



1 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Nale to amend the Agenda to do the**  
2 **appointment of Eloise Houston to the Community Relations Commission.**

3 **Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.**

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5 President Meyers-Martin stated that she has an appointment for Eloise Houston from The  
6 Traditions. She is going to be appointed to the Community Relations Commission.

7 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to approve the candidacy**  
8 **of Eloise Houston to the Village of Olympia Fields Community Relations**  
9 **Commission for the term expiring on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013, or until their successor**  
10 **has been appointed and qualified.**

11 **Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.**

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13 President Meyers-Martin welcomed Eloise Houston to the Community Relations  
14 Commission. (There was a round of applause). President Meyers-Martin thanked Mrs.  
15 Houston for attending the meeting this evening.

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18 **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS (CONTINUED):**

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20 **SBA Grant Presentation – South Suburban Economic Development Initiative –**  
21 **Retail Investment Strategies (Campaign to Fight Retail Redlining).** President

22 Meyers-Martin stated that we have a presentation regarding the SBA Grant received for  
23 Retail Redlining. The following individuals are making the presentation: Michael  
24 Hoffman, Bridget Lane, Mike Brown and Janet Smith.

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26 Mr. Mike Hoffman from Teska Associates, Inc. stated that they have a brief presentation  
27 to update the Board on where we are at and what will be happening in the next phase. Mr.  
28 Brown is in route from Wisconsin. The Board viewed a PowerPoint Presentation. Mr.  
29 Hoffman stated that they are doing a two-phase process. They are getting near the end of  
30 the first phase. Phase 1 was to get an understanding of what is happening in all of the  
31 retail centers. They did an extensive consumer survey to understand behavioral patterns  
32 of consumers in the area. They have worked very closely with the Steering Committee to  
33 come up with ideas of different centers and get a hands-on feel for what is happening in  
34 each of the areas, and what the potential is for some of the different centers that they are  
35 looking at. They are working on Marketing Sheets. They are going to give a preview of  
36 that next week to the property owners of the different centers. There will be a Steering  
37 Committee Meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> to give a summary of the first phase of the process.

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39 Mr. Hoffman stated that Phase 2 is where they get into the discussion of Retail Redlining,  
40 and other investment pattern analysis. He stated that UIC has the biggest piece of the next  
41 phase coming up. The timeline for Phase 1 is that it started in June of 2010. After the  
42 Steering Committee Meeting in March, there will be probably be another meeting in  
43 May.

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45 Janet Smith from UIC stated that they are analyzing the data that was collected in Phase  
46 1. They are working from General Assumptions. This is how retail investors look at the

1 community. The following are the General Assumptions: 1. There is a racial bias that  
2 causes inadequate service to racially split/mixed communities. A lot of communities are  
3 viewed that they are either one race or the other in terms of a dominant race. When you  
4 have split communities, they may confuse retailers on how to view those communities. 2.  
5 National databases used to make retail location decisions do a poor job of documenting  
6 these types of communities. 3. Diverse markets fail to attract businesses that readily serve  
7 segregated markets. They may identify by one race, or one ethnic group or another, but  
8 they may not know how to look at a split race or a mixed community. 4. Racial bias has  
9 impacted development between 1970 and 2000. There may be patterns of discrimination  
10 going on during this time period, however with new marketing and the way people  
11 consume now if you are shopping from the Internet and not just going into stores, the  
12 new economy may be changing that pattern, but there may be a lag in your community  
13 showing up in terms of investment decisions.

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15 Mrs. Smith stated that Local Assumptions have been useful to get a handle on what is  
16 going on in these communities. They analyze the different shopping malls to determine if  
17 there is Retail Redlining, but it is useful to the communities when you think about how  
18 you can get investors into the shopping malls. The following are the Local Assumptions:  
19 1. National developers do not own properties in the area, and therefore retailers who only  
20 do business with those developers do not locate in the study area. 2. Retailers do not seek  
21 locations in the study area and therefore, shopping center developers do not invest in area  
22 locations. They are trying to eliminate all the possible, plausible explanations that are not  
23 Retail Redlining so that when they get to the end they can say is this clearly Retail  
24 Redlining or not. They know from the Retail Survey that there is a demand for certain  
25 things that should be in this area in a larger proportion than it is here now. There is  
26 something else preventing the retail from coming in. 3. How retailers look at your  
27 community. They want to find out if they took out the variable of race and racial mix,  
28 how would you be viewed from the outside, and what would be expected in those  
29 communities. If it is a community that has the same economic base, the same mix, but it  
30 is an all white community, how would it look? You are comparing those things to see  
31 what you expect to be there. That is a hypothesis that they will be testing and looking  
32 into. They will not only be looking at communities in the Chicago area, but also at  
33 communities from around the United States for comparative purposes. She stated that  
34 there is no formal research that tests Retail Redlining. There is research on what Retail  
35 Redlining is attributable to.

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37 Bridget Lane from BDI stated that with regard to A.J. Wright who closed their stores, the  
38 question is did the retailer look closely before they chose their locations. They looked in  
39 the Chicago area where there is new development. J.C. Penney only has a few stores in  
40 the Chicago market. They did choose Lincoln Mall for one of those stores. There has  
41 been new investment in this area. They looked to see where people are investing and how  
42 Lincoln Mall looks compared to other areas. They are tracking where redevelopment is  
43 happening in this market. In the four communities they are studying there is a little over  
44 4,000,000 square feet of retail. The other question is how much of the aging space in the  
45 area could be part of the problem. She stated that we are over-stored in this area by about  
46 100,000 to 150,000 square feet. She stated that people are driving to this area to make

1 purchases. When you take Lincoln Mall and the four communities you we are capturing  
2 more than the spending power of the four communities in this area right now. You have a  
3 149% capture rate. That is using the sales results from the Illinois Department of  
4 Revenue Sales Tax, and the spending power from a projection service.

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6 Mrs. Lane stated that they have looked at vacancies in the area. It looks as though this  
7 area has a 20% vacancy rate. Park Forest has a lot of vacancies and it reflects on the  
8 whole area. She stated that the Beverly community is similar and they have a lot of  
9 national chains there. They will be looking at that. They are getting all of the data for the  
10 four communities. She stated that people ought to be here. There are over 271,000  
11 consumers within a 15-minute drive time to Lincoln Mall. Olympia Fields exceeds the  
12 household income of the Chicago Market by 72%. She stated that there is very high  
13 traffic in this area which is a key to retail attraction. There are a lot of Government  
14 Incentive Programs. There is a significant amount of government ownership of land  
15 which supports new development. There are newly built anchors, J.C. Penney and Target  
16 which a lot of communities don't have.

