



Village of Oak Park

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Meeting Minutes

President and Board of Trustees

Monday, June 5, 2023

7:00 PM

Village Hall

I. Call to Order

Village President Vicki Scaman called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Wesley

Absent: 0

III. Agenda Approval

President Scaman requested to move Items Z and AA to the beginning of the Regular Agenda.

It was moved by Trustee Wesley, seconded by Trustee Buchanan, to Approve the Agenda as amended. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

IV. Minutes

A. [ID 23-283](#) Motion to Approve Minutes from Special Meeting of May 8, 2023 of the Village Board.

It was moved by Trustee Buchanan, seconded by Trustee Robinson, to approve the Minutes. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

V. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Wilson David Work: Lives at Cuyler and Harvard. There was a shooting a couple weeks ago at school dismissal time at Irving Elementary. Advocates for traffic calming measures built into the hardscape.

Agoston Dombi: Lives on Ridgeland. Supports traffic calming and widening the pedestrian sidewalks on all of the bridges over the 290 expressway which are dangerous and used by many children.

Jessica Flannery: Lives on 1000 block of South Cuyler. Co-owner of Oak Park Friends School. Concerned about the safety of Southeast Oak Park.

Aaron Stigger: Born and raised in Oak Park. Concerned about gun

violence. Suggests limiting access in and out of Oak Park with barricades and show an active police force.

Mary Pikul: Lives on 800 block of South Ridgeland. Wants more communication from the Village to know what steps are being taken to reduce and stop the gun violence.

Regarding the gun violence, President Scaman said the Village Board would like to investigate options. This Village board approved the Vision Zero Plan last year to look at our entire community and identify infrastructure pieces that can help slow traffic, increase vision lines, and improve safety. The outcome of the plan will come back to the Village Board soon.

Regarding the pedestrian bridges that cross 290, President Scaman said she has gone to Washington, D.C. to advocate for infrastructure dollars to improve the bridges. She is hopeful Oak Park will be able to get some infrastructure funding. Oak Park received \$500K from Senator Harmon in this year's budget for infrastructure.

Village Manager Kevin Jackson said he appreciates the need and interest for increased communication and the Village looks forward to assisting with that.

Village Clerk Christina Waters read the following public comment into the Record:

Meghan Paulas: Says appropriate signage is missing by Irving Elementary. Urges Village Board to use all tools at its disposal to swiftly develop the Vision Zero Plan and making needed safety improvements.

VI. Proclamation

- B. [MOT 23-64](#) A Motion to Approve a Proclamation for Proclaiming June 2, 2023 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Clerk Waters read the Proclamation into the Record.

Trustee Straw said he looks forward to working with staff to put together an ordinance on safe storage and identify ways to reduce the risk of intentional and unintentional gun violence.

Trustee Parakkat said he thinks Oak Park needs more systemic solutions that are within our scope and will require community support.

MaryAnn Buck of the local Moms Demand Action group thanked the Trustees, Clerk Waters, Dr. Chapple-McGruder, Chief Johnson and OPPD

for their efforts and coordination and looks forward to continuing to work together. She said the vast majority of hate crimes are directed against communities of color, religious minorities, and LGBTQ+ peoples. The Wear Orange campaign is to honor those killed, wounded, or impacted by gun violence and to call for an end to this crisis.

Jenna Leving Jacobson of Moms Demand Action encouraged residents to get involved at their next events and meetings. Gun violence disproportionately affects Latinx and Black communities. The Village Board cannot fulfill its commitment to racial equity without addressing gun violence. Moms Demand Action partnered with Mothers on a Mission 28 to plant vegetables in Austin. Expects the Village Board to take on public safety measures in this new term. This is a good start to the hard work that lies ahead for us to take on together.

Trustee Enyia shared a personal story of losing his classmate and friend Ryan to gun violence. He urged residents to have conversations with their kids about safety and anger.

It was moved by Village Straw, seconded by Trustee Buchanan, that this Motion be approved. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Wesley

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

C. [MOT 23-65](#) A Motion to Approve a Proclamation for Proclaiming June 2023 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus (LGBTQ+) Month.

