



MINUTES

President and Board of Trustees

Village of Arlington Heights

Virtual Meeting

Arlington Heights Village Hall

33 S. Arlington Heights Road

Arlington Heights, IL 60005

June 7, 2021

7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

President Hayes and the following Trustees were present: Bertucci, Tinaglia, Schwingbeck, Grasse, Scaletta, Baldino, Canty and LaBedz.

Also present were: Randy Recklaus, Charles Perkins, Cris Papierniak, Nora Boyer. Becky Hume joined the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Committee of the Whole 05/10/2021 Approved

Trustee Robin LaBedz moved to approve. Trustee Richard Baldino Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Canty, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Scaletta, Schwingbeck, Tinaglia

B. Village Board 05/17/2021 Approved

Trustee Tinaglia clarified that he overlooked passing on a Consent Agenda item at the May 3rd meeting. He declined to pass on item X, Legal item A, which was the second reading of the Arlington 425 project. He noted he did not participate in the review of the project and had intended to pass. He wanted the record to reflect his intent to pass.

Trustee Tom Schwingbeck moved to approve. Trustee Robin LaBedz
Seconded the Motion.
The Motion: Passed
Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Canty, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Scaletta,
Schwingbeck

Abstain: Tinaglia

V. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A. Warrant Register 05/30/2021 Approved

Trustee Richard Baldino moved to approve in the amount of \$3,206,490.96.
Trustee Tom Schwingbeck Seconded the Motion.
The Motion: Passed
Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Canty, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Scaletta,
Schwingbeck, Tinaglia

VI. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Recognition of LGBTQ+ Pride Month

President Hayes recognized the Village's 2021 "Best Town to Live" in the
Daily Herald's Reader's Choice awards.

President Hayes said the Village Board decided to issue a LGBTQ+ Pride
Month proclamation. This decision has not been well received by all, but he
and the Board have an obligation to represent all members of the
community, stating we are all precious in God's sight. The proclamation
works to further the Village's commitment to be a welcoming and inclusive
place. He read the proclamation.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Trustee Richard Baldino moved to open the Public Hearing. Trustee Mary
Beth Canty Seconded the Motion.
The Motion: Passed
Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Canty, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Scaletta,
Schwingbeck, Tinaglia

A. Public Hearing 2021-2022 HUD Annual Action Plan including the CDBG Budget Approved

Mr. Perkins said Federal regulations require a public hearing process prior

to disbursing CDBG funds. Tonight, is the first hearing, then there is a 30-day public comment period. Action will be taken at the second public hearing scheduled for July 21. An amount of \$445,265 is expected for 2021-2022. Requests for \$790,000 have been received. Within this amount, funding caps are in place for Administrative Services (\$66,800), Public Services (\$55,000) and Brick and Mortar projects (\$323,465). Programs benefitting low- and moderate-income residents must receive a minimum of 70% of the funding.

Ms. Boyer described the Public Service and Construction requests. Staff is recommending that all of the public service agencies receive funding. The CAP funding comes from both CDBG funds and money from the Village's General Fund under the Health Department Budget. Shelter Inc. is building a new location, and has a property under contract. Journeys was allocated \$28,000 two years ago, but the money has not been spent, so needs to be re-budgeted and allocated. The timing of their construction is unsure. Full Circle Development has not submitted a zoning application yet. They could be eligible in the next funding cycle.

Public Services, \$55,000 Cap-Suggested Allocations

1. District 214 Education Foundation Beginning English as a Second Language Instruction \$1,500
2. Faith Community Homes Housing and Mentoring Support for Low Income Families \$2,500
3. NW CASA - Sexual Assault Program Sexual Assault Intervention Program \$2,500
4. Children's Advocacy Center Services for Victims of Child Abuse \$2,500
5. Connections to Care (formerly known as Escorted Transportation Service NW) Escorted Transportation Service for Elderly/Disabled to Medical Appointments \$3,500
6. Resources for Community Living Affordable Housing Options and Support Services for Persons with Disabilities \$5,000
7. Life Span Legal and Counseling Services to Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence \$3,000
8. Suburban Primary Health Care Council Access to Care - Subsidized Medical Services \$4,337
9. WINGS Emergency and Transitional Housing and Community Based Service \$6,000
10. Journeys The Road Home Homeless Services \$4,500
11. Arlington Hts. Park District Children At Play Program \$9,113 (balance of request provided by Health Department Budget)
12. Northwest Compass Housing Counseling and Assistance \$4,000

