it being used if at all? That would be my only question.

MR. HUBBARD: It's not heavily used. New Hope's circulation procedures for drop-off and pick-up do not send those vehicles out through that access point. They're supposed to use the access on the Arlington Heights Road side. So, it's really just as like an alternative for a worst case scenario.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Got it, thanks. No more questions. Thank you, Bruce.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Thank you, Jay.

Let's see, who is up there next? Looks like, Joe, you're the next one in line.

Joe, do you have any questions?

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: No, what they're doing sounds like a great service to the community. I'd like to know more about what they do but I don't want to take everybody's time about that. No, I think it's a good project.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Thank you, Joe. Let's see. George?

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes. If it wouldn't be pretentious, I'd like to make a motion. I mean, I just --

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Let's see if anybody has any more comments, although I would welcome that, George.

COMMISSIONER DROST: My comments are, yes, my comments are consistent with the previous ones. So, onward and upward.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: All right, let's just jump over to you, John. Do you have any comments that you'd like before we make a motion?

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: No, I really don't. I participated in the Conceptual Plan Review Committee meeting, and very happy to hear that New Hope is doing well and staying in Arlington Heights, expanding their facility. So, I'm fully supportive of it. I've got no other questions.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Thank you, John.

I was also in the Conceptual Plan Review Committee, so I don't have any questions. I think it's a great, great facility and a very good use.

So, George, if you would like to make a motion?

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes. I'd like to make a motion.

**A motion to recommend to the Village Board of Trustees approval of PC #21-016, an Amendment to Land Use Variation Ordinance 17-016 to allow an expansion of the existing private school.**

**This recommendation is subject to the following conditions:**

- 1. Should the Village observe issues with the drop-off and pick-up operations, the school shall work with Staff to resolve said issues, which may include (but is not limited to) additional staff assigned to assist with drop-off and pick-up, reconfiguring queue locations and allowing double-stacking of vehicles in drive aisles (where appropriate), and staggering of arrival or departure times.**
- 2. A total of 15 parking spaces on the southern side of the building shall be striped as "reserved" for New Hope staff.**
- 3. The Petitioner shall comply with all federal, state, and Village codes, regulations, and policies.**

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Thank you.

Is there a second to that motion?

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Second that.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Okay, it looks like, Lynn, I didn't mean to cut you off from comments.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I had no further comments. I'm very supportive with everybody else.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Okay, so with a motion and a second, Sam, could we take a roll call vote please?

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Green.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Drost.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Aye.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Well, I think that's unanimous for us tonight, to Brandy and Dave. This will be passed on, our recommendation will be passed on to the Board of Trustees.

Sam, do you have a date when that might happen?

MR. HUBBARD: We'll have to work out when the most appropriate date with the Board is. It would either be the first or second meeting in October. So, we'll try and

schedule that with you, Mrs. Larrance, and we'll be in touch.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes, Sam, housekeeping question. Why is it that Commissioner Cherwin gets two slots and poor George Drost gets zero. They have Cherwin down here twice, in my screen anyway, and we do not have poor George Drost listed.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: There he is.

COMMISSIONER DROST: I'm fine.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Does Cherwin get two votes?

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I'm a real power player, Lynn.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: So, congratulations to the Larrances, and we're looking forward to the expansion. So, stay in touch with Sam and he'll give you the date for the Trustees. But congratulations!

MR. LARRANCE: Thank you all very much for your time.

MRS. LARRANCE: Yes, and if at any point in time anyone would like to come visit and see the school, we love to talk about New Hope and all the good stuff and what we do. So, our doors are open to you.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Thank you very much. Take care now.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Okay, good luck moving forward.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: So, Sam, I guess we turn it over to the real Chairman here tonight, Sue Dawson, when we're done with this. Is that how we're going to do this, Sam?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes. So, I see she's back.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: You did a great job, Bruce.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: There we go. Thank you. I've done this before a couple of times.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes, once or twice, right?

COMMISSIONER DROST: Do you get a raise in pay?

COMMISSIONER GREEN: I think so, George.

COMMISSIONER DROST: All right, great.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: You get zero times two.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Good thing somebody does.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: There you go. All right, Susan, take it away.

(Whereupon, at 8:04 p.m., the public hearing on the above-mentioned petition was adjourned.)

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  ) SS.  
COUNTY OF KANE        )

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