President Scaman read the Proclamation into the Record. She acknowledged former Village President Joanne Trapani as the first openly gay elected official in the state of Illinois.

It was moved by Trustee Wesley, seconded by Trustee Straw, that this Motion be approved. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Wesley

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

VII. Village Manager Reports

D. [ID 23-276](#) Updated Village Board Meeting Calendars for June, July and August 2023

Manager Jackson shared the updated Village Board calendars for June,

July, and August 2023.

Trustee Parakkat requested to move the August 7 meeting to July 31. Manager Jackson noted that then there would be back-to-back Regular meetings on July 24 and July 31. He suggested moving the July 24 meeting to July 31 and vacating the August 7 meeting.

Trustees Straw, Robinson, and Wesley said they were in favor of vacating the August 7 meeting. President Scaman noted that three Trustees would not be able to attend the August 7 meeting. Manager Jackson said staff will follow up with Trustees.

VIII. Village Board Committees & Trustee Liaison Commission Reports

Trustee Parakkat reported that the Civic Information Systems Commission (CISC) submitted an open data policy to the Village and are pursuing a capstone program to further the Smart Cities initiative and are in conversation with Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT). The Community Design Commission (CDC) unanimously approved the ComedyPlex signage.

IX. Citizen Commission Vacancies

- E. [ID 23-284](#) Board & Commission Vacancy Report for June 5, 2023.

There were no comments.

XI. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

It was moved by Trustee Wesley, seconded by Trustee Parakkat to approve the items under the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Wesley

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

- F. [RES 23-55](#) A Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Securance LLC to Conduct a Cyber Security Assessment in an Amount Not to Exceed \$53,816 and Authorizing its Execution

- G. [RES 23-175](#) A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Independent Contractor Agreement With D. Kersey Construction Co. for the Public Works Center Wash Bay Drainage Improvements Project to Change the Not to Exceed

Amount from \$141,120.00 to \$199,625.00 and Authorizing Its Execution

This Resolution was adopted.

- H. [RES 23-179](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant Application with the United States Department of Justice with an Anticipated Funding Amount of \$3,850
This Resolution was adopted.
- I. [RES 23-181](#) A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Subrecipient Grant Agreement Between the Village of Oak Park and Sarah's Inn and Authorizing its Execution.
This Resolution was adopted.
- J. [RES 23-185](#) A Resolution Approving an Independent Contractor Agreement with Total Parking Solutions, Inc. for the Purchase and Installation of Twenty-Eight (28) Cale Paystations and Associated Work as a Sole Source Preferred Vendor in an Amount Not to Exceed \$262,220.00, Authorizing its Execution and Waiving the Village's Bid Process.
This Resolution was adopted.
- K. [RES 23-186](#) A Resolution Approving a Schedule Modification and Amendment to the Armored Car Services with Davis Bancorp Incorporated to Increase the Not to Exceed Amount from \$22,224 to \$26,500 for Fiscal Year 2023 for Additional Services and Authorizing its Execution
This Resolution was adopted.
- L. [RES 23-189](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of One 2023 Nissan Leaf S Vehicle from Star Nissan of Niles, Illinois, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$23,970.26 and Waiving the Village's Bid Process for the Purchase
This Resolution was adopted.
- M. [RES 23-198](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of three 2023 Ford F550 Super Duty Trucks with Upfits and Plows from Lindco Equipment Sales, a division of Viking-Cives of Merrillville, Indiana through the Sourcewell Joint Purchasing Program in an Amount Not to Exceed \$313,636.00 and Waiving the Village's Bid Process for the Purchase
This Resolution was adopted.
- N. [RES 23-190](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of One 2023 Nissan Leaf S Vehicle from Four Keys LLC, d/b/a Rosen Nissan & Kia of Milwaukee, Wisconsin in an Amount Not to Exceed \$24,089.00 and Waiving the Village's Bid Process for the Purchase
This Resolution was adopted.

