

# Village of Westchester