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18 Mrs. Lane stated that they looked into what kinds of retailers ought to be here. They  
19 looked at the four communities and then combined them. Matteson is a community that  
20 captures almost three times the sales of its population. That is due to the amount of  
21 businesses that are there. Olympia Fields is doing a good job. They are getting  
22 approximately the same amount of sales as their community members are spending. It is  
23 Sales Tax times 100. That is the 1% Municipal Tax that gives you the sales. The spending  
24 power is projected based on the characteristics of your population.

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26 Mrs. Lane stated that they also looked at categories. Eating and drinking would be  
27 restaurants. They see that as a major opportunity. You are only getting 72% of the  
28 10-minute drive time market at Lincoln Mall. That shows the capacity of mixing  
29 restaurants with centralized shopping. She stated that you are only capturing 34% of the  
30 department store spending within a reasonable drive time to Lincoln Mall. She stated that  
31 there is room for another anchor at Lincoln Mall. Apparel is 31% even though there is a  
32 major mall there. There is the opportunity to expand and attract that type of business.  
33 Furniture, computers and appliances there is another major opportunity. People that  
34 responded to the survey stated that furniture, computers and appliances is something that  
35 they are interested in. With the 15-minute drive time you are only capturing 6% of that.  
36 There is not a community here that is over 100% which you would expect in a major mall  
37 environment. She stated with regard to Hardware and Home Centers, she believes that  
38 some Home Centers have been circling around in here. There is plenty of room for them.  
39 You are only capturing 38% of that.

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41 Mrs. Lane stated that there are a lot of aging centers in this area with a lot of tenant  
42 turnover. She along with Mr. Hoffman have been making recommendations for tenanting  
43 some of the malls in the area.

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45 Mr. Hoffman stated that at the last meeting they took the site at Norwood Plaza in Park  
46 Forest, Lincoln Mall, the 203<sup>rd</sup> Street Station site, and the site at Sauk Trail and I-57, and

1 they had people layout what an appropriate vision would be for the different centers.  
2 Those ideas are being placed on the Marketing Sheets that they are working on now.  
3 They are trying to do a community logo that would be applicable to all four communities.  
4 The key components are where do you fit in the Chicagoland region. What spaces are  
5 available in each of the locations now? What are some of the opportunities, whether it is  
6 vacant retail space, or a vacant outlot, or a vacant piece of land that might be appropriate.  
7 What are some of the key selling points of each of the different center locations, both  
8 specific to each of the individual centers, and regionally what are some of the selling  
9 points? They will be put together. They have about 30 Marketing Sheets in each of the  
10 four communities. At the Steering Committee Meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> they will unveil the  
11 maps to the four communities. They will develop some action plans to carry this forward  
12 and then roll into Phase 2.

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14 Administrator Mekarski stated that this is significant. President Obama encouraged our  
15 nation to begin a meaningful dialog on race. He stated that you should be proud that this  
16 community isn't just having a dialog; it is digging into the issue of race. He stated that  
17 there is no study like this anywhere in the country. The issue of Retail Redlining exists  
18 throughout America where we have upward, mobile, minority populations being  
19 underserved by the market. He stated as a Municipality, this is the core of your financial  
20 wherewithal. This funds your schools, your parks, your roads, and your quality of life.  
21 What we are embarking on here is really a National Demonstration Project. This is not  
22 being funded by local taxes. The Board worked with a Federal Lobbyist Strategy.  
23 Congressman Jackson gave the four communities of Matteson, Olympia Fields, Park  
24 Forest and Richton Park \$223,000.00. The first Phase was \$123,000.00. The Board  
25 signed the contracts at the last meeting for \$100,000.00. We want to engender the retail  
26 community that this is a problem. He stated that unless we can prove it I don't think we  
27 can motivate change. UIC is trying to determine that. If we prove that Retail Redlining  
28 exists in whole or in part, that will help us go back to the State Legislature and ask for  
29 additional funding to demonstrate the tools and mechanisms to other communities like  
30 Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and Atlanta and throughout the country.

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32 President Meyers-Martin stated that she spoke with a retail broker who had been  
33 instrumental in getting a restaurant chain located in Homewood. She inquired how he  
34 selected Homewood because the Village didn't hear that there was any interest in the  
35 restaurant coming to the south suburbs. The gentleman told her that Olympia Fields is a  
36 tough market. It is considered a "Bedroom Community," and retailers don't consider us.  
37 She inquired of Bridget Lane how they differentiate between that concept which could  
38 be, in fact, very real, and the Retail Redlining.

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40 Mrs. Lane stated that we drop a dot on a location and we look at the race. We look at the  
41 population. She stated that you can find out if the characteristics are the same. She stated  
42 that when they say a "Bedroom Community" it usually means that there aren't enough  
43 employees there to have a lunchtime crowd for a restaurant. She stated that she can verify  
44 that. She stated that with restaurants, they want lunch business within five minutes  
45 because people have an hour, and they have to be able to drive there and back and eat.  
46 She stated that they looked at a long list of very specific retailers and compared a specific

1 site in this market to all of their existing locations in total population, income, and  
2 number of employees within a reasonable drive time. That is how they verify that. That is  
3 some of the research that she is turning over to Janet Smith.

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5 Trustee Pennington stated that this Village maintains an AAA Bond Rating. It's the only  
6 Village in the southern suburbs, and only one of eight in the entire State that has an AAA  
7 Bond Rating. He inquired if that fact was factored into their model in terms of getting the  
8 word out that this is a good place to come. Mrs. Lane stated that she hasn't factored that  
9 in yet. They are going into the second phase where they are out talking to the specific  
10 retailers. Trustee Pennington inquired if that would be a viable thing to bring up. Mrs.  
11 Lane stated that it changes the cost of funds for Incentive Programs and should allow you  
12 to provide competitive incentives compared to other communities that don't have that  
13 AAA Bond Rating. She stated that the census just started to roll out for Illinois. If you  
14 add the communities of Matteson, Olympia Fields, and Flossmoor together you have a  
15 population of a little over 33,000 people according to the census. The average family  
16 income when you combine those three communities is \$122,000.00. If you combine  
17 Flossmoor and Olympia Fields, the average family income is about \$140,000.00. She  
18 stated that it is a very attractive market.

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20 Trustee Ormsby stated that at the end of the study we want Olympia Fields to be a  
21 Village that people are looking at. She stated that we want businesses to come here. She  
22 stated that we have a CVS and a grocery store, and none are being supported in our  
23 Village. She believes that the AAA Bond Rating should be part of the Village's PR. The  
24 fact we are doing this work is wonderful. She hopes that it puts us on the map. At the end  
25 of the day, she hopes that it brings people to this area.

