



rRemarks Data for August 3rd, 2021 Village Council Meeting

Agenda Section: First Reading

Agenda Item: A. MOT 2021-9023 Motion: Direct Staff to Construct Traffic Safety Improvements at the Intersection of Prairie Avenue and Forest Avenue

Commenter: Sonja R Cimera, Downers Grove

Comment: Closing off south leg, or both legs of Forest Avenue would mean all autos from over 50 households would have to make four turns to cross the tracks to go into town, library, post office, etc. Turns cause accidents both with other cars and especially with pedestrians (many children return from school or live on Prince Street which would get much additional traffic). Slow down traffic on Prairie with stop signs, but please don't create additional safety concerns with necessitating additional turns off Forest. Thank you.

Sonja Cimera

Agenda Section: Consent

Agenda Item: L. MOT 2021-9038 Motion: Award a Contract to Copenhaver Construction, Inc. of Gilberts, IL for the Jefferson-Brookbank Sidewalk Connection Project in the Amount of \$77,634.00

Commenter: John Schofield, Downers Grove

Comment: Great news! Thanks to Village staff for keeping alive over the past year's deferrals.

Several comments/questions:

When will the work start, and how long will the path be closed for construction?

Will the users of the path receive any advance notice of closing, and how?

While the path is closed, will pedestrian DETOUR signs be erected at the corners of Brookbank/Jefferson and Brookbank/59th?

Will there be an appropriate ribbon-cutting ceremony for re-opening?

Thank you!

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Commenter: Elizabeth Morton, Downers Grove

Comment: As a resident in the Hillcrest neighborhood, I am very pleased to learn of plans to complete the path between Jefferson and Brookbank. It helps to make our community more

walkable for commuters, schoolchildren, residents, and anyone who simply enjoys walking. I hope to see more emphasis on walkability in future planning.

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Commenter: Gary Vandervest

Comment: The Jefferson-Brookbank connection would be a huge improvement to this right of way. I use this path often when walking my dog. Presently it is a very narrow path with vegetation almost covering the path. When it rains the path is practically unusable as it is wet and muddy. I am hoping to see the Jefferson-Brookbank connection improvements made in the near future.

Agenda Section: Comments of a General Nature

Agenda Item: N/A

Commenter: David Rose

Comment: Competing Narrative about the Pandemic

The material below was first posted as a comment to a website, which the website's owner elevated to a featured page ... because it does such a good job of succinctly capturing the dueling narratives in the US regarding the covid pandemic.

I post it here hoping it helps you understand the substance of the competing narratives, and helps you decide the one with which you most align.

Please appreciate that each narrative is internally consistent, which is to say, each makes sense to the person who holds it.

The proof of which narrative is superior will obviously be in the pudding, that is, will emerge as events unfold, information is gained, and understanding is enhanced.

Fundamental to the challenge posed by this pandemic is the fact one must rely on the scientific knowledge coming out of molecular and cellular biology, knowledge that can evolve only as this virus evolves, and, more importantly, knowledge shared with the wider world by those making judgements about the impact of sharing it, including the impact doing so will have on their authority and power.

The fundamental medical scientific challenge has been to try to develop a vaccine against a coronavirus, a type of virus known to be extremely adept at producing variants. The fundamental scientific question is whether the body's resistance to the virus is better served by 'natural' or 'manmade' infection.

And most importantly of all, the societal impact of the answer to that question is influenced in turn by the health of the individuals in the population. This is what makes the virus so problematic to the US, both medically and politically; prior to the pandemic, the citizenry was neither all that united nor all that healthy.

As a matter about which even well-educated individuals have relatively little understanding but which can affect everyone quite intimately, a coronavirus pandemic provides a marvelous Rorschach test of who one trusts when deciding one's personal course of action.

In the face of significant uncertainty with potentially life-and-death consequences, how does one decide what to do?

<https://www.theautomaticearth.com/2021/07/a-tale-of-two-narratives/>

The Mainstream Narrative

- It is not known where Covid 19 originated but the most likely origin is the transmission from an animal to humans
- Covid 19 has killed 600K people in the US
- Trump botched the Covid 19 response costing many lives
- Many deaths were preventable if we'd tested, masked, tracked and locked down better
- Vaccines are good and have eradicated polio, measles, whooping cough and other diseases
- Vaccines against Covid 19 are safe and effective and have saved many lives with only minor, acceptable adverse reactions
- There are no effective treatments for Covid 19 besides the vaccines
- Covid is spread by droplets and aerosols from infected people, both symptomatic and asymptomatic, and can be spread through momentary casual contact both indoors and outdoors
- Children and young adults are at risk from Covid 19 and can spread the disease and should take the same precautions and measures as adults
- We need to do whatever it takes to defeat Covid 19 including frequent testing, mass vaccination, continued lockdowns and wearing masks
- The best information comes from the CDC, FDA and NIH
- The mainstream media warns us of the dangers of Covid 19 but unfortunately many do not take these warnings seriously
- As usual, conspiracy theorists and nut-jobs abound
- Antivaxxers are against all vaccines and now also against the Covid 19 vaccines
- Antivaxxers have believed phony information disseminated by scurrilous, right wing charlatans
- These people cost many lives and are the reason Covid still spreads and mutates
- They are responsible for continued lockdowns and the further decimation of the economy
- They are selfish, evil and anti-science
- The Covid 19 response is all about trying to get us back to normal as quickly as possible

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The Counter Narrative

- Covid 19 was most likely created in a lab in China or the US
- Covid 19 kills people but far fewer than the official count
- Almost all officials in government have botched the Covid 19 response, costing many lives
- Most deaths were preventable if we had investigated and deployed early treatments including vitamin D, zinc, hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin
- Vaccines are good and have eradicated polio, measles, whooping cough and other diseases
- The Covid 19 vaccines however are not actually vaccines but gene therapy and have not been adequately tested
- The Covid 19 vaccines have serious side effects including death and other as yet unknown consequences which are not being investigated and are suppressed by the media
- We need to defeat Covid 19 and the best way to do this is through early outpatient treatment with known, effective drugs and known drug protocols for hospitalized patients
- Covid 19 is primarily spread by aerosols from symptomatic and pre-symptomatic people, mostly in indoor situations with poor ventilation where peoples spend a long time together
- Children and young adults are at low risk from Covid 19 and need take fewer precautions and measures but should be treated with drug protocols if infected
- Masks, distancing and lockdowns are mostly ineffective
- The best information comes from front line doctors who actually treat patients and experienced researchers who have no financial interest in big pharma
- The CDC, FDA and NIH are largely compromised because of their association with and funding by drug companies
- The mainstream media is also compromised by their association with big pharma and the government
- The truth about Covid 19 is suppressed and labeled conspiracy theory in order to support the mainstream narrative
- People who insist that the vaccines are the only way to fight Covid 19 have believed lies told to them by the MSM from big pharma and a corrupt medical establishment
- The vaccine narrative has cost many lives and ineffective vaccines are responsible for the continued spread and mutation of Covid 19
- The fallacious mainstream narrative is responsible for all lock downs and the decimation of the economy
- The people who push the mainstream narrative are evil and anti-science; The people who believe this narrative are naive, dogmatic and anti-science
- The Covid 19 response is all about money, power and control