

Westchester Economic Development Committee

EDC Meeting Minutes- February 24, 2025

Call to Order: 4:37 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Darlene Barber, Jeannie Helgesen, Chairman Pastor Joe Mills, Stacy Armstrong (via call in); Village Representation Director of Community Development Jim Novosel, Trustee Robert Morales (not present)

Updates from Director Community Development- Jim Novosel discussions included, LaLo's Mexican Restaurant still in the process of the buildout, no new updates; Wing Snob Restaurant located at 10350 Roosevelt Ribbon Cutting is scheduled for Friday, February 28th and Grand Opening, Saturday, March 1st, free wing day; Tasteful Restaurant owner Damien McIntosh is also planning a Ribbon Cutting, dtbd; a new barbeque restaurant will be opening in the Addison Creek District, the name is being changed (tbd), and they are due to open within the next few months.

Active Agenda-

Jeannie Helgesen motion to approve meeting minutes of the January 27th, second by Darlene Barber; all in favor. Minutes unanimously approved.

New Business-

Discussions were held regarding future Business Spotlight: Pastor Mills interviewed Thithi's Restaurant Owner to be featured in the Village Newsletter for the month of March; discussions were also held on potential businesses to spotlight for the remaining months.

Pastor Joe Mills requested the Educational Events be placed on the next EDC agenda under new business.

Old Business-

District Updates: Banner initiative was discussed; Darlene Barber presented an RFP from Ashantis Signs and Graphics, some concerns were raised about who's spearheading the initiative, the EDC or Centennial Committee; Jim will get clarification and report at next meeting; also, Pastor Joe Mills mentioned the Community Church of Westchester located in the Historic District will be celebrating their 75th year anniversary this year. Darlene Barber also mentioned CAG Wholesale located in the Municipal District has submitted request for permits for a buildout to hold future classes in the store.

Investigating Actual Owners of Physical Businesses- No new updates.

Coordination of Future Events with the Chamber and EDC collaborations were discussed.

Public Participation- Residents Leann Pettis was in attendance.

Meeting Adjourn 5:23 pm, by Jeannie Helgesen, second Stacy Armstrong; all in favor.