

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF FOREST PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 22nd, 2004**

Mayor Calderone led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone answered the Roll Call.

READING OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Hosty and seconded by Commissioner Steinbach that the minutes from the previous Council meeting of November 8th, 2004 be passed without reading, as everyone has received copies thereof and found same to be correct.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Doolin

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marty Tellalian from 7337 Jackson said that the Abell/Howe property is on the agenda for discussion and commented that these units measure 1100 square feet and are smaller than other units that this developer has built elsewhere which measure 1400 sq. ft. Mr. Tellalian stated that there is not much space between units and said that residents in the Village of Forest Park should not sell themselves short, but should demand to be less dense than Oak Park and River Forest. Mr. Tellalian said that Forest Park is not the stepchild of these communities any longer, and that any development that comes in should be worthy of our town.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Police Department submitted its report for October 2004.

The Fire Department submitted its report for October 2004.

The Community Center submitted its report for October 2004.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

It was moved by Commissioner Gillian and seconded by Commissioner Hosty that the Resolution providing for the payment of bills be adopted. The Commissioner of Accounts and Finance has reviewed the bills as applicable to each department and found the aggregate amounts to be correct and recommends payment when funds are available. The bills totaled \$ 655,603.22.

**R-60-04
RESOLUTION FOR THE
PAYMENT OF BILLS**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Doolin

The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Steinbach motioned and Commissioner Hosty seconded to adopt a Resolution approving a 2005 Paratransit Service Provider Agreement between Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority (PACE) and the Village of Forest Park.

**R-61-04
RESOLUTION APPROVING A 2005
PARATRANSIT SERVICE PROVIDER
AGREEMENT BETWEEN SUBURBAN
BUS DIVISION OF THE REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (PACE)**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Doolin

The motion carried.

Commissioner Gillian motioned and Commissioner Hosty seconded to pass an Ordinance granting a perpetual easement and authorizing the Metropolitan Reclamation District of Greater Chicago to rehabilitate a portion of the Broadview/ Bellwood Sewer situated along Roosevelt Road between the Des Plaines River and First Avenue.

**O-53-04
ORDINANCE GRANTING A PERPETUAL
EASEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE
METROPOLITAN RECLAMATION
DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO
TO REHABILITATE A PORTION OF THE
BROADVIEW/ BELLWOOD SEWER ALONG
ROOSEVELT RD**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Doolin

The motion carried.

Commissioner Hosty motioned and Commissioner

R-62-04

Steinbach seconded to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the execution of documents for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Supporting the Balanced Approach to Drug and Gang Elimination (B.A.D.G.E.) Program for the Village of Forest Park.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT (LLEBG) SUPPORTING THE B.A.D.G.E. PROGRAM

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Doolin

The motion carried.

Commissioner Hosty motioned and Commissioner Steinbach seconded to adopt the Resolution authorizing Subrecipient Agreement for the Village of Forest Park Cook County Development Block Grant Project for the 2004 Program Year.

**R-63-04
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT FOR THE COOK COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT FOR 2004**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Doolin

The motion carried.

Commissioner Steinbach motioned and Commissioner Hosty seconded to waive the requirements of Section 1-8A-3D of the Village Code and to approve the estimate of repairs from Case McCann Company in the amount of \$20,771.76, and to authorize and approve the repair of the Village of Forest Park's 621 Front End Loader by Case McCann Company.

MOTION TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1-8A-3D OF THE CODE AND TO APPROVE THE ESTIMATE OF REPAIRS FROM CASE MCCANN COMPANY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE REPAIR OF THE 621 FRONT END LOADER

Commissioner Hosty asked the cost of a new front end loader and Director Kutak stated about \$110,000.

Mayor Calderone commented that it is much cheaper to repair our current loader.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Doolin

The motion carried.

Commissioner Steinbach motioned and Commissioner Hosty seconded to adopt the Resolution approving and adopting the Proclamation of the Canvassing Board declaring the Results of the Balloting on the Referendum Question at the General Election held

**R-64-04
RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE PROCLAMATION OF THE CANVASSING BOARD DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE**

on November 2, 2004.

**BALLOTING ON THE REFERENDUM
QUESTION VOTED NOVEMBER 2, 2004**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Doolin

The motion carried.