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27 Mrs. Lane stated that she agrees 100%. The purpose of the Marketing Sheets is to get  
28 them out in the trade press. She and Mrs. Smith will be meeting with the President of the  
29 Illinois International Council of Shopping Centers to get him involved with this study. It  
30 is their goal to solve the problem, not identify the problem.

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32 Trustee Waite inquired as to the percentage of the working population that works outside  
33 of the community. Mrs. Lane stated that we will know that when the census comes out.  
34 He stated that if you live downtown that is sort of a different community than living out  
35 here and working downtown. He stated that if you are spending that time commuting, you  
36 have other opportunities between where you live and where you work that are outside of  
37 the community. He can understand why the retail in this area might be a little soft. Mrs.  
38 Lane stated that there have been a lot of studies about where people shop. People buy  
39 groceries in a close proximity to their home. They tend to shop for other kinds of goods  
40 within a 15-minute drive time. Sometimes they shop during their lunchtime. They have  
41 looked at where people shop. That was one of the questions on the survey.

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43 President Meyers-Martin stated that if you work downtown and you commute, you don't  
44 want to necessarily shop downtown because you may not be close to the stores that you  
45 want to go to, and you don't want to lug all of that stuff on the train.

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1 Trustee Waite stated that if you were going to buy a suit or other things, you might think  
2 that you would have more of a choice shopping downtown. He stated that we have had  
3 grocery stores that he thought had a good business model come and go. He wonders how  
4 some of the stores around our own community stay in business. He stated that there is a  
5 lot of turnover in retail in our community. We had Marshall Fields. We had Sears. We  
6 had Montgomery Wards. He can't imagine that a retail chain is going to miss too many  
7 opportunities. He stated that they will build them where they can maximize their profits.  
8 He stated that it isn't Olympia Fields but it should be.

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10 Mrs. Lane stated that one of the problems that they identified is the data. That is one of  
11 the tests. She stated that if the data isn't accurate then you don't look at this as an  
12 opportunity. She stated that if the retailer doesn't have the information it needs to  
13 understand that market correctly, you can't identify the opportunity. She stated that a lot  
14 of retailers follow specific owners. Those owners don't own down here. Why is that?  
15 That is one of the things that they are testing. The owner of the Orland Park Mall is a  
16 National Mall Developer. The owner of Lincoln Mall owns that mall. If you want to write  
17 a lease with Orland Park, you can write 30 leases at once with that property owner. It is  
18 the same cost to you as a retailer to write a lease for one mall, Lincoln Mall. That is one  
19 of the ways you make money. She stated that there are some issues with Cook County  
20 Taxes that they didn't bring up today, that have to do with how do you make money by  
21 this location versus a Will County location. She stated if we can uncover some of the  
22 problems here and correct some of the data errors that they see, some perception errors  
23 about the market that they see, then they think retailers can recognize how much money  
24 they can make at some of these sites. She stated that you have the ownership issues and  
25 some of the maintenance issues that don't relate to the Village. There are more issues that  
26 have to be addressed to solve this problem than a single racial perception.

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28 Trustee Oliver applauded their research and the presentation. He stated that it is  
29 awesome. He inquired if she could say more about the 149% capture rate. Mrs. Lane  
30 stated that using a model of how the people living in the four communities shop in total  
31 for retail, and taking the Illinois Department of Revenue Reports of Sales Tax, you can  
32 tell whether or not the total shopping potential of this market is realized by the businesses  
33 that are here. She stated that even though we may be disappointed with Lincoln Mall and  
34 with what is along Lincoln Highway, it is still capturing people driving by from  
35 University Park and from other communities. They are spending 49% more than their  
36 spending power. Park Forest is only capturing 15% of the spending power by its  
37 population. Richton Park is 29%. Olympia Fields is getting 108%. Part of that is because  
38 you have a small population in the Village. When you combine the four communities you  
39 are capturing spending power.

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41 Trustee Oliver stated that we do know it has a lot to do with race. He inquired that when  
42 it is all said and done, what is the goal. He inquired if the goal was to put this in the face  
43 of the American public and state this is what is not right, and ask them to do something  
44 about it. He inquired what are we trying to achieve out of this.

1 Mrs. Lane stated that the point is to have a strategy that changes the perception of the  
2 area and gets investment into this area. She stated that you can go throughout the United  
3 States and see struggling shopping centers. She stated that there are some conditions that  
4 appear to be unique to this area. She stated that we bring it to the attention of the retailers  
5 and see what they want to do to fix the problem. She stated that if we can show the  
6 retailers an opportunity to make more money that should be helpful.

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8 Trustee Waite stated that when he has been at Lincoln Mall there is not a lot of traffic  
9 there. It amazes him that there is anybody operating there at all with that little bit of  
10 traffic. He stated that maybe they don't know how to merchandize their businesses. He  
11 doesn't have the feeling that race has anything to do with it.

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13 Willett Hudson stated that when she goes to Lincoln Mall it is for one or two things. She  
14 stated when somebody tells her that they don't have something at that store because it's a  
15 "B Store," it's a "C Store," instead of an "A Store" that concerns her. That is why she  
16 goes to other shopping malls because she is looking for "A Products" or "B Products."  
17 She stated the reason people don't shop at Lincoln Mall is because half of the stores are  
18 "C Stores." She wants to know how we correct that situation. She would go to Lincoln  
19 Mall more if they had "A Products."

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21 Mrs. Lane stated that we aren't going to correct it. Carson's has to correct it. They plan to  
22 talk to Carson's.

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24 Xavier Rogers stated that he is a Village resident. Mr. Rogers stated that they are trying  
25 to bring more businesses into the area, and bring more money to help the community and  
26 help the economy for Olympia Fields. He is wondering if the Retail Redlining is just  
27 based on shopping malls and restaurants, why it couldn't be these businesses that we are  
28 working in. Why can't we bring them here as well? He stated that we could cut the  
29 commute time down and we could get to these restaurants and malls, and catch the half  
30 hour sales at Macy's during our lunch break. He was wondering why we couldn't bring  
31 IBM, AT&T and Sprint here. He stated without these businesses we couldn't shop.