Construction/Economic Development, \$323,465 Cap-Suggested Allocations

1. Shelter Inc. Renovations to Transitional Living Program Residence \$0
2. Little City Foundation Renovations to Group Home: 2 Bathrooms, Drywall, Kitchen/Living Room Flooring \$0
3. Clearbrook - rehabs at 2 group homes Renovations to 2 Group Homes: Wheelchair Ramp, Sidewalk/Steps, Kitchen, Lighting \$25,000

4. Journeys The Road Home - capital project (\$28,000 was a 2019 allocation) New Building - Floors for Services, Shelter, and 7 Permanent Affordable Units \$0
5. Full Circle Development - permanent supportive housing Permanent Supporting Housing - Acquisition and Infrastructure Costs \$0
6. VAH Single Family Rehab Loan Program Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Program \$39,310
7. VAH Group Home and Transitional Housing Program Group Home and Transitional Housing Program \$105,000
8. VAH Public Infrastructure Street Resurfacing on HUD Designated Low/Moderate-Income Areas \$150,000

CDBG Administration Costs for Administering the CDBG Program - Salaries, Audit Costs, etc. \$66,800.

President Hayes thanked all the agencies for all the great work they do for those in need.

Trustee Bertucci asked why government entities were getting funds when the not-for-profits didn't have the same opportunity to levy taxes. Mr. Perkins said the District 214's Foundation was one requester, so not really a government entity. The Park District and Village are government agencies, the rest of the recipients are not for profit. The money requested by the Park District for CAP provides scholarships to families to allow their children to go to the before/after school program to underwrite the costs. Years ago, a task force comprised of the School District, Park District and Village put the program together to help the latch key kids who had no before/after school supervision. The agencies came together and came up with an agreement whereby the schools provide the space, the Park District provides the Staff and the Village provides the scholarships. The Board can decide how they wish to allocate the funds. Mr. Bertucci said more money could come from the general fund for CAP scholarships to free up dollars for more of the not-for-profits. Mr. Perkins explained the Park District does not want families who use CAP to subsidize those who need scholarships.

Trustee Scaletta said when he joined the Board, the dollars allocated for CAP out of CDGB funds was three times the amount it is today. More requests for this kind of funding will come as the Affordable Housing programs are fleshed out, because more people will need help. He said the CAP Scholarships are an appropriate use of CDBG funds. Most of the costs are funded by the General Fund.

Trustee Canty said CAP is a very successful program. She recommended looking at housing from a comprehensive viewpoint, not a statement on a particular organization.

Melissa Cayer said the D214 Foundation and Park District receive donations. CDBG money comes from Federal Government based on demographics. Mr. Perkins said the Village is an entitlement community, we get a specific allocation that we can dispense. Many of the agencies, even

the foundations, ask for a little bit so they can show that the Village and other entitlement communities fund them and leverage for more monies.

Jorden Bartle of Full Circle Development said they are working with a Northwest Suburban task force on finding a location for a new development. He asked the Board to reconsider the \$0 recommendation. They wish to build 31 units for people with disabilities. Their organization dedicates 75% of money made to provide on site services to residents. They are applying to the State for the primary bulk of their funding, but don't have it lined up. It is important to show the Village is a sponsor in order for them to leverage other funders and the State.

Beth Nabors of Journeys the Road Home asked the Board to reconsider their request. For the 52 past weeks, they housed people in hotels because of Covid. The Village is the second largest consumer of their services. The previously allocated \$28,000 has not been received yet. This amount was very small compared to other CDBG communities. They are in the permitting process for their new building. Journeys is looking for a partnership with the Village on a larger level. She asked the Board to take a thoughtful approach to their request.

