



Memorandum

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To: Glencoe Library Board

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Subject: Review of the Village of Glencoe Comprehensive Planning Process

Project Background

The Village is embarking on a community visioning process to update its comprehensive plan, which was last completed in 1996. Entitled "All In, Glencoe," this plan will be shaped by extensive community engagement, including conversations with the Park District Board, the Library Board, the District 35 School Board, and each of the Village's boards, committees, task forces, and commissions. These conversations will help guide the development of policies and actions around the comprehensive planning themes, which include: sustainability & the environment; economic development & local businesses; equity and inclusion; health, safety, and wellness; and regionalism and intergovernmental coordination. Critical to a successful planning process and outcome is the ability to weave together the perspectives and range of issues understood by all partners in Village leadership.

The website for the planning process is www.AllinGlencoe.org.

What is a Village Comprehensive Plan?

The Village's Comprehensive Plan will provide policy direction and framework for future decision-making by the Village Board of Trustees. The plan will define and communicate a clear vision for Glencoe's future, with goals, objectives, and implementation strategies that chart a course to reach that future within the span of control of the Village government. It is a long-range policy document, not a capital plan for public improvements nor a regulatory tool.

The process is steered by the consultant team, Village staff, and the Plan Commission, and will be shaped from start to finish by community engagement and the input from residents, property owners, Boards, Commissions, and interested stakeholders. It begins with a Conditions Assessment (collecting data and information about the current state of the community), then moves into Defining Policy Direction, Subarea Planning, Developing Implementation Strategies, with the preparation and adoption of a draft plan taking place sometime in early 2024.



Role of the Plan Commission Liaison

Plan Commission and Library Board member Michael Pope, alongside Village staff and the consultant team, will serve as the liaison between the Plan Commission and the Library Board, helping to facilitate discussion and communicate perspectives throughout the planning process. This discussion will begin with a set of questions (below) at your November 16th meeting. These are intended to open a dialogue – this is the first but certainly not the only engagement opportunity. Answers to these initial questions will help the Plan Commission and planning team learn more about the Library Board’s vision and priorities for the future as they relate to Village activities and decision-making. This discussion will inform the needs assessment/information gathering phase and other next steps in our comprehensive planning process.

Questions for Discussion

We pose the following questions as conversation starters, and by no means do we wish to limit the Library Board’s thoughtful consideration of the issues that face our community as a whole. We hope that each Board member will have the opportunity to consider and respond to these questions even before you join together at your November 16th Board Meeting. **Please submit your preliminary thoughts on these questions prior to the meeting [via this survey](https://forms.office.com/r/DLguUaeqQi) (<https://forms.office.com/r/DLguUaeqQi>) or via email to Michael Pope at mpope@popelawadr.com.**

- Are there issues or opportunities that the Library today is dealing with that may relate to Glencoe’s future planning needs?
- How might technology advances change the nature of delivering library services to the community?
- What are the physical needs of the Library System in 25 years?
- Are there current limitations or barriers that make the Library difficult to access?
- Does the Library see opportunities to collaborate with the Village, School District, Park District, or other agencies to either share facilities or partner on programming?
- Will climate change have an impact on library activities/functions/programming and education?

Comprehensive Plan Questions for the Glencoe Library Board

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