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33 Mrs. Lane stated that he is correct. The goal is to bring more retail here. Mrs. Smith  
34 stated that we looked at a wide range of retail. It is based on consumer demand. She  
35 stated that we have to look at the degree to which retailers look at you only as a Bedroom  
36 Community, and therefore will eliminate you completely. If they see it as a community  
37 that has a lot of potential, if they invest here for people to spend maybe they will behave  
38 differently. She stated that "Bedroom Community" may also be a euphemism for  
39 something else. She stated how do you discern is it really a Bedroom Community, or are  
40 they looking at this community and they are saying it is a split race community and we  
41 don't understand it. When you look at the potential for spending, there is nothing there  
42 that says whether it is a Bedroom Community or not. It's just how much can people  
43 spend. She stated that whether we prove there is Retail Redlining or not, what is  
44 important is what you do with that information. She stated that this kind of information is  
45 a tool, and it is a tool that communities can put to use. You want to think how to use it  
46 constructively to recruit, to retain, etcetera.

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2 Lee Langon stated that he was going to hit on the Bedroom Community and how we  
3 solve that issue and identify ourselves on the Web. He asked how we can correct that  
4 image. He stated that if you go on the Web and bring up Olympia Fields, it says that it is  
5 an ‘upscale, African-American Bedroom Community.’” He stated that we have to change  
6 that. He stated that we have to identify ourselves as a diverse destination community with  
7 more than a median income.

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9 President Meyers-Martin stated that Mr. Rogers was speaking to not only retail, but why  
10 not Corporate America also. She stated that once we resolve the issues that we are  
11 dealing with in terms of attracting retail, it will then evolve into Corporate America also  
12 looking at the community because it will be successful in terms of retail.

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14 Ernie Gibson stated that we are emphasizing Retail Redlining. We have identified the  
15 problem because we knew about the problem before the study. He inquired what we are  
16 doing in reference to industry in this area. He stated that we have to think about the  
17 greater area of Olympia Fields. He inquired if it is industry before retail, or is it retail  
18 before industry. He inquired how their study reflects that.

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20 Mr. Hoffman stated that it is both. Employment is a big generator for a lot of the retail  
21 uses. We are concerned about the spending power of the employment and the employees  
22 that are in the area. They are going to talk to the gentleman that controls a lot of the  
23 Governors Office Park here, to talk about current employment levels and what is going  
24 on there. The study is focused on retail. They are not looking at developing lots of  
25 solutions to generate more office use and that kind of thing. It was not part of the original  
26 scope.

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28 President Meyers-Martin thanked everyone for their presentation. She stated that we look  
29 forward to all of the information that will be forthcoming in your future meetings.  
30 Trustee Pennington stated well-done. (There was a round of applause).

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32 **Olympia Fields Park District – Park District Strategies Plan Survey; April**  
33 **Referendum; Recreation Community Center** – President Meyers-Martin stated that the  
34 Olympia Fields Park District is going to give a presentation this evening. Nodee McNeal  
35 and Denise Will are present from the Park District. Nodee McNeal, Vice President of the  
36 Olympia Fields Park District Board stated that they were there for two reasons. 1. They  
37 are there to present to the Board the Referendum and to review the results of the  
38 residents’ survey that directly relates to the issue of the Referendum. They provided the  
39 Board with the results of the survey. Denise Will, Executive Director of the Olympia  
40 Fields Park District stated that she will e-mail the entire copy of the survey to  
41 Administrator Mekarski.

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43 Mrs. Will stated that many of the residents do not realize that the Village and the Park  
44 District are two, separate taxing bodies. She stated that we need to educate the residents a  
45 little bit more on that. The largest age group of people in the household in the Village is  
46 between 45 and 74 years of age. She stated that 77% of the Village residents have not

1 participated in any Recreation Programs offered by the Park District during the past 12  
2 months. She stated that we need to focus on this and get more of our residents involved in  
3 the Park District. The 23% of the Village residents that did participate in Park District  
4 Programs, 44% participated in one program and 47% participated in two or three  
5 programs. Under “Organizations used for Parks and Recreation Programs and Services,”  
6 45% of the respondents come to the Park District for their Recreation Programs and  
7 Services. After that are the Homeowners Associations, churches, and other Park Districts.  
8 Under “Households that have a need for various Parks and Recreation Facilities,” at the  
9 top are fitness and wellness types of things. First is walking and biking trails. Second are  
10 small neighborhood parks. Third are indoor fitness and exercise facilities. She stated that  
11 the majority of the people are older than 55 that have responded. The estimated number  
12 of households in the Olympia Fields Park District that have a need for various Parks and  
13 Recreation Facilities is based on 1,777 households in the Olympia Fields Park District.  
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15 Mrs. Will stated with regard to how well Parks and Recreation Facilities in the Olympia  
16 Fields Park District meet the needs of the households, the survey reflected 0% in the  
17 following categories: Community gardens, indoor basketball and volleyball courts,  
18 indoor fitness and exercise facilities, indoor running and walking track, indoor lap lanes  
19 for exercise and a water exercise area, outdoor swimming pools, leisure pool and outdoor  
20 ice skating. Under “Parks and Recreation Facilities that are most important to  
21 households,” the survey indicated indoor fitness, and walking and biking trails. The  
22 survey indicated that residents have a need for Adult Fitness Programs, Health and  
23 Wellness Programs, Water Fitness Programs, Swimming Lessons, and Programs for  
24 adults age 55 and over. Under “Reasons Preventing Households from using Olympia  
25 Fields Park District Parks, Recreation Facilities or Programs more often” is due to the  
26 program times not being convenient. She stated that they will work on that. They do offer  
27 programs at all different times. The second reason is that the program or facility is not  
28 offered. She stated that whatever programs they are not offering they don’t have the  
29 facilities in order to do that. The third reason is that the fees are too high. The fourth  
30 reason is that they use facilities in other Park Districts.  
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32 Mrs. Will stated that another question on the survey asked the residents that if they had  
33 \$100.00 to spend among the various Olympia Fields Park District Parks, Trails, Sports  
34 and Recreation Facilities, where would they spend that money. The largest response was  
35 that \$35.00 should go towards the development of new indoor facilities. The second item  
36 was to improve maintenance of the existing parks, pools and recreation facilities. Lastly,  
37 was the acquisition of biking and walking trails. When asked “What is the maximum  
38 amount of additional tax revenue you would pay to develop and operate the types of  
39 parks, trails and Recreation Facilities that are most important to your household,” 29%  
40 stated that they would not pay anything. 20% stated they would pay between \$3.00 and  
41 \$4.00 a month. 25% stated that they would pay between \$5.00 and \$6.00 a month. 13%  
42 stated that they would pay \$9.00 or more. She stated that they did do focus groups first.  
43 They gathered information to help them form the survey. They randomly selected people  
44 to complete the survey. It was not sent out to all of the residents. They received 254  
45 surveys back. She doesn’t know how many surveys were sent out but she can obtain that  
46 information.

