



Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Sub-Committee

Monday, July 31, 2023

Sub-Committee Members Present

Mayor Charles Smith, Marjorie Gamel, Loise Haines, Mike Helfrich

Sub-Committee Members Not Present

Janet Brotherton

Others Present

Christopher Milliken, Urban Planning Manager; Brian Hunt, Community Development Specialist; and Tana Ward, Deputy Village Clerk

Sub-Committee Chairperson Haines opened the meeting at 5:34pm.

Public Participation

No public participation.

Discussion with Village Departments

Mr. Milliken shared that the funding would be dependent on the needs after the missile was fully evaluated and a decision was made of how to move forward. He shared a few options that he would suggest, which included a National Park Grant managed by Village staff, a citizen Go Fund Me account, or a corporate match program. He advised that the federal funding had an approximate six to twelve-month period for a decision. His suggestion was to start looking for grant opportunities at the state level.

Mayor Smith will reach out to the National Space & Aeronautic Department, and he will discuss options with Congresswoman Robin Kelly

Mr. Hunt added that the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW), American Legion Post 287, and/or Chanute retirees might be good avenues for seeking donations.

Sub-Committee Minutes

The June 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Ms. Gamel made the motion to approve the Minutes as presented, Mr. Helfrich seconded the motion, and the motion carried viva voce vote.

The July 20, 2023 Meetings were deferred until the next Sub-Committee meeting to be provided by Chairperson Haines.

Items for Discussion

The drone footage and missile photos acquired by Police Deputy Chief Justin Bouse were previewed. Major deterioration, holes, cracking, splitting near the bottom band,

flaking fiberglass, chipped paint, and rust were observed during the initial review. Some of the damage could be attributed to the hard freezing this past few years in the area.

Mayor Smith will reach out to Village Departments to see what records are on hand regarding prior evaluations.

Discussion ensued regarding the B-52 Hangar, White Hall, and other former Chanute properties.

Mayor Smith suggested that the Sub-Committee break down the process to determine which subjects need to be covered during each future meeting to assure that a focused effort was in place.

Ms. Gamel stated that a smaller monument may be worth pursuing due to the possible cost of restoring the missile. A smaller option would be much easier to maintain moving forward.

Ms. Haines stated that if the missile was taken down, a monument of some kind should be erected in its place.

Mr. Helfrich added that it would be preferred to wait to see what options are in place prior to making the decision to remove it due to the historic value to the Village.

Adjournment

Chairperson Haines adjourned the meeting at 6:43pm.

Minutes prepared, submitted, and filed by Tana Ward, Deputy Village Clerk