Luticia Fiorito of WINGS thanked the Board for the modest increase. They appreciate everything they can get and couldn't do the work without the Board's support.

Lorri Grainawi works with Full Circle to provide housing and services for the disabled. There is a huge demand for housing in the area and they hope to get money from the State, but it makes a big difference if they can show there is community support for the project. It could make a difference if they get the funding or not.

Seth Goldberg sent kudos to the Board for helping the non for profits.

Trustee LaBedz asked if some of these agencies received Covid Funding. Mr. Perkins said yes, the Village received CV-1 funds of \$116,000 and CV-3 funds of \$340,000. A lot the money went to agencies, like Journeys to help with hotel costs. Ms. Boyer said the Suburban Access to Care, CAP, Children's Advocacy Center, Clearbrook, Journeys, Faith Community Homes, the Northwest Housing Partnership, Northwest Compass, WINGS and the Village's Small Business Loan Program received funds. Trustee LaBedz said she wished we had the amount of money that was asked for. The amount given to the Village continues to decrease.

Mr. Perkins said the second hearing and final action will be taken on the CDBG Plan and Budget in July These are the preliminary recommendations. Staff will take suggestions to the plan during the next thirty days.

Trustee Jim Tinaglia moved to close the Public Hearing. Trustee John Scaletta Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Canty, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Scaletta, Schwingbeck, Tinaglia

VIII. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Report of Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 7, 2021 Approved

Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class AA Liquor License to Crazy Quesadilla Inc, dba Crazy Quesadilla Mexican Restaurant at 644 E. Golf.

Trustee John Scaletta moved to approve. Trustee Mary Beth Canty Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Canty, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Scaletta, Schwingbeck, Tinaglia

- B. Report of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 7, 2021 Approved

Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class AA Liquor License to Grodek LLC dba Peggy Kinnane's Irish Restaurant & Pub located at 8 North Vail Avenue.

Trustee James Bertucci moved to approve. Trustee Jim Tinaglia Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Canty, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Scaletta, Schwingbeck, Tinaglia

X. CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT OLD BUSINESS

CONSENT APPROVAL OF BIDS

- A. Well #13 South - Painting Design & Construction Observation Services - Award Approved

Trustee Mary Beth Canty moved to approve. Trustee Richard Baldino Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Canty, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Scaletta, Schwingbeck, Tinaglia

- B. Southtown Corridor Sewer Capacity Study Approved

Trustee Mary Beth Canty moved to approve. Trustee Richard Baldino Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Canty, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Scaletta, Schwingbeck, Tinaglia

- C. Pickup Truck Vehicle Purchase - PW Forestry Approved

Trustee Mary Beth Canty moved to approve. Trustee Richard Baldino Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Canty, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Scaletta, Schwingbeck, Tinaglia

CONSENT LEGAL

- A. An Ordinance Prohibiting Parking (417 W University Drive) Approved

Trustee Mary Beth Canty moved to approve 2021-018. Trustee Richard Baldino Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Canty, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Scaletta, Schwingbeck, Tinaglia

- B. A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for State Maintenance of Traffic Control Devices with the Illinois Department of Transportation (10-year agreement) Approved

Trustee Mary Beth Canty moved to approve R2021-019. Trustee Richard Baldino Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Canty, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Scaletta, Schwingbeck, Tinaglia

- C. A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for Governmental Body Maintenance of Traffic Control Devices with the Illinois Department of Transportation (10-year agreement) Approved

Trustee Mary Beth Canty moved to approve R2021-020. Trustee Richard Baldino Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Canty, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Scaletta, Schwingbeck, Tinaglia

CONSENT REPORT OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

- A. Settlement of Joseph Mangiamele v. Village of Arlington Heights Approved

Trustee Mary Beth Canty moved to approve. Trustee Richard Baldino Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Canty, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Scaletta, Schwingbeck, Tinaglia

XI. APPROVAL OF BIDS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Timber Ridge School - 201 S. Evanston Ave. - Approved
PC#21-005
Special Use Permit for School, Variations

Julie Jilek of Timber Ridge School explained the therapeutic day school's mission. They would like to add an elevator, fitness room, gym and two classrooms. Accessibility is important, especially for disabled students. There is a multipurpose room now, but it is not adequate for physical education needs. One acre still remains of their greenspace counting this addition.