1 Trustee Ormsby stated that she is stunned that almost 80% of the people are not using the  
2 Park District at all. She inquired what the current operating Budget is of the Park District.  
3 Mrs. Will stated that the operating Budget is around \$800,000.00. That includes the  
4 salary, wages, and benefits of the park employees. She does not know the percentage and  
5 how that breaks down. She didn't bring that information. She stated that people come  
6 from other Park Districts and participate at the Olympia Fields Park District. Trustee  
7 Ormsby inquired if Mrs. Will had the number of the people outside of the community that  
8 are using the Olympia Fields Park District. Mrs. Will stated that she did not have that  
9 number. She stated that when people outside of the community use the Park District, they  
10 pay a fee to do that. She stated that there is about 70% nonresident participation in the  
11 registered programs.

12  
13 Trustee Waite inquired as to the geographic boundaries of the Olympia Fields Park  
14 District. Mrs. Will stated that it is smaller than the Village boundaries. Graymoor is not in  
15 the Park District. Trustee Waite inquired as to how many facilities they have. She stated  
16 that they have the Cull House which is a Historical Farmhouse, and they have the barn at  
17 Sergeant Means Park. They have about 140 acres of parkland.

18  
19 President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mrs. Will if they have a committee that analyzes the  
20 programs that are offered. She stated that if there aren't that many people participating in  
21 the programs, perhaps they are not programs that are of interest to the residents. Mrs.  
22 Will stated that once in a while they do surveys of the residents. They have not done a  
23 survey as far as needs assessments with the programs for about six years. Their  
24 Comprehensive Plan is completed and it is about 11 years old. She stated that we need to  
25 assess our programs. She stated that when she started about five years ago, there may  
26 have been a total of three programs. She stated now there are classes five days a week  
27 and sometimes six days a week. There are classes in the morning and in the evening. She  
28 believes that a lot of residents don't know about the Park District and that they do offer  
29 programs.

30  
31 Trustee Pennington inquired of Mrs. Will what their plan of action is. Mrs. Will stated  
32 that they have a Referendum question on the ballot. In November they applied for a Park  
33 Grant, which will contribute about \$700,000.00 to a Building Project. They should hear  
34 about the Grant in May. When they got the survey results back, it confirmed to them that  
35 people would be willing to support a Referendum.

36  
37 Trustee Nale inquired of Mrs. Will what she meant by "support." Mrs. Will stated to vote  
38 for the Referendum and support it through their tax dollars, and support it by use of the  
39 facility.

40  
41 Trustee Gibson stated that the Park District believes the most prevalent problem is that  
42 the people don't understand what kinds of programs you have. She thought that before a  
43 Referendum, that needs to be fixed. Mrs. Will believes that it can be fixed as a part of a  
44 campaign. She stated that they have a Basketball Program that is getting off the ground.  
45 They are using the gym at the church across the street on Western Avenue. Every time  
46 they go the church for that program, the Park District has to pay \$75.00 to use that space.

1 They are asking for \$13.60 per \$100,000.00 assessed valuation. She stated that we are not  
2 asking for a whole lot. They are asking for something that will give the community a  
3 Recreation Center. She stated right now if people want to play volleyball, lift weights, or  
4 use cardio equipment, they have to go outside of their community to do that.

5 President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mrs. Will how much revenue would be brought in  
6 as a result of the Referendum. Mrs. Will stated that they will receive about \$300,000.00 a  
7 year.

8  
9 Trustee Ormsby inquired if the support for the Referendum is based on the 254 people  
10 that responded to the survey. She stated that 3,000 people reside in the Village. She stated  
11 that we don't know that the entire Village would support the Referendum. Trustee  
12 Pennington stated that there are about 3200 taxpayers in the Village. Mrs. Will stated that  
13 if the residents do not want to support the Referendum, they can show that in their voting.

14  
15 Trustee Waite stated that if 254 aren't representative of the total, then you have an  
16 erroneous conclusion from your survey. He stated statistically, from the questions they  
17 are asking, it looks like 254 would be enough.

18  
19 President Meyers-Martin inquired of Mrs. Will if they have selected a site for the new  
20 facility that they are proposing. Mrs. Will stated that they had to select a site when they  
21 submitted the Grant. They chose Bicentennial Park. They believe that it is centrally  
22 located to the Village. They won't have enough money in taxes to purchase property and  
23 build a facility. She stated that it is near Rich Central and Arcadia. A lot of people can  
24 reach the site by walking or biking there. Their site on Western Avenue is not as  
25 accessible. She stated that Bicentennial is a pretty nice, open spot. She stated that  
26 vandalism occurs there pretty regularly. They feel with a facility there and having people  
27 there, it will bring about a more peaceful situation there.

28  
29 Trustee Ormsby stated that she was confused. She understands that they want to build a  
30 building. She stated that you are basing part of this Referendum on the fact that you  
31 might get a Grant. She stated we don't know that you are going to get the Grant. She  
32 stated if you get the Grant and with the Referendum you can build the building. She  
33 inquired of Mrs. Will what the cost of the building was. Mrs. Will stated that the building  
34 they turned in for the Grant is a \$4,000,000.00 building. \$700,000.00 of that may come  
35 from a Grant. They are just proposing a site. They don't have a site. She stated that the  
36 Park Board is unified and stands behind this. She stated that this is all concepts. She  
37 stated if the Referendum passes, they will have Public Hearings to get the word out to  
38 people that they want their input since they will be paying for it and utilizing the facility.  
39 She stated that there are Youth Athletic Leagues in the community. She believes that they  
40 could use an indoor training area in the winter for their sports activities and practice.

41  
42 Trustee Pennington inquired of Mrs. Will that if they are successful in obtaining the  
43 Grant, have they identified alternative revenue sources in order to build the  
44 \$4,000,000.00 facility. Mrs. Will stated that if they receive the Grant, but the Referendum  
45 does not pass, it won't be a \$4,000,000.00 facility. It will be a smaller, simpler facility.

1 She stated that we need to maintain our parks and our buildings. They need a place to  
2 store the equipment that they have for that.

3  
4 President Meyers-Martin stated whether the Referendum passes or not, the Park District  
5 will be building a new building. Mrs. Will stated only if they receive the Grant. Trustee  
6 Waite stated that after you get the building built, you need to have the money to operate  
7 it. Mrs. Will stated that is built into it. This is a permanent increase.

