

MINUTES
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BUDGET MEETING
September 27, 2007

Trustee Brandt	Trustee McDonough
Trustee Saltiel	Trustee Servi
Trustee Walder	Trustee Gary Walrath
Mayor Blomberg	Village Clerk Mastandrea
Village Manager Irvin	Dep. Village Clerk Marshall
Director of Public Works Tripicchio	Village Engineer Hughes
Assistant to the Director of PW Scott	

Location: Village Hall, Community Room, One Olde Half Day Road, Lincolnshire, Illinois 60069.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Mayor Blomberg called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m and Deputy Village Clerk Marshall called the roll.

Interview of Hitchcock Design Group

Mr. Rich Hitchcock, Owner, and Mr. Tim King, Project Manager, made the presentation. Mr. Hitchcock feels, at the end of the day, that they have the necessary resources, experience and approach to handle this task. Mr. Hitchcock described their firm and said they have about 60 people working out of two offices, one in Chicago and one in Naperville, and his firm does municipal work all day long. They have done work for Oak Brook, Skokie, Naperville, Geneva and Alsip. They presented a power point slide show showing the works that they have done in the area.

Interview with Douglas Hoerr Landscape Architecture, Inc.

Ms. Grace Rappe and Mr. Jonathan Brooks made the presentation. Ms. Rappe said the company has 30 employees and she felt that Lincolnshire has done many good things - the Village Hall and its location sets a tone for the Village. The signage and existing landscape work do as well. There are other things such as utility poles and unburied power lines that are problematic. They have done a lot of work in Chicago and surrounding suburbs as well as in Des Moines. Their

process is to access, prioritize, document, and implement. They presented a power point slide show showing the work they have done in the area.

Interview with Wolff Landscape Architecture

Mr. Ted Wolff has been in business since 1979. He suggested low plantings and trees and art that will be here for decades. He suggested up-lighting of trees and suggested incorporating some of the symbols of the Village in the design. He said entries must have a commonality but can be downsized depending on the location. He presented a power point slide show showing the works that his firm has done in the area.

Discussion

Trustee Walrath said he was interested in Douglas Hoerr Landscape Architecture, Inc. and in Wolff Landscape Architecture. Trustees Saltiel and Servi agreed. Trustee Servi said "Wolff seemed more imaginative if we focus on the entry ways". He felt Hoerr Landscape Architecture also had some nice ideas in terms of plantings. Village Manager Irvin said if we do focus on an identity program - that people know they are in Lincolnshire - it will take more than plantings. You may need some sort of hard scape for the winter. Trustee Saltiel said conceptually he liked Mr. Wolff but his designs "did not knock me out". With Hoerr he likes what the company will look at to make determinations. He asked staff's opinion. Village Engineer Hughes felt Hoerr offers a little more in the sense of plantings. They have a better handle because they are focused on plantings. They seem to think outside of the box. She could work with either Hoerr or Wolff. Assistant to the Public Work Director Scott said Hitchcock was sort of safe. They have creativity and a lot of experience putting in things with less maintenance. Hoerr is in high end demand because of their work on Michigan Avenue. She is not sure they know how to maintain it. They are the most creative of the three. Wolff could give you a number of ideas to look at and you may not like them but he could come up with really good ideas. Village Manager Irvin said while he felt all three could do the job, he felt Hoerr or Wolff are better. He felt both could do the job for the Village. A lot will depend on what kind of process the Board choose to use. Some of the presenters suggested multiple meetings, but the Board does not have to do what they suggest. There is a timing element involved. Mayor Blomberg liked Hoerr because they look at little things like back of signs. Trustee Saltiel said if the Village does the corridors right people will know that they are in Lincolnshire. There was discussion about asking Hoerr to select an area in the Village and tell us what it would do in that particular location to get a feel for how they are thinking. Costs were discussed. Trustee Saltiel said this will not be cheap, and the Village should do it in phases over five to six years. He said that perhaps the property owners along Milwaukee Avenue would share in some of the costs. Contacts with past clients of Hoerr were discussed, and Assistant to the Public Work Director Scott said she would definitely call some of Hoerr's clients. Village Manager Irvin suggested asking for a more specific proposal, but that would be hard for the firms to do until the Board tells them what it wants done. Mayor

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Blomberg suggested picking one location and giving it to both Hoerr and Wolff to see what they can do. Trustee Saltiel was not sure it would get the Board to where it wanted to be. Trustee Walrath suggested asking each of them what their ideas for the particular spot would be. Mayor Blomberg suggested the spot in front of the library and to the west of it. He said we should ask them what they would do with it. Trustee Saltiel questioned if we give them no parameters and no budget, what can they do? Trustee Walrath felt that to get the best out of a creative group we have to say this is what our dream is, and we have a five-year horizon. Trustee Walrath reminded the group that three Trustees were not in attendance at the meeting so we need to know what their thoughts are regarding this. Village Manager Irvin advised that the budget implications are capital improvements, and staff is working on that budget so the staff needs some direction from the Board. The Board needs to decide how much it wants to spend on this project each year for five or six years. Trustee Saltiel suggested taking the money out of savings.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Servi moved and Trustee Saltiel seconded the motion to adjourn. The voice vote was unanimous, and the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

VILLAGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE

Carol S. Marshall
Deputy Village Clerk

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