Jonathan Kuzynowski gave an overview of the project. The parking lot is maintained and the second floor becomes wheelchair accessible. The utilities and playground area stay in place. The entrance will be on the east side. A sensory lounge will be created. The gym needs some additional height to allow for traditional sports. The neighboring high school stands taller than this structure will.

Mr. Perkins said under the current Code, the school needs a Special Use Permit even though it has been in existence for decades. The project calls for a height variation and a few parking lot variations. The parking is sufficient and the modified plan will allow for better internal stacking, lessening the pressure on Evanston. The Plan Commission and staff recommend approval.

Trustee Tinaglia asked where the egress stairs were. Mr. Kuzynowski said they are to the north between two sets of classrooms.

Trustee Grasse said she appreciated the green features. She asked if there were details about some of the sustainable landscape plans. Mr. Kuzynowski said there will be some larger trees next to the building, plantings around the expanded detention area, and plants to shield the transformer. There will be manageable plants around the perimeter and entrance. Native plants will be placed in the detention area.

Tony and Sherri DeRicco submitted an email which was read as follows: We live directly across from Timber Ridge School (120 S. Evanston). This is the first time we have seen the proposed engineering plans and we have a couple of comments. The proposed 6" water service connection is shown to be made on the south side of our driveway which is in conflict with our existing sanitary service, water service, and gas service. We request that the proposed water service connection be made on the north side of our driveway instead. This will avoid these conflicts and will allow the water service to run essentially straight avoiding two unnecessary pipe bends. It will also provide a design more sensitive to the affected property owners by installing the proposed valve vault manhole structure on the property line and not right in front of our front door. Please see the attached markup to the proposed Utility Plan Drawing No. C8.000 by MeritCorp showing the conflicts (our existing utility services are shown in red and the location of where we request the proposed water service to be is shown in blue). We

are extremely confident as to the location of our utility service lines as the utility locate paint marks are still visible on the pavement and sidewalk, as well as our sanitary service cleanout location in our front yard. Thank you.

Mr. Perkins consulted with Public Works who consulted with the project engineer, and this request can be accommodated. They do have to check with the MWRD first.

Resident Jill Stark (through a sign language interpreter) said she had a nice view now, but is worried about a negative affect on the property value of her home because the new building will be in front of it. Has lived there a long time and wondered why this side of the school was chosen. The addition to the building will change the whole look and will block everyone's view. She said she just heard about the plan this April, and didn't receive the notifications. She said she made comments at the Plan Commission meeting and hoped adjustments would be made.

Mr. Kuzynowski said they looked at other locations but there wasn't another one that would allow the placement of the gym on the site. It would not fit on the east and they are trying to maintain the parking lot.

President Hayes the school has been there since he was at Prospect High School in 1974. He appreciated Ms. Stark's concerns but there were not a lot of options for the location of the gym.

Trustee John Scaletta moved to approve. Trustee Mary Beth Canty Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Canty, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Scaletta, Schwingbeck, Tinaglia

XIII. LEGAL

XIV. REPORT OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

A. Discussion of Downtown Special Events Approved

Mr. Recklaus explained that staff has been evaluating the new landscape with Alfresco and its impact on Special Events. After a comprehensive survey of the community, the downtown businesses and the residents, we learned the downtown businesses prefer an Alfresco environment as they have been profitable with this model. Events are intended to drive business. Because of the transition from Covid, the Village does not as much lead time to plan a large scale event this year. Before we can have a conversation on the details, we have to make some fundamental decisions on the broader issues.