- O. [RES 23-191](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of One 2023 Nissan Leaf S Vehicle from Zeigler Nissan of Gurnee, Illinois in an Amount Not to Exceed \$24,190.26 and Waiving the Village's Bid Process for the Purchase
This Resolution was adopted.
- P. [RES 23-192](#) A Resolution Approving the Purchase of one 2023 Ford Utility Hybrid Police Interceptor Vehicle with Police Package, from Currie Motors of Frankfort, Illinois in an Amount Not to Exceed \$42,749.00 Waiving the Village's Bid Process for the Purchase
This Resolution was adopted.
- Q. [RES 23-193](#) A Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement with M.E. Simpson Company, Inc. for the 2023 Water System Support Services Program in an Amount Not to Exceed \$54,475.00 and Authorizing its Execution
This Resolution was adopted.
- R. [RES 23-195](#) A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Task Order for Design and Construction Management of the Public Works Wash Bay Improvement Project to Change the Not to Exceed Amount from \$19,500 to \$47,500 and Authorizing its Execution
This Resolution was adopted.
- S. [RES 23-200](#) A Resolution Approving Amendments to Appendix I ("Job Class and FLSA Status") and Appendix VII ("Appointee Pay Plan Schedule") of the Village of Oak Park Personnel Manual
This Resolution was adopted.
- T. [ORD 23-36](#) An Ordinance Authorizing the Donation of Surplus Technology and Hardware Equipment Owned by the Village of Oak Park
This Ordinance was adopted.
- U. [ORD 23-42](#) An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20 ("Public Health"), Article 13 ("Commercial Solid Waste Hauling and Recycling"), Section 20-13-3 ("Procedures to Determine if a Commercial Franchise Can Be Considered by the Village") to Amend the Effective Date by which Private Hauling Contractors Must Begin Reporting Recycling Data to the Village
This Ordinance was adopted.
- V. [ORD 23-41](#) An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Budget
This Ordinance was adopted.
- W. [MOT 23-38](#) A Motion to Approve the Bills in the Amount of \$5,104,226.34 from April

14, 2023, through May 25, 2023

This Motion was approved.

XII. Regular Agenda

- Z. [RES 23-187](#) **A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Oak Park Public Library and the Village Of Oak Park for the Installation of a Naloxone Box on Oak Park Public Library Property and Authorizing its Execution**

Trustee Enyia recused himself due to his employment with Oak Park Public Library.

Manager Jackson introduced the Item.

Health Director Dr. Chapple presented the Item.

Oak Park Opioid Taskforce Co-Chairs Ricky and Anita shared additional information.

President Scaman provided information on the organization Live4Lali.

Trustee Straw said he is a huge supporter of this project and he pulled this Item off the Consent Agenda because it is really important to have this conversation.

It was moved by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Wesley, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 6 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Wesley

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

RECUSED: 1 - Village Trustee Enyia

- AA. [RES 23-188](#) **A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Park District of Oak Park and the Village of Oak Park for the Installation of a Naloxone Box on Park District Property and Authorizing its Execution**

It was moved by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Wesley, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Wesley

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

- X. [RES 23-197](#) **A Resolution Approving an Amendment to an Agreement for Public Health Nurse Services with Patrice Steurer, R.N., to Change the Not to Exceed Amount from \$55,000 to \$90,000 thru December 31, 2023, and Authorizing Its Execution**

Manager Jackson introduced the Item.

Health Director Dr. Chapple presented the Item.

Trustee Robinson wondered if Nurse Steurer's hours can be wholly encompassed by the earmarked 20% grant funding. Dr. Chapple responded that the grant is strictly for vaccinations and would not allow her to do the backlog communicable disease work. Trustee Robinson asked if there is a plan to fill the vacant nurse position. Dr. Chapple confirmed that the Nurse Stanton who previously left now wants to come back. Nurse Steurer went from part-time to full-time during the period Nurse Stanton was gone to cover the additional work so there was no cost savings. The request is for this position to move from part-time to full time.

Trustee Parakkat asked what is prompting the need for additional funding. Dr. Chapple said the Health Department is seeking to use the funding that was already set aside; it is not seeking additional funding. Nurse Steurer was contracted for 20 hours per week for the calendar year. Quickly into the year she was used at the full 37.5 hours per week. The Health Department is requesting to increase her funding to continue using her for the rest of the year. The Health Department is also able to bring back Nurse Stanton which will use the funding that was set aside plus the grant dollars. Trustee Parakkat asked what the impact will be if the funding is not approved. Dr. Chapple said the Health Department would have a problem with its backlog and ensuring the department is up-to-date on all of its cases, which is what the funding was set aside to do.

