

MINUTES OF ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION / ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING

October 11, 2012

7:30 P.M.

1. Roll Call/Call to Order
2. Approval of minutes of Zoning and Planning Commission / Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on September 13, 2012
3. Public Workshop - Proposed Bicycle Plan for the City of Elmhurst
4. Other Business

Commission Members Present: Corrado, Hill, McCoyd, Torcasso, Whistler

Commissioner Members Absent: Brinkmeier, Frolik, Mushow

City Staff Present: Werner

After a roll call establishing a quorum, Chairman Whistler requested a motion to approve the Zoning and Planning Commission meeting minutes for September 13, 2012. Commissioner Corrado moved to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2012 Z&P Commission meeting as written. Commissioner Hill seconded and, with a voice vote being all ayes, the motion passed.

Chairman Whistler opened discussion on the public workshop agenda item by explaining the process to be followed. In this case the Zoning and Planning Commission sits as a "special" Zoning Commission to consider the application to adopt a Bicycle Plan developed by a Mayor's Bicycle Task Force as an addendum to the City of Elmhurst Comprehensive Plan. The applicant is the Elmhurst City Council. This workshop meeting is being held as a follow up to a Public Hearing held on August 9, 2012. At that hearing, the Commission determined that there should be public workshops held prior to moving this issue forward. The Public Hearing was Continued to November 8, 2012 to allow time for the Commission to conduct such workshops. Since this is a "planning issue", there is no specific request to change and/or seek any specific relief from current Zoning Ordinance regulations.

The Chairman noted the excellent work done by the Bicycle Task Force in developing the subject Plan. Task Force leadership, individual members, as well as the consultant used by the Task Force, are to be commended for the energy and effort put into framing the contents of the Plan.

The Chairman further explained that fundamental to the process of asking the City Council to consider adopting an addendum to the Comprehensive Plan is to insure that citizens from the “entire” community have a full and ample opportunity to provide their input relative to the contents of the Plan. Holding public workshops is meant to help validate this process.

At this first workshop there were 7 attendees, 5 of which were members of the Elmhurst Bicycle Task Force. Mr. Bob Hoel and Mr. Nathaniel Werner presented the draft Bicycle Plan and opened discussion on the plan and process.

In preparation for the second workshop scheduled for October 25, 2012, the Commission asked Mr. Werner to reflect on the various discussion points made at this workshop meeting focusing on how to get the word out to Elmhurst citizens of opportunities to provide input into this planning process. Also, the Commission asked Mr. Werner to identify what other communities comparable to Elmhurst in this geographical area have adopted a “separate” Bicycle Plan as part of their Comprehensive Plan, and provide information that would be helpful in this “local” Elmhurst planning process. Mr. Werner was also asked to continue his review of the structure and format of the subject Bicycle Plan document comparing it to the structure and format of the current approved Comprehensive Plan.

Once the process of public workshops is completed, the Commission can then turn to its deliberation process, make changes where warranted, and then frame the Commission’s recommendation to the City Council accordingly.

Other Business –None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Nathaniel J. Werner AICP, Planning and Zoning Administrator