

MINUTES OF THE GURNEE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION

GURNEE VILLAGE HALL NOVEMBER 22, 2016

Susie Kuruvilla called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Jack Linehan, Village of Gurnee

Others in Attendance

Bob Susnjara, Daily Herald

PRESENT: 3 –McFarlane, Kuruvilla, Shuppert

Roll Call

ABSENT: 2- Mason, Hill

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

McFarlane mentioned that he say Five Primary goals for the committee:

B. Committee Goals and Expectations

1. Setting a **Vision** for the future of pedestrian mobility in Gurnee.
2. Setting **Guiding Principles** based on the Vision.
3. Develop **Standards** for mobility and communication of pedestrian infrastructure.
4. Develop an **Action Plan** for the committee.
5. Recommend to the Gurnee Village Board to **Implement** the Action Plan.

The committee generally agreed, and discussed the various target audiences that the plan would need to address.

It was determined that there are three main target audiences for pedestrian mobility:

1. **Recreation.** These individuals are looking for ways to get exercise, whether it be walking, running, rollerblading, or biking. The focus for this target is in their neighborhoods, and in connection with the trail systems.
2. **Shopping/Point of Interest.** These individuals are looking to get from Point A to Point B, and may not be familiar with the best or safety route to do it.
3. **Work Commuters.** These individuals are traveling along a familiar route, either by bicycle or walking to Public Transportation.

Members of the committee discussed their research from their assignments to keep on the lookout for public infrastructure and to look for gaps.

C. Review of Locations:

- A. Washington Street: The Village is in discussion with Lake County on how to best address the gaps in walkability on Washington Street, including the gap between Hunt Club and Cemetery Road, which has been identified as a priority.
- B. Hunt Club Access: Members went out to see the location near Sunrise Living where the sidewalk changes from a traditional format to a reinforced curb. This is identified as a priority location.
- C. Connection to Parks from Subdivisions: The committee reviewed some of the resources available from the Village and the Park district for connectivity.

Linehan updated the committee on a couple of key areas in the community:

D. Location Updates

- A. **Route 21 Sidewalk:** The Village completed installation of sidewalk along Route 21 connecting Six Flags Employee Entrance to Grand Avenue and Washington. This was identified as a priority in the Strategic Plan.

B. Knowles Road Connection to ComEd Right-of-Way:

The Village is working with other local partners to expand sidewalk along Knowles Road to connect the ComEd Right-of-Way trail to Washington and other connectivity in the area. More details to come as details are developed.

E. Approval of the 2017 Blue

Ribbon Committee Meeting

Schedule

The 2017 Meeting Schedule was approved, for a once-monthly meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month until the Committee has concluded.

F. Next Meeting Date: December

13, 2016

The next meeting was expected to include representation from the Village of Gurnee Engineering Department.

G. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.