Trustee Buchanan asked if STI reporting is in the backlog. Dr. Chapple confirmed the backlog includes STIs and all communicable diseases. The Health Department is required by the state to provide vaccines free to anyone who wants them. Trustee Buchanan asked if the Health Department has a plan for these positions after the grant runs out. Dr. Chapple said if the grant runs out and the department no longer has vaccines, it will no longer need a nurse to administer vaccines. She expects to know the state's plan for these grants in October.

Trustee Parakkat asked if these funds are coming from the external support line item, which Dr. Chapple confirmed. He inquired if the nursing positions are just through the end of the year. Manager Jackson responded that \$110K was approved in the FY23 budget for the purpose of doing the

backlog work. The original intent was to hire four part-time nurses. Instead the Health Department has used the nurses it has and has not spent all of the \$110K. The proposal is to amend the contracts of Nurses Steurer and Stanton to continue doing the backlog work with the \$110K that was approved. The backlog is anticipated to be finished this fiscal year as planned.

Trustee Robinson asked if the funding is coming from the original \$110K that was escrowed. Manager Jackson confirmed that is correct. The Health Department does not currently have an immunization program because all immunization efforts have been tied to addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. Nurse Stanton is to help the Health Department implement the state grant received in March.

It was moved by Trustee Wesley, seconded by Trustee Straw, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Wesley

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

- Y.** [RES 23-199](#) **A Resolution Approving an Amendment to an Agreement for Public Health Nurse Services with Veronica Stanton, R.N., to Change the Not to Exceed Amount from \$24,000 to \$60,000 and Extend the Term to December 31, 2023, and Authorizing Its Execution**

It was moved by Trustee Wesley, seconded by Trustee Straw, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Wesley

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

- AB.** [ORD 23-37](#) **Concur with the Plan Commission's Recommendation and Adopt an Ordinance Denying Text Amendments to Article 6 ("Special Purpose Districts"), Section 6.3 ("H Hospital Zoning District") of the Oak Park Zoning Ordinance Regarding the H- Hospital Zoning District Regulations (*)**

Per Village Code, President Scaman disclosed that she received two emails from the president of Rusk Oak Park Hospital (RUSH) requesting a meeting regarding the text amendment. She did not respond to the emails and a meeting did not occur. She said the emails will not prevent her from being fair and impartial and she will make her decision based on the

presentation and materials provided.

Village Planner Craig Failor presented the Item.

Richard Friedman, attorney representing RUSH: Suggested considering the precedent that would be established if this zoning change is adopted. These are individuals, not property owners or government members.

Dr. Dino Rumoro, President and CEO of RUSH: Asks the Village Board to accept the Plan Commission's recommendation. Assures RUSH will share design proposals with the public and consider external input. RUSH has no definitive plans for future development as of now.

Anne Frueh, applicant: Proposes lowering the current building heights on parts of the campus to 50 feet, with modest setback increases. Proposal establishes a fair and reasonable starting point for new hospital structures next to homes.

Bruno Graziano, condo owner and President of 621 South Maple condo association: Condo is next to RUSH's surface parking lot. Proposal would rebalance the residential and hospital areas. Asking to be treated equally as the neighbors of West Suburban Hospital.

Michael Weik: Lives on 600 block of South Maple. The Plan Commission relies on the staff report and should exercise caution, ask questions, and rely on the facts presented. RUSH should also be held accountable.

David Osta: Lives on 600 block of South Winona. Application seeks to put a process in place that will balance the needs of residents and the hospital. Wants residents to have a seat at the table when decisions are being made.

Matthew Rose, local government attorney representing the applicants: Believes Chair Sims' participation in the Plan Commission meeting denied his clients due process because her husband serves on RUSH's executive board. Recommends the Village Board cure the violation by approving the text amendment.