8  
9 Trustee Oliver stated when he was younger, the park was open so that after you did your  
10 homework you could ride your bike to the park and there was a ping-pong table or a pool  
11 table and it was a place for the kids to hang out. He stated that there was staff there.  
12 Sometimes there would be Ping-Pong Tournaments among the different Park Districts.  
13 He stated that it was open on Saturday, and when the kids were out of school they had  
14 this clubhouse. He doesn't believe that it is like that anymore and that is a reason why the  
15 kids don't participate. He suggested to Mrs. Will that they want to see what else they  
16 could offer that would attract the kids to get them in. He stated that he has to do a lot of  
17 PR to get a few people to participate in their program. He stated that he has to compete  
18 against the other Park Districts in the area. He stated that there are a lot of parks,  
19 Recreational Centers, and Baseball Programs that are being built around Olympia Fields.  
20 He stated "build it and they will come," that is true. He stated that people are leaving our  
21 area to go to these other places to get these Recreational Programs. He stated that there  
22 was concern whether or not the Olympia Fields Park District could afford to maintain  
23 some of the parks. He stated we are wondering whether or not this is another one of those  
24 things that is built and cannot be sustained over a period of time. In order to maintain the  
25 parks, you need volunteers to provide Recreational Programs. Trustee Oliver inquired of  
26 Mrs. Will if they were going to staff the new facility with people that will train or teach  
27 the kids some of these programs. Mrs. Will stated that is the goal. She stated that if the  
28 kids could ride their bikes to Sergeant Means Park they would be happy to provide them  
29 with some fun, recreational activities. They use to have an open room. They had table  
30 games, pickle ball, and bean bags. She stated that the kids cannot get to Sergeant Means  
31 Park safely on their bike.

32  
33 Trustee Waite stated that the survey shows by the age demographics that the population is  
34 much older and they probably have fewer kids. Mrs. Will stated that we don't have a  
35 whole lot of kids in our community. She stated that they come to the Park District. They  
36 have a lot of people there during the course of the day. The barn is full of line dancers  
37 right now. A lot of people come from other areas. The people feel safe. They like the  
38 instructors and the facilities. She stated that they may have friends that come here. She  
39 stated that we have scholarships for the kids that don't have money to attend the  
40 programs. They have a Website. It is [olympiafieldsparkdistrict.org](http://olympiafieldsparkdistrict.org).

41  
42 Mrs. McNeal stated that the Park Board is talking about a facility. The barn and the silo  
43 are aged buildings. They are trying to keep them up. There is only so much you can do in  
44 those facilities. The Park District is a member of the South Suburban Special Recreation  
45 Association. They don't have any facility at all. They take the kids to different member  
46 facilities. She stated that the people want to be able to go someplace and walk indoors.





1 February 24<sup>th</sup>, a face-to-face review was initiated by a representative from IRMA. The  
2 Board Packet contains the summary of those findings. Trustee Nale stated that  
3 Administrator Mekarski would explain the results of that meeting.

4  
5 Administrator Mekarski stated that Dan Letourneau, Director of Risk Management  
6 Services for Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA) was present at the  
7 meeting. In less than a three-year period Trustee Nale, in working with the Department  
8 Heads which comprises the Executive Safety Committee, has taken the Village from a  
9 previous score of 50% to 69%. Mr. Letourneau stated that 19 points is unprecedented  
10 because the elements that are necessary to manage our risk for liability to reach those 19  
11 points are significant. It involves rewriting Standard Operating Procedures for the Police  
12 Department. It involves revising our Human Resource Policies that Trustee Nale has been  
13 working with the Human Resource Committee for a number of years. It involves going  
14 through training seminars. Last week the entire staff went through mandatory training in  
15 “Harassment in the workplace”.

16  
17 Administrator Mekarski stated that there is a map on pages 12 through 18 of the report on  
18 where the Administration and the Human Resource Committee needs to go over the next  
19 two to three years. Trustee Nale will be using this to chart the progress of the Executive  
20 Safety Committee. Her goal is to raise the Village from 69 points to 85 points prior to the  
21 next review which is held every three years. When that goal is achieved, Mr. Letourneau  
22 indicated that the Village could apply for accreditation and it will be opening the door for  
23 some savings in the Village’s Comprehensive Liability Insurance because of this  
24 organizations management of its risk liability.

25  
26 Trustee Nale stated that the most difficult part of doing this is getting a policy that is  
27 standard, but yet the policy has to be adapted to the different departments. She stated  
28 what may be good for Administration in that policy may not be good for the Village’s  
29 Maintenance Department, nor the Police Department.

30  
31 **Presentation of a Program by IRMA** – Trustee Nale stated that on February 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
32 Attorney Susan Garney, a representative from IRMA presented the Program “Harassment  
33 in the Workplace.” Trustee Nale stated that she attended one of the sessions. She stated  
34 that people had different assessments of what harassment included. Trustee Nale stated  
35 that the Village has a policy in place regarding Harassment in Section 7 of the Personnel  
36 Manual. She stated that there was a lot of discussion regarding that. It seems that the  
37 policy that is in place now is quite sufficient.

38  
39 **Executive Safety Committee Meeting** – Trustee Nale stated that the next Executive  
40 Safety Committee Meeting will be held on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

41  
42 **Human Resource Committee Meeting** – Trustee Nale stated that the next Human  
43 Resource Committee Meeting will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

1 President Meyers-Martin stated that she wanted to commend Trustee Nale and the  
2 Executive Safety Committee for all of the hard work that they have done, and the great  
3 results that have come about because of the hard work.

4  
5 Trustee Nale thanked President Meyers-Martin for her comments. She stated that it takes  
6 the Department Heads to contribute, and they have been more than kind and she  
7 appreciates that.

8  
9 **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

10  
11 Trustee Gibson stated that she did not have a Formal Report this evening.

12  
13 **REPORT OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

14  
15 **Traditions IKE Grant Update** – Administrator Mekarski stated that we are trying to  
16 work to finalize the improvements to The Traditions Subdivision that was defaulted by  
17 the original owner following Bankruptcy. That left the taxpayers with a dedicated road,  
18 but the road was unaccepted by the Village because it had not met its final paving  
19 requirements. It has a base course but the top course was never completed. There is a  
20 punch list of items that the developer failed to complete which, if unresolved, would  
21 become the responsibility and the burden of all of the taxpayers. In an attempt to address  
22 and close this gap, the Village is following a three-prong strategy. 1. The Performance  
23 Bond which guarantees these improvements has been transferred over to the Royal Bank  
24 of Canada. The Royal Bank of Canada is utilizing their legal resources to try to secure a  
25 claim from the insurance company so that we can finalize the improvements in whole or  
26 in part by the insurance amount.