Funding

Alfresco is supported by the A&E fund, which gets tax dollars from all the restaurants, not just those downtown. The Downtown Alfresco restaurants had some of the best months they have ever had. Just outside of Alfresco, restaurants performed better than restaurants at large. Staff does not think it is fair for the business community as a whole to support Alfresco. Staff is looking for direction for funding Alfresco, and Special Events. Two suggestions: a 1% or .75% tax on Alfresco restaurants could cover the costs, or a license fee could be charged for outdoor dining. Details from the summer Food and Beverage Tax dollars earned this summer would be used in this decision.

When/Where/How Long?

The Chamber of Commerce has proposed having a Mane/Taste event in the footprint of Alfresco, using the streets. However, the pedestrian corridor provides enough space for a fire truck in an emergency. Ambulances have needed to access the space before. To break it down and put it back would take an enormous amount of time and effort and the Village does not have a place to temporarily store the sections of fencing. It takes 10 staff members 1.5 days to set it up. Lots of the furniture is owned by the businesses. Some of the businesses wouldn't want others to touch their furniture. Electricians need 2-4 days to set up. In between sets, the area would need to be power washed. Then to reset would take 3 days, not including furniture. This idea assumes Public Works has nothing else to do. Mr. Recklaus said he is not hearing positive feedback from the restaurants regarding this idea. Staff is suggesting a Special Event would have to be at the end of Alfresco.

Alfresco Timing

There is lower Alfresco attendance in March, April and October. Staff thinks a beginning in May and ending in early October to maximize good weather still allows for a festival the second week of October. The Downtown restaurants don't want an event to break up or slow their Alfresco revenues, but welcome events during less busy times.

2021

Coming out of the pandemic there is less time for staff to plan an event. What happens this year does not have to be a precedent for future years. The 2019 agreement between the Chamber, the Special Events Commission (SEC) and the Village codified the roles of the Mane Event/Taste of Arlington (Mane/Taste). We have a playbook, diagrams, maps making a redo manageable. The Chamber would like to add a third day meaning a Village/Chamber agreement would have to be redefined. Also, adding a Sunday would call for double time pay, making the personnel cost \$90,000, not including police costs. The Board could acknowledge this is a transitional year and sponsor a one-day event in 2021 while beginning to work on something new in the future.

Staff recommendations

1. That a new Food and Beverage Tax concept be developed for

restaurants in the Alfresco zone along with an annual licensing fee concept for non-Alfresco restaurants who utilize public parking spaces for eating areas and for non-restaurant businesses who wish to use Alfresco space. The purpose of these new revenues would be help offset the Village's costs of Alfresco. The concept would be reviewed further for final approval at a later Village Board meeting.

2. That Alfresco run from approximately the first weekend in May to the first weekend in October going forward
3. That the Village Staff be directed to approach the Chamber and SEC to develop a two-day Mane/Taste type Finale Event the second weekend in October this year following the 2019 funding and operational program.
4. In the event that the Chamber does not wish to participate in the recommended format- this year, it is recommended that the Village experiment with a one-day Finale Event to be overseen by Village Staff and the SEC.
5. That the Village Staff, Chamber, and SEC continue to work towards a new permanent post Alfresco "finale" event for the second October weekend in 2022 and beyond.

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Board Discussion

President Hayes said it is difficult to try to get stakeholders to agree when they are advocating their own interests. He agreed with exploring the Food and Beverage Tax and liked the other recommendations as well. This is just for this year so doesn't have to be a permanent future decision. He also liked the idea of going with a two-day event because we have a model for it and an agreement in place for this year. He recommended that the end of the year event be the last weekend in September.

Trustee Canty said Alfresco is what sets the Village apart from the surrounding areas. She agreed with the Mayor in looking into the F&B tax. She is in favor of a kick off event and a closing event. She asked if it was possible to have an event that is not in the Alfresco footprint. She said she was in favor of maximizing the good weather, which includes October in her experience.

Mr. Recklaus listed some other possible locations, but there are some drawbacks to them. We are lucky with the layout of Alfresco because it doesn't disrupt access to the residential buildings. Not every block has that.