Dave Mosner: Improved readiness of RUSH can save lives and increase the desirability of the Village. Urges the Village Board to accept the Plan Commission's recommendation.

John Macalane: RUSH has a different business model than West Suburban Hospital. Believes it is in the community's best interest to keep the ordinance as is and allow RUSH to grow and adapt as it sees fit.

Clerk Waters read the following public comments into the Record:

Phillip Jimenez, President and CEO of West Cook YMCA: Opposes the text amendment. RUSH and the YMCA provide essential health and welfare services to the community. Asks Village Board to support the Plan Commission's recommendation.

President Scaman noted the Village received a similar letter from Diane Slezak, President and CEO of Age Options.

Village Attorney Paul Stephanides said the decision before the Village Board is to decide what is in the Village's best interest in light of the Plan Commission's recommendation. The matter of recusal decision was made at the Plan Commission level by the Chair. A supermajority of five votes is required to overturn the Plan Commission's recommendation.

Chair Sims summarized the recommendation of the Plan Commission.

Trustee Buchanan requested clarification on the heights. Planner Failor responded that 30 feet is allowed in that zoning district. An applicant responded that the current zoning is 125-foot max height and they are requesting the surface lot area be reduced to 50 feet. Trustee Buchanan inquired why the applicants want the max height in the northwest corner limited to 80 feet. The applicant responded that it makes sense for tiering down into the neighborhood and would be taller than the two buildings that would become non-conforming under the original 50 feet.

Trustee Straw said he heard the applicants saying they want a doorway to a discussion. Planner Failor said if it is a by right development, they'll build per the zoning code and there is no public process. The planned development process has a mandatory neighborhood meeting prior to submitting the final application and a public hearing process through the Plan Commission. Chair Sims said the community has had a lot of input in the past and are trying to preclude what happens in the future and tell RUSH which rules they get to play by. President Scaman said the Village Board understands the intentions behind the amendment to be able to engage RUSH.

Trustee Straw asked how much notice is required. Planner Failor responded that any special use or planned development has a 15-day notice with letters to everyone within 300 feet, signage on each street frontage, and a newspaper notice. Trustee Straw said the applicants are not saying they are opposing development but are requesting to have an early voice in the conversation for significant developments that go beyond

a 60-foot limit. He said that sounds reasonable and suggested the Village Board vote in favor of the text amendment.

President Scaman noted that the Plan Commission process worked for her and her neighbors regarding the American House development and the community engagement made it better.

Trustee Robinson requested a distinction between principal and accessory limits. Planner Failor responded that principal uses have larger setbacks because they are more impactful to neighbors. If the text amendment is followed, all accessory uses would have to follow the same setbacks as a principal use so there would no longer be that distinction. Trustee Robinson requested clarification on non-conformity. Planner Failor said the zoning code tries to eliminate non-conformity. If the height restriction is applied to the medical office building, it would become a legal non-conforming structure.

Trustee Robinson said she does not think these text amendments are the appropriate way to amend the ordinance. The Village Board would need to do its own comprehensive analysis to responsibly determine how height and setback limits should be changed. The threshold to amend an ordinance should be really high so that they have a longevity and so that future boards aren't rewriting them. She does not think these amendments provide the safeguards residents are seeking in future developments. She said she concurs with the Plan Commission's recommendation and feels the neighbors' concerns are more appropriately addressed in a policy framework.

Trustee Parakkat said he sees the need for the community voice but the precedence it sets seems problematic. He inquired about the process when RUSH comes forth with a master plan. Planner Failor said RUSH's CEO has publicly committed to involving the community, though they would not be required to go through a public process. Trustee Parakkat said he would agree with the Plan Commission's recommendation. Chair Sims said RUSH gave a commitment to community engagement. This group has been adversarial and are now showing a willingness that was not apparent during the Plan Commission's process.

Manager Jackson inquired how the Health Facilities Planning Act impacts the development process. Dr. Rumoro responded that when RUSH comes up with a campus master facility plan, it will go to the state and require public hearings. RUSH General Counsel Carl Bergetz confirmed the state process would take place and involve public input before anything is brought to the Village. It applies for anything that would change size or capacity and notice would be given many months in advance.