Mr. Tim Anderson, President of Focus Development began discussion re: Abell Howe/ Ockerlund properties development. Mr. Anderson stated that the town home/condo project won unanimous approval by the Plan Commission and added that the group met with many stakeholders to gain input. Mr. Anderson stated that the buildings will cover 35% of the lot, which is less than the 40% allowed. Mr. Anderson stated that the group addressed the needs of the community when it modified the plan to conform to the setback requirements; eliminated the swimming pool and recreation center; added trees; added special pavement and street lighting; reconfigured parking area so that no parked car would block a walkway; clustered mailboxes; and enhanced the parking ratio originally planned. Mr. Anderson continued with the public improvements that would be performed by the developer: reconstruction/ paving of Van Buren Street in front of the development site; creation of a left hand turn lane at Van Buren and Madison Street; evaluation and subsequent denial of pedestrian bridge over tracks to connect the development to the northeast properties; and real estate taxes will increase by \$1.32 million/ year with \$751,000 going to schools and \$214,000 to the Village. Mr. Anderson stated that the CMAQ public improvement project about to begin in the Village would preclude the developer from reconfiguring the Van Buren/ Desplaines intersection. Mr. Anderson stated that the developers are in compliance with R3 zoning and are now asking for a density bonus, as they have managed building height and compatability with the Altenheim. Commissioner Gillian stated that the developer differs with the traffic engineer at Madison and Van Buren, since the engineer wants to widen the street and the developer wants to stripe it. Commissioner Gillian asked why not widen the street? Mr. Anderson stated that the developer does want to widen the intersection there. Commissioner Gillian stated that concerning the intersection of Van Buren and Desplaines, IDOT and the CTA will do some work there someday and suggested that the developer put up some

**ABELL HOWE/ OCKERLUND PROPERTIES
DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL BY
FOREST PARK GROVE, LLC**

escrow money to help pay for that future project. Commissioner Gillian asked about the pricing of the units. Mr. Anderson stated that condos range from \$175,000 to \$310,000 and town homes range from \$330,000 to \$400,000. Mr. Gillian asked why the project is more dense than others being developed. Mr. Anderson stated that the developer is designing for a market and this market handles both young and old who think that 1100 sq. ft. of living space is the same as 1300 sq. ft. Commissioner Hosty asked about the construction period and phases of same. Mr. Anderson said that May 2005 would mark the start of the project with the corner building and the town homes. The developer would work his way out to the second condo building and therefore the southern half of the property will be finished first. The project will be completed in 2008 (second quarter.) Commissioner Steinbach stated that it appears that the developer is chopping off the Altenheim gate when it is widening the street. Mr. Anderson stated that the developer will not be cutting off the gate. Commissioner Steinbach asked if the gate would be moved and asked if the space is big enough for a bus to turn down. Mr. Anderson said that the space was big enough for bus turning and that the wrought iron gate identifies the community. Commissioner Steinbach stated that the driveway is too close to the curb. Ms. Hill stated that there is concern about the driveway, that it is too close to the intersection. Ms. Hill stated that at some point, the curb cut will be closed off. Commissioner Steinbach asked if the Village needs to keep the driveway open per the Altenheim contract and Mr. Durkin stated that yes the driveway needs to be open and that the Village needs to talk to the Altenheim about the driveway. Mr. Anderson agreed to take a more detailed look at the driveway issue. Commissioner Steinbach stated that she has a concern about the Desplaines and Van Buren intersection and asked about restrictions associated with reconfiguring it. Mayor Calderone stated that barring any CTA agreement, the only obstacle is IDOT, and the Village would encourage IDOT to sign off on the project. Commissioner Steinbach continued by saying that she thinks two egress routes are needed. Mr. Anderson stated that this was initially evaluated, but that the public improvement project was thought to hamper further developer plans at Van Buren and Desplaines. Mr. Anderson agreed to pursue this avenue further. In addition, Mr. Anderson stated that the dips in the road hamper visibility. Commissioner Gillian asked particulars about the repaving of Van Buren. Mr. Anderson stated that new curbs would be built, and demolishing of the existing concrete and pouring of asphalt and striping would be done here. Commissioner Steinbach asked about Ms. Hill's statement in a memo re: Van Buren and Madison intersection improvements that the

developer seems willing to pay for the plat of vacation, as well as exchange the remnant corner parcel on the west side of Van Buren street for the right of way. Ms. Hill stated that there already is right of way, but a plat to dedicate the right of way, not plat of vacation, needs to be drawn up.

Mr. Antunovich, the project architect, stated that the buildings will match the Altenheim, and the project will integrate citizens to the northeast as part of the community. Mr. Antunovich stated that real bricks will be used with no shortcuts.

Commissioner Gillian motioned and Commissioner Hosty seconded to dedicate the 7700 block of Taylor to Mr. John Booth and post a street sign entitled "Booth Drive" in his honor.

7700 BLOCK OF TAYLOR DEDICATED TO MR. JOHN BOOTH WITH A STREET SIGN ENTITLED "BOOTH DRIVE" TO BE POSTED IN HIS HONOR

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioners Gillian, Hosty, Steinbach and Mayor Calderone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Doolin

Mayor Calderone presented to Mr. Booth a replica of the street sign that will bear his name. Mr. Booth thanked all, but especially the Fire Department, whose members have come to his aid many times.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Mayor Calderone gave the floor to Judge James O'Malley who stated that there is a celebration reception at the Golden Steer Restaurant after the meeting and all are invited there as John and Maureen Booth's guests.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be addressed, Commissioner Steinbach motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hosty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mayor Calderone declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. White
Village Clerk