

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 9, 2024
MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
VILLAGE HALL 6101 CAPULINA, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053**

CALL TO ORDER

1. Call to Order

Pursuant to proper notice in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the regular meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Keith White.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson White led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

Chairperson Keith White
Commissioner Amit Shah
Commissioner John Puljic
Commissioner Karen Berkowsky
Commissioner Ninous Chalabi
Commissioner Mike Dibra

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner George Karagozian
Commissioner Jeff Dahlberg

Village Staff Present:

Chris Tomich, Village Engineer
Brandon Nolin, Community Development Administrator
Trustee John Thill, Trustee Liaison
Justin Jurasz, Police Department Liaison
Dan Gallagher, Fire Department Liaison

4. Approval of Minutes

Chairperson White proceeded to seek approval of the April 4, 2024 minutes. There were no changes or alterations to the minutes. Commissioner Dibra moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Berkowsky seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

STAFF REPORT

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF REPORT

None

OLD BUISNESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

5. PC24-04 – FC Starts, INC – 6216 Madison Court

Applicant Doug Johnson

The presentation was cancelled by the applicant.

6. PC24-05 – MCC Academy – 8601 Menard Avenue

Applicant Raffi Arzoumanian a+c architects LLC

An application for an amendment to an existing Special Use Permit to expand an existing gymnasium in an R-2: Single Family Residence district.

Brandon Nolin, Community Development Administrator, presented this case. He noted the applicant is requesting an amendment to a Special Use Permit to allow the expansion and modification of an existing school at the property commonly known as 8601 Menard Avenue. The applicant is a+c architects LLC on behalf of MCC Academy. The proposed project consists of the expansion of the existing gymnasium primarily to the south and west, the installation of a two-lane clay track within the existing field in the northern portion of the property, and related landscaping, fencing, and lighting. As part of the interior remodel, the existing stage and storage areas in the southern portion of the existing gymnasium would be removed and a storage area and office would be constructed in a new area at the northern end of the expanded gymnasium. Two new team bench areas and a new seating area with capacity for 130 visitors would be installed along the new eastern and western walls respectively. No changes are proposed to existing parking or access to the site.

Raffi Arzoumanian from a+c architects LLC was available to answer questions.

Commissioner Chalabi asked the architect to clarify on the track being built on the current green space at the school Mr. Arzoumanian explained that this a track being made for in-school activities. It will not be used for tournaments or events.

Commissioner Chalabi also asked for more information on the gym expansion. Mr. Arzoumanian explained the school wants to make accommodations to host games for their basketball teams.

Chairperson Chalabi asked about how the tournament schedule will be accommodated during Ramadan when the adjacent mosque holds services. Mr. Arzoumanian stated

that tournaments will not be hosted at MCC Academy during the month of Ramadan and on holidays or other times when there is heavy traffic at the adjacent mosque.

Commissioner Shah asked about how the traffic flow will be controlled during tournaments and if they anticipate large crowds. Mr. Arzoumanian introduced David Westergreen, who conducted the traffic/parking study on behalf of a+c architects LLC, and stated that there is no impact on parking or traffic with the proposed additions. If they see issues arise in the future, the MCC has a great relationship with their neighbors at Molloy School who often allow the use of their parking lot for MCC Academy after hours.

Chairperson White asked if the Fire or Police department had any issues with this case, both stated no issues or concerns.

Commissioner Berkowsky made a motion to approve the application for an amendment to an existing Special Use Permit to expand an existing gymnasium in an R-2: Single Family Residence district.

Seconded by Commissioner Shah.

C. Berkowsky	aye
C. Chalabi	aye
C. Shah	aye
C. Puljic	aye
C. Dibra	aye
Chair. White	aye

OTHER BUSINESS/COMMENTS

None

AJOURNEMENT

With no further business, Chairperson White asked for a motion to adjournment. Commissioner Berkowsky made the motion and was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm.

Minutes By: Saba Koya