Trustee Parakkat inquired about the process for rebuilding trust. Dr. Rumoro said he had already been meeting with this group and addressing their concerns and RUSH has formed a community outreach group.

Trustee Straw sought Dr. Rumoro's opinion on Village staff meeting with RUSH and neighbors and coming back to the Village Board with a staff-driven text amendment. Dr. Rumoro said that would preempt his board process and would be hard for him to agree to without having a plan in hand. He requested that RUSH be given time to go through its process to come forward with a campus development plan and he would welcome assistance from Village staff in moderating that.

Trustee Wesley asked if residents have thought about what the negotiated height above what they are asking would be. A resident responded that the proposed heights are a starting point and they do not have a specific height limit in mind without seeing what the plan would be. They are requesting a policy change instead of just promises. Trustee Wesley inquired if anyone in the community can propose a text amendment to any parcel regardless of where they live. Planner Failor confirmed that is correct. President Scaman noted it would have to go through the Plan Commission and come before the Village Board. Chair Sims said that is one of the reasons the issue of precedent came up in the Plan Commission. Trustee Parakkat noted the potential volume of those requests could be problematic.

Trustee Wesley said zoning has a history of injustice, racism, and economic disparity. He referenced a White House article on exclusionary zoning. Any group of residents being able to enforce discrimination on any other group and having them defend themselves was a tactic used historically for redlining and other economic and racial disparities around housing. This is a much larger issue than RUSH and its neighbors. He said he is hearing the residents are just asking for a conversation and he doesn't believe the law needs to be changed to give them that. He said he concurs with the Plan Commission's recommendation.

Trustee Buchanan said the history of discriminatory zoning is exactly why we should have people's voices in the zoning decisions. She corrected Planner Failor and said the City of Chicago comes before their Zoning Board of Appeals, not their Plan Commission. She said neighbors brought this as a text amendment because they had reached frustration and were advised by the Village that this was their remedy. RUSH and West Sub both abut neighborhoods so she would like the same rules applied to them. She said she planned to vote to approve the text amendment but she would be even more in favor of Trustee Straw's proposed compromise. Trustee

Wesley rebutted Trustee Buchanan's comment about discriminatory zoning and said more voices doesn't always mean more representation.

Trustee Parakkat inquired who from the Village told the neighbors about the text amendment option. President Scaman said she advised the neighbors that the text amendment was an option when she was Village Clerk and she would have gotten that knowledge from the staff.

Trustee Straw said the precedent is the ordinance and the Village Board should not base its decision on who brought the text amendment forward.

Trustee Wesley said it is the Village Board's job to understand and respect precedence when it sets it and he cannot vote to overturn the Plan Commission by using a hole in the zoning ordinance.

Trustee Enyia said he leans toward Trustees Buchanan and Straw as the only way to guarantee neighbors have a seat at the table.

Trustee Straw reiterated he would like to see the Village Board direct staff to consider whether a solution can be negotiated between residents and RUSH that could be brought back to the Village Board. President Scaman said she would support that.

A friendly amendment was made by Trustee Straw and seconded by Trustee Enyia to request Village staff come back to the Village Board in the form of a study session with a recommendation responsive to Board discussion regarding the hospital zoning and community engagement and planned development process.

It was moved by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Enyia, that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 4 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, and Village Trustee Wesley

NAYS: 3 - Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, and Village Trustee Straw

ABSENT: 0

AC. [MOT 23-52](#) A Motion to Concur with the Community Development Citizen Advisory Commission (CDCAC) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Recommendations for Program Year (PY) 2023

Grants Supervisor Vanessa Matheny presented the Item.

Trustee Buchanan requested more information about Our Future Reads. Supervisor Matheny said the Village gave them \$3,920 in 2022. They are an Oak Park organization that provides a literacy program to residents.

It was moved by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Buchanan, that this Motion be approved. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Wesley

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

- AD.** [MOT 23-57](#) **A Motion to Concur with the Transportation Commission's Recommendations for Traffic Calming at the Intersection of East Avenue and Greenfield Street Including Upgrading from a Two-Way to Four-Way Stop and Installing Bump Outs on the South Side of East Avenue and Direct Staff to Prepare the Necessary Ordinance**

Village Engineer Bill McKenna presented the Item.