27  
28 Administrator Mekarski stated that the second strategy is we asked the residents to work  
29 with us with a Special Service Area, or a Special Taxing District reserved only for the  
30 lots that are platted in that subdivision, and proportionately through an assessed  
31 evaluation process, the residents would share in the cost over a 15-year period to finalize  
32 the improvements and pave the road. The Village has completed all of the Ordinance  
33 requirements for that with the exception of selling the Bonds, which are currently slated  
34 for March.

35  
36 Administrator Mekarski stated that the last part of the process is attempting to secure a  
37 Grant. Governor Quinn has encumbered \$10,000,000.00 to \$12,000,000.00 of a  
38 \$20,000,000.00 Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant for the south town communities. We did  
39 not receive any allocation for Neighborhood Stabilization Funds for addressing our  
40 foreclosure needs. The consortium was invited to put in applications. Many of the  
41 communities had put in applications for rehabbing foreclosed homes. The Village  
42 bypassed that opportunity because the Village is finding that the marketplace is  
43 addressing that rather quickly. If there is a foreclosure, the property is picked up in a very  
44 short period of time, and it is rehabbed and put back on the market for sale and  
45 occupancy. The Village concentrated the Grant on The Traditions road process. The  
46 initial Grant was for \$350,000.00 for paving the final road course. The Village has gone

1 through a lengthy approval process. Recently, they asked the Village to increase the  
2 amount of the Grant. The Village has increased the Grant to \$490,000.00. Due to the fact  
3 this is a Hazard Mitigation Grant; the Village has to show a rational nexus between the  
4 floods that happened in 2008 and the consequences to The Traditions Subdivision. Chief  
5 Chudwin secured 18 photographs that clearly demonstrate that in the 2008 flood, The  
6 Traditions Storm Water Management Basin overtopped, causing the flooding of  
7 Crawford and Vollmer Road for not only the day of the storm, but closing that whole  
8 intersection for three or four days. It blocked emergency vehicles from entering St. James  
9 Hospital. There is a Public Notice increasing the Grant from \$350,000.00 to \$490,000.00  
10 and indicating that we would be addressing the roadway and addressing the Storm Water  
11 Management Basin. There is \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00 for the Catch Basin Work and  
12 about \$100,000.00 for Storm Water Management improvements to the eastern pond. This  
13 would involve dredging the pond, which will benefit the residents and the entire Village.  
14 He stated that it is the first time in his entire career that in order to get a Grant it had to be  
15 increased instead of decreasing it. The Village is in the 96 to 98 percentile in getting the  
16 Grant. Trustee Waite stated good job.

17  
18 **Olympia Fields Country Club – Vote of February 26, 2011 – Public Improvement**  
19 **and Utility Service Agreement** – Administrator Mekarski turned this matter over to  
20 Trustee Waite to announce what happened on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

21  
22 Trustee Waite stated that on February 26<sup>th</sup> the membership of the Country Club voted on  
23 whether or not to participate with the Village in a number of projects. The total cost is  
24 \$3,400,000.00. It includes putting a water main across Village property and running city  
25 water to the Country Club, and repaving Country Club Drive. It is a partnership between  
26 the Village and the Country Club. The Country Club Membership voted overwhelmingly  
27 to be part of this partnership that accomplishes all of those projects.

28  
29 President Meyers-Martin stated that Trustee Waite is a member of the Olympia Fields  
30 Country Club so he has first-hand knowledge as to the membership and their voting  
31 patterns. She stated that at the last Board Meeting, the Board passed the Agreement in  
32 anticipation of the vote from the Country Club. She stated that we are very happy. She  
33 thanked Trustee Waite for his input.

34  
35 Trustee Waite stated that Trustee Ormsby is also a member of the Country Club.

36  
37 Administrator Mekarski stated that we checked with our legal advisor and there was no  
38 need for them to recuse themselves during the vote because they had no direct conflict of  
39 interest. He stated that this is significant. It represents a \$3,400,000.00 Public/Private  
40 Partnership. The Village is achieving \$2,000,000.00 of water improvements, and  
41 \$300,000.00 of road improvements. There will be no cost to the residential taxpayer. He  
42 stated that 50% of the costs will be paid by the Country Club. The Village will be selling  
43 12,000,000 gallons of water to the Country Club a year. The net revenue received from  
44 that sale, pays for the Village's 50% share. The 50% cost of repaving Country Club  
45 Drive, the 50% cost of laying the water line across the Country Club will be paid through  
46 the Village's net water sales. The water line will balance the water supply in the Village

1 and insure that there is proper fire flows on the east side, and insure that the Village has  
2 adequate water supply during a drought. He complimented the Village President and the  
3 Board of Trustees for running the Village not just like a local government, but like a  
4 well-tuned, efficient business.

5  
6 Trustee Waite stated that there is no increase to the Country Club from what water and  
7 other activities are costing them now. They have a significant improvement in safety  
8 because the amount of water that the Country Club has doesn't really provide a lot of  
9 water. They may have 50-minutes worth of a fire truck pumping at the maximum rate. He  
10 stated that is not a lot of time to get a fire out.

11  
12 **REPORT OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

13  
14 President Meyers-Martin stated that she did not have a Formal Report this evening.

15  
16 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

17  
18 **Rich Township Request for Donation to support the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
19 **Concert on March 19, 2011** – President Meyers-Martin stated that we have the Rich  
20 Township request for a donation to support the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Concert on  
21 March 19<sup>th</sup>. She stated that we had this discussion at the last Board Meeting and we  
22 tabled it until we could gather some information as far as other Municipalities and their  
23 participation in this event. President Meyers-Martin stated that there is a Memo in the  
24 Board Packet stating that Park Forest and Richton Park are participating in the  
25 Fund-raiser. If the Village chooses to donate the \$250.00, the Village would receive 20  
26 tickets to attend the concert.

27 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Pennington to authorize the Finance**  
28 **Department to distribute a contribution of \$250.00 to the Rich Township request for**  
29 **donation to support Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. concert on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011, from**  
30 **the Village's Miscellaneous Community Representation Account.**

31  
32 Trustee Waite inquired if those numbers add up. He stated that 20 tickets are \$200.00, but  
33 they are asking for a \$250.00 donation. Trustee Gibson stated that the \$250.00 is for an  
34 ad in the book and that gives you the 20 tickets. President Meyers-Martin stated that it  
35 isn't for the payment for the tickets.

36 **Roll Call: Ayes (5) Trustee Nale voted Present. Motion Carried.**

37  
38 **NEW BUSINESS:**

39  
40 **Contribution to Purchase Ad, Tall Grass – “Beaux Arts Ball” Honoring Pat**  
41 **Ormsby** – President Meyers-Martin stated that we have the contribution to purchase an  
42 ad for the Tall Grass “Beaux Arts Ball” honoring Pat Ormsby.

