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Village staff and elected officials have received various comments and concerns about the Central Avenue project, after the December 5th resident meeting. It has come to staff's attention that there has been a gap in communication after the last physical letter, dated January 17th, and future communications posted on the Village website. The Village strives to promote transparency wherever possible, so staff apologizes if there were any indications otherwise.

Summary of Events Since January 17th and Next Steps

On January 27th, the Village posted comments and responses to all submitted questions, from and after the December 5th meeting, on the Village website. Supplemental traffic speed data for the area was posted as well as it was requested in one of the comment sheets. That same evening, James J. Benes & Associates and staff presented the proposed changes to the design, based on resident feedback. All of that info and a link to a video of the Village Board meeting are available on the project website at <http://wsprings.com/central-avenue> in the "Project Links" section. Please understand that resident comments and concerns were heavily implemented into project design, where possible.

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On February 10th, another update was published on the project page indicating that the second resident meeting would be postponed until the project moved farther into Phase II design. At that time, there was little to present that differed from the January 27th Board update to warrant and additional resident meeting. Additionally, Phase I was due for submittal to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). As you may recall from the resident meeting, the design schedule is very strict as the majority of construction costs are federally funded. Funds are specific to a construction year and it is important that these deadlines are met to secure funding. The Village received comments back from IDOT in May and re-submitted Phase I engineering with those changes. Phase II design is already underway, and the project is scheduled to bid by the end of 2020 or early 2021.

On July 20th, the Spring Rock Park Impacts and Public Comment (Section 4(f)) was posted on both the Village and Park District website. The Village is required by the federal government to seek public comment, from the entire community, on any impacts occurring in the park as part of the Village project. That comment period closed on August 3rd.

A second resident meeting will be scheduled later in the summer/early fall when there is enough new information to present.

Future Communication

The Village website remains to be the best place to post information and keep residents updated consistently. This will only become more important when construction begins as schedule changes and daily issues may occur at any time. The Village website allows users to also receive notifications via e-mail or text message when new updates are posted. Please follow the steps below to utilize this service:

1. Visit the Village website at www.wsprings.com
2. Click on "Stay Informed" on the left side of this page.
3. Enter your e-mail address in the text box at the top of the page and click "Sign In".
4. Scroll down to the "News Flash" section of the page and click the  next to "Central Avenue Reconstruction".
5. Optional: If you would like to also receive text message updates than first check the check box below your e-mail next to "I would like to be able to receive text messages on my mobile phone". Then click the  next to Central Avenue Reconstruction.

Any individual who does not have access to the internet can notify Village staff and receive verbal updates. Physical copies of any documents can also be provided upon request. Please contact Casey Biernacki at 708-246-1800 x 276 or at cbiernacki@wsprings.com if you require assistance or have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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