



MEMORANDUM

TO: CSCC CHAIR SMITH AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS
FROM: JAMES M. HOGUE, VILLAGE PLANNER
DATE: October 27, 2020
RE: November 4, 2020 - MEETING ISSUE REVIEW

The following intends to summarize the status of existing as well as new applications before the CSCC and outline actions required of the Committee.

A. Route 22 Landscape Plan –Review & Comment

Village Trustee O’Conner was present and asked if the CSCC could review the proposed landscape plan for the Route 22 widening. Specifically she asked if CSCC would review the plantings and make suggestions, particularly as it relates to any proposed native plantings. The goal of this review is to forward information to IDOT for consideration in the Route 22 landscape plans. If acceptable to IDOT, this plant species mix could serve as model for future landscape planting along roadways. This big picture goal is to provide a uniform look to roadway planting village wide.

Commissioner Burger has submitted comments that are attached for consideration by the entire CSCC. I have also again included the Route 22 Landscape Plan for the CSCC consideration.

If there are no additional comments or concerns, I will forward the comments I have received on to Trustee O’Conner.

B. Discussion of natural plantings on landscape islands (Rt. 83 & O.M.R entering the CBD).

At their August 25 Village Board meeting the Board here the report of the CSCC meeting of August 19th which included a discussion of this issue.

The direction of the Board was to explore the possibilities on a preliminary basis with emphasis on;

- 1) Providing preliminary suggestions for natural plantings in landscape islands.
- 2). Fiscal Impacts\Financial Costs associated with these improvements.

- 3). The suggested plants list for natural plantings in medians.

At the October 7th CSCC Meeting the following items were discussed;

- 1). The size of the medians (surface area & depth of planning “beds”) and cross sections if available, of the median construction.
- 2) Which medians would be a priority (OMR & RT 83 to Aptakisic suggested to start).
- 3) Acceptable native plant species for medians (3 species discussed).
- 4) Additional native trees & shrubs for possible consideration

Once this data has been assembled a meeting “in the field” to perform a visual inspection of the medians and the surrounding environment was suggested.

Staff has tried to obtain cross section for the medians in the identified above. Thus far there has been no success in obtaining these documents. It is suggested the “generic” cross section from “Successful Medians” article (attached) be considered for planning purposes.

Other research has identified the following;

O.M.R. – County Right-of-way; 3 medians (see attached photo).

Median 1; is irregular in shape and the planting area measures 95’ x 6’ (appx. 570 sq. ft.)

Median 2; is irregular in shape and the planting area measures 320’ x 6’ (appx. 1900 sq. ft.)

Median 3; is irregular in shape and the planting area measures 36’ x 6’ (appx. 200 sq. ft.)

RT 83 – State Right-of-way; 1 median to Aptakisic Road (see attached photo).

Median 1; is irregular in shape and the planting area measures 1370’ x 25’ (appx. 20,100 sq. ft.)

I have also attached design standards from IDOT which may provide useful text for the “policy brief” on the topic.

The CSCC should determine the following;

- 1). Acceptable native species for median plantings (including trees & shrubs);
- 2) Determine how best to derive accurate cost figures for installation and maintenance of these median.
- 3). Review and comments on the content of the documents submitted regarding planting and maintaining medians.

C. Revised Plant Species List – Update

Any update to the status of the revised list should be discussed.

Should you have questions feel free to contact me. E-mail is best.