Trustee Bertucci said Campbell and Vail is our town square. It should be available and accessible to the full town. The Board should give access to businesses not in Alfresco to show their wares. Residents should be able to have the entertainment in the area too. He is in favor of keeping the event at the corner and of having a special event during good weather to restaurants which are outside of the footprint. Trustee Bertucci disclosed he is the past president of the Chamber.

Trustee Schwingbeck said October is unpredictable but he didn't want to shut down Alfresco. He would like to see the event move somewhere else

where we don't have to break Alfresco down. He said there is a difference between the Alfresco crowd and the Mane/Taste crowd.

Trustee Scaletta said it is difficult to answer the Food and Beverage tax question when there are so many issues that are yet to be resolved like the removal 60 parking spaces and doubling the capacity of the restaurants. The new Parking Garage system will give us numbers so we know if we have enough parking. Metropolis is not in their location. He said he is concerned we are going too fast. He wants staff to address handicapped parking downtown. He wants better control on deliveries. There are still pick up zones in at curbside but people are just parking there. He asked how are the Uber/Lyft signs working. He said he wants to do this work before he addresses the taxes. He questioned how the Board would decide who pays the extra taxes. Mr. Recklaus said staff is not asking the Board to say yes on the tax, but rather asking the Board if is appropriate to begin the research and work on it. This work will include which spaces would be subject to the tax. The Board already voted to pursue Alfresco on an ongoing basis so now would be a good time to explore a funding source. Trustee Scaletta said he is supportive of exploring it, but hopes to receive answers to his questions.

Staff is making frequent adjustments to Alfresco based on the dynamic situation. Trustee Scaletta asked for an opt in/out situation, and suggested that a business should be included or excluded based on the fiscal year.

Trustee Baldino said making major changes to a large fall event in June is difficult. He thinks the focus should be on 2022. Would sidewalk dining be subject to the tax or only street dining? Mr. Recklaus said he will have to do that work. Alfresco captures street seating, which greatly increases restaurant capacity.

Trustee LaBedz said a Board goal is to explore ways of raising revenue for things we want to do. The exploration is important. Businesses will be in the Alfresco zone, whether they opt in or not. Parking space is still being used. The Village is only finally in phase 5 this week, so the Board won't know how it will be in a fully open experience yet. We don't have the full picture yet. She wondered if momentum would be lost if Alfresco changes over to Mane/Taste.

Trustee Tinaglia said this is a wonderful problem to have. He does not want to see the Taste of Arlington out of the zone. He believes in using Harmony Park as it was intended. For him, it's all about weather. He recommends September to allow Alfresco to go past Labor Day and have the block party in September. Then, have an Oktoberfest. The Chamber can have a September event and the Special Events commission can take October. He would rather see a fee than a tax. Those who enjoy the increased sales should pay for the costs. He recommended figuring out 2021 and then after we have more information, figuring out 2022.

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Resident Comments

Seth Goldberg said he would hate to see Alfresco end early. He suggested if an event doesn't work, maybe have some bands during Alfresco. It's the best thing we have in town.

Jon Ridler, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, explained that the Chamber could have an event on the Alfresco footprint. They would come up with how to do it and there are vendors interested. They are proposing only 50 tents to allow for better movement on the street. Vendors outside of the footprint want to come into the footprint. The Chamber would like to continue the success of the Taste of Arlington and add another day. They have a hold on stage/lighting/sound/band/rental equipment on the weekend of September 10, 11. They propose to move the tables and chairs from the streets September 9, store them and reset them after the event. The restaurants could keep the sidewalk dining. Fencing can be moved onto the sidewalk and create extra space in the street. He will work with the Public Works team. The Chamber takes on more of the cost because of the benefit to its members. They have as much buy in financially as the Village does. He said they are looking to solve the problems and work with the businesses. The Village is giving businesses free outdoor space, but the businesses may not be looking collaboratively and looking at them just for themselves.

Ernie Rose said Downtown works for an event, it's just the best location. Residents need to celebrate. The residents kept the businesses afloat, let's show them some love. An opportunity to grow the event without too much intervention with other parties should be explored. If we make decisions only when it benefits everyone equally, it will keep us from deciding.

Laurie Mitchell, Chair of the Special Events Commission (SEC). reiterated they are here and ready to get back to work on live events. They have put on the Mane Event for 20 years and are anxious to work on an end of year event with the Village and Chamber to bring back the fun. She said the Commission is happy and willing to work to benefit the group as a whole. The 2019 document was a start.

Carter Black said Alfresco has been fantastic. He recommended giving Alfresco as much time as we can because of its reach, it's a good tax base and good for our Village.

Jim Memelo said it makes no sense to interrupt or abbreviate Alfresco. He said it was a bit presumptuous to organize and invest in a weekend when this issue had not been decided. An event in October/September may be a compromise for everyone. There is plenty of opportunity to get involved at the end of September without interrupting Alfresco. He said the idea that it is easy to breakdown and rebuild Alfresco isn't proven. We haven't done this before. It is not pleasant to dine outside while a large event is going on. A compromise seems to be end of September or early October. Don't interrupt Alfresco, it's our identity now, and it's positive.

Danielle Kuhn of Scratchboard Kitchen said the momentum of Alfresco is

just beginning. She hears every week from new guests coming from far away. It's drawing in crowds. They have guests that want to sit outside and are willing to wait 30 minutes to do so. The Taste is important and she liked the suggestions from Trustees Canty and Schwingbeck that Mane/Taste could be adjacent to keep Alfresco going. Every weekend counts for her. She asked to keep Alfresco open as long as possible and consider hosting the event in an adjacent space.

Larry Robodos, owner of Big Shot, said Alfresco was a lifeline and they would have not survived without it. Downtown operators have been the fortunate ones. The other restaurants in the Village didn't have this. He would like to help the others. He said the exposure from Mane/Taste is still valuable. He would give up a weekend to help everyone in the industry and the other businesses. His preference is to have it mid/late September.

Chip Brooks said he spoke on behalf of Shakou, Armand's, Cortland's, and Peggy's. For them, it is really a huge advantage to have Alfresco and he asked for it to be extended as long as reasonable. The Taste/Mane puts them out of business for the weekend. He agreed with staff, that it is difficult to tear down and put back up Alfresco. He worried it would wreck business, furniture and landscaping. He explained his business was still recovering, and needed the extra that Alfresco brings in. He said the Downtown businesses pay higher rent and taxes to be there. There were 7 restaurants listed outside of Downtown that might participate in the Taste. He agreed that he would like to help them. He also agreed that it was fair to tax those who benefitted from Alfresco differently than those who didn't. He recommended doing a Taste adjacent to the area, on Campbell east of Alfresco. Alfresco restaurants that want to participate can, and can open from their space. The entertainment stage could be at Campbell and Evergreen with a second stage at Harmony Park. He saw no reason to extend Mane/Taste to 3 days. It would be good to have one entity in charge of the festival. He thought the 2nd week in September is a good choice, if it was adjacent and Alfresco could continue unimpeded.

Chris Dungan said after reading the survey results he saw the residents do not want to shut Alfresco down early. He said to do an event after, or move it. Alfresco has been a great thing, it has been a life line, but they are not on shore yet.

Steve Fromm (SEC) said residents who come to the Mane Event appreciate the free entertainment, face painters, and balloon tiers. He said it is an important event in the community and does not cost the businesses any money.

Eric Lamkins said his wife owns Kilwin's and he works some evenings at Tuscan Market. He said Alfresco was built out of necessity because of the pandemic. He recommended analyzing the event situation after the pandemic is over. The Taste is beneficial but you can't evaluate which is better until afterwards. Having the street closed in October hurt Kilwin's

last year.

Derek Hanley, founder of Peggy Kinnane's, said Alfresco was an unbelievable win/win. He recommended keeping Alfresco open until the end of September and having a Taste/Octoberfest in October. The 60 parking spaces should not be considered. Businesses would have closed without it. Our businesses help the property values. We are on the map and need to stay there. Shutting it down early doesn't make sense. Now, every day of the week we have a Taste. Don't take a step back. Bring the music back on Fridays. The cost of business has gone up and the prices are not going down. Pass off the to the consumer what it takes to make it doable, 1% is not a lot to ask for.

Andi Ruhl (Thrown Elements) said Alfresco benefited the Downtown the most. The other side of the tracks does not have the same benefits. She said to make it happen and celebrate that we have made it through the pandemic, give those of us outside of the footprint a chance. Alfresco is great, but let's have other things too.

Diane Jamieson (SEC) said the Mane Event was always the event that brought people together. It's a free event, and it would be good to have it again to bring people together again.

Dave Jaffe (SEC) agreed that we should extend Alfresco as long as possible and keep the event at the end of September in the same footprint of Mane/Taste. It would allow a celebration that is long overdue. The Chamber and SEC can collaborate.

Deliberation

Trustee Baldino said he agreed with staff recommendation #1. He does not believe ending Alfresco ends outdoor dining. It is important to have a Mane/Taste event. He would like it adjacent to Alfresco, the date is less important. For 2021 let's keep it simple and let's worry about 2022 later.

Trustee Grasse agreed with Trustee Baldino. She said she understood the September date for the Chamber, and would support it if it was in an adjacent footprint. She recognized this is a transition time, and nothing has to be how it was done in the past. A finale event is a good idea. Compromises will have to occur and say the first weekend in October as a possible one.

Trustee Bertucci said the Village's town square should give access to the other businesses. The bands are part of the event, and the best place is the town square. The draw to get 10-13,000 people is the bands. He's in favor of continuing Taste in the footprint of Alfresco. As far as the weekend, it may be hard to have a different date than what the Chamber has developed. Either 2 or 3 days long is okay.

Trustee Canty said she is in favor of staff suggestion #1. She is not ready to commit to hard dates for 2022 and would like more information from

2021 first. She is in favor of a 2-day event outside of September, adjacent to or in another location. She said the SEC should look at a one-day event if the Chamber will not participate. There should be some kind of celebration.

Trustee LaBedz agreed with #1 as well. She said the Village needs to get through this year before it is decided how 2022 will look. She likes a finale event but has trouble envisioning in an adjacent area because of the logistics. An end of season finale would work best.

President Hayes found consensus for the following:

- Direct Staff to develop a revenue source for Alfresco.
- Alfresco opening/closing dates remain open for 2022. Close Alfresco in 2021 on September 26th.
- Direct staff to help plan a two-day end of season finale with SEC/Chamber in the footprint of Alfresco for 2021 the first weekend in October.
- Direct Staff to work with the SEC on a post Alfresco event for 2022 and beyond.

The Board asked all parties to work together with mutual respect and good faith and recommended that the 2019 agreement between the Chamber and SEC be used for 2021.

Trustee Bertucci moved to direct staff: 1. To develop a Food & Beverage Tax/Annual Licensing Fee concept to fund Arlington Alfresco for: Alfresco zone restaurants, non-Alfresco restaurants which wish to use parking spaces for outdoor seating, non-Alfresco zoned businesses which wish to use street space. 2. For Arlington Alfresco to close in 2021 on September 26th. 3. For Staff to develop a two-day event with the SEC and Chamber of Commerce the first weekend in October, 2021 using the 2019 Funding and Operation Plan with agreed to modifications. 4. That a finale event for Fall of 2022 and beyond be developed in cooperation with the SEC, Staff and Chamber of Commerce. Trustee Scaletta seconded the motion.

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Canty, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Scaletta, Schwingbeck, Tinaglia
The Motion: Passed

XV. APPOINTMENTS

XVI. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Richard Baldino moved to adjourn at 11:33 p.m.. Trustee Robin LaBedz Seconded the Motion.

The Motion: Passed

Ayes: Baldino, Bertucci, Canty, Grasse, Hayes, LaBedz, Scaletta,

Schwingbeck, Tinaglia