43  
44 Trustee Gibson stated that she received a note through the office concerning assistance in  
45 that from Mrs. Bean. Mrs. Bean left Trustee Gibson information on what the Tall Grass  
46 Arts Association is, and its mission. Tall Grass Arts Association operates a gallery that

1 exhibits Regional, National and International Artists. Recent exhibits have included three  
2 man, three cultures, and three views of the world. It asks how Tall Grass Arts Association  
3 is funded. It is a not-for-profit organization operated by a volunteer Board of Directors. It  
4 operates with a part-time Executive Director, School Director, Administrative Assistant  
5 and many unpaid volunteers. Why is it important to support Tall Grass? A sign on the  
6 outside wall of the gallery claims, "If a nation's culture survives, so too does the nation."  
7 Since it is a visual arts organization dedicated to keeping the arts alive, they would like to  
8 have support. Trustee Gibson stated that she believes that the support comes in the form  
9 of an ad. She stated that the event will be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. The ball is called  
10 "Mask." It is the annual "Beaux Arts Ball." It will be held at the Flossmoor Country  
11 Club.

12  
13 Trustee Ormsby stated that she wasn't aware of this and her husband wasn't aware of it.  
14 She stated that it isn't appropriate for this Board to take out an ad for her husband. She  
15 stated that it doesn't have anything to do with our community. Trustee Ormsby stated that  
16 she would like to withdraw that request.

17  
18 Trustee Waite inquired about the cost of an ad. Trustee Gibson stated that a full-page ad  
19 is \$200.00. A half-page ad is \$100.00. Trustee Gibson stated that the person that gave her  
20 the information and that spoke to Administrator Mekarski about it at the Educational  
21 Commission Meeting last week, just put in as a little addendum that Pat Ormsby was  
22 going to be honored. It isn't just the fact that he is going to be honored, the organization  
23 needs the donation.

24 **Motion by Trustee Oliver, second by Trustee Waite to authorize the Finance**  
25 **Department to distribute a contribution of \$250.00 to the Tall Grass Association for**  
26 **the purpose of an ad in the program for this year's "Beaux Arts Ball" honoring Pat**  
27 **Ormsby, with said funds from the Miscellaneous Community Representation**  
28 **Account.**

29  
30 Trustee Nale stated that she stipulated before that she does not feel comfortable donating  
31 taxpayers' money to various organizations throughout the community. She agrees that all  
32 of these organizations are worthwhile. They do add something to the community. She  
33 believes that the Village has more important facts to deal with as far as spending the  
34 money for these organizations. She just wanted that to be noted again.

35  
36 Trustee Gibson stated that the Village has a Public Representation Budget. The Board  
37 works on that Budget during the Budget preparation and during the time of the Budget  
38 Hearings. She believes that would be the time for the Board to agree that they are not  
39 going to do any public representation of any type in the area for anything.

40  
41 Trustee Waite inquired if there was any money left in that Budget. Trustee Gibson stated  
42 that there is money left in there. Administrator Mekarski stated that there was \$1,000.00  
43 at the beginning of the Fiscal Year. The previous request and this one would bring the  
44 Fund Balance to \$500.00.

1 Trustee Nale stated that she did not know that there was an amount in the Budget for that.  
2 She would like to reconsider that during the Budget making process in the future. Trustee  
3 Pennington stated that is something the Board can discuss at the Budget Review Meeting  
4 on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

5  
6 Trustee Gibson stated that the amount is \$200.00 for a full-page ad.

7 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Waite to cancel the original**  
8 **Motion.**

9 **Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.**

10  
11 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Gibson to authorize the Finance**  
12 **Department to distribute a contribution of \$200.00 to the Tall Grass Association for**  
13 **the purpose of an ad in the program for this year's "Beaux Arts Ball" honoring Pat**  
14 **Ormsby, with said funds from the Miscellaneous Community Representation**  
15 **Account.**

16  
17 Trustee Ormsby inquired if the Board has to have in the Motion "Honoring Pat Ormsby."  
18 She inquired if we could remove that from the Motion. She stated that the Village is just  
19 supporting the Tall Grass Association.

20  
21 **Trustee Pennington agreed that the Board should remove any reference to Pat**  
22 **Ormsby in the Motion. Trustee Gibson stated that she agreed with that.**

23 **Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.**

24  
25 **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED):**

26  
27 President Meyers-Martin stated that she did have two additional appointments to the  
28 Community Relations Commission. She stated that Geraldine Tyler is a long-time  
29 resident of the Village. She is anxious to contribute to the Village.

30 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Nale to approve the candidacy of**  
31 **Geraldine Tyler to the Village of Olympia Fields Community Relations Commission**  
32 **for the term expiring on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013, or until their successor has been**  
33 **appointed and qualified.**

34 **Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.**

35  
36 Trustee Gibson stated that she spoke with Geraldine Tyler this afternoon, and her work  
37 has taken her out of town for the next few days and that is why she is not at the meeting  
38 this evening.

39  
40 President Meyers-Martin stated that we welcome Geraldine Tyler to the Community  
41 Relations Commission. The second appointment is for Doris Stephenson. She is excited  
42 to join the Community Relations Commission. She has been a resident of the Village for  
43 over 10-years. Doris Stephenson was not present this evening.

1 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Oliver to approve the candidacy**  
2 **of Doris Stephenson to the Village of Olympia Fields Community Relations**  
3 **Commission for the term expiring on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013, or until their successor**  
4 **has been appointed and qualified.**

5 **Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.**

6  
7 President Meyers-Martin stated that Joe Martin, Chairman of the Community Relations  
8 Commission is in the audience this evening. She stated that Mr. Martin has three new  
9 members to his Community Relations Commission.

10  
11 President Meyers-Martin stated that the Board would be moving into Executive Session  
12 and that there would be no further action when they returned to Open Session.

13  
14 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

15  
16 **To Discuss Matters of Land Acquisition – 5ILCS120/2(c)(5) –**

17 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Waite to move into Executive**  
18 **Session at 9:35 P.M.**

19 **Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.**

20  
21 **Motion by Trustee Ormsby, second by Trustee Pennington to return to Open**  
22 **Session at 10:28 P.M.**

23 **Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.**

24  
25 **ADJOURNMENT:**

26  
27 **Motion by Trustee Pennington, second by Trustee Ormsby to adjourn at 10:28 P.M.**

28 **Voice Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried.**

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30 **Respectfully submitted by Faith Stine.**

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32