Trustee Straw asked if the bump-outs would be permanent. Engineer McKenna confirmed they would.

It was moved by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Buchanan, that this Motion be approved. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Wesley

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

- AE.** [ORD 23-40](#) **An Ordinance Establishing All-Way Stops at the Intersection of Greenfield Street and East Avenue**

Engineer McKenna presented the Item.

It was moved by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Wesley, that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Wesley

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

- AF.** [MOT 23-58](#) **A Motion to Concur with the Transportation Commission's Recommendations for Traffic Calming at the Erie Street and Lombard Avenue Intersection with the Installation of Temporary Bump Outs on the Southern and Western Legs of Erie Street and Lombard Avenue Using Delineator Posts and Paint**

Ally: Hopeful that with the Vision Zero Plan, the Transportation Commission and Village Board look holistically at Oak Park, especially around schools.

Engineer McKenna presented the Item.

Transportation Commission Chair Ron Burke noted that the south leg is the priority though both sides will receive improvements.

Michelle Jurowitz: Lives on 200 block of North Lombard. Agrees with the Transportation Commission's recommendation. She sees accidents from her porch from cars traveling too fast down Erie. Fire trucks use Lombard as a through street.

Martha Irvin: Lives on 200 block of North Lombard. Sees a lot of speeding and drivers blowing the stop signs. Lombard is a collector street that gets more traffic. Supports the bump-outs on both sides.

Trustee Robinson requested more information about the bike pathway. Engineer McKenna responded that Erie is included in the bike boulevard plan and it's proposed future conditions would include two dashed bike lanes crossing that intersection. The Village would try to not do bump-outs in that area because it would push the bikes further into traffic. Trustee Robinson said she concurs with staff's recommendation.

Trustee Straw inquired about the difference between a greenways plan and bike boulevard plan. Engineer McKenna said bump-outs create less space for bike lanes. Chair Burke said he didn't see a conflict with the bump-outs and the greenways network. The temporary bump-outs can be removed later. Trustee Straw inquired about the \$5K-\$10K paint cost. Engineer McKenna said the pavement marking paint should last a long time and is not commercially available. The intent is to use this as a training opportunity for the Village's streets department to eventually take these in-house and be able to do them cheaper and quicker in the future.

Trustee Parakkat recommended going with the staff's recommendation while deploying the extra funds towards solving the problem holistically.

Trustee Wesley asked if the temporary bump-out could be replaced by a structured bike lane. Engineer McKenna said the Village can put a bike lane through or in lieu of the bump-out. Trustee Wesley said he supports both bump-outs.

Trustee Enyia inquired about the difference in cost between the bump-out and the protected bike lane. Engineer McKenna said they will be relatively similar. Trustee Enyia said he supports both bump-outs.

Trustee Parakkat inquired about the \$5K-\$10K new funds that would be required. Engineer McKenna responded that it would most likely be a transfer.

It was moved by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Buchanan, that this Motion be approved. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: 7 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, Village Trustee Straw, and Village Trustee Wesley

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

XIII. Call to Board and Clerk

Trustee Enyia thanked residents, businesses, organizations, and Village staff for organizing and attending *A Day in Our Village*.

President Scaman thanked staff, commissions, and committee volunteers for *A Day in Our Village*. She thanked Clerk Waters and Dr. Walker for coordinating the gun violence proclamation. The *Move with the Mayor* event was a great community feeling. Representative Camille Lilly put \$500K into the state budget for C4. Greentown is June 22 at Triton College.

Trustee Wesley: Thanked staff and commissions for *A Day in Our Village*. Congratulated recent graduates and said hi to his son.

Trustee Buchanan expressed her appreciation for the gun violence and Pride proclamations.

Trustee Parakkat thanked the organizers of *A Day in Our Village*. He will be on one of the panels at Greentown. He wished his daughter a happy birthday and congratulated his other daughter on graduating from college.

XIV. Adjourn

It was moved by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Buchanan, to Adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 P.M., Monday, June 5, 2023.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Deputy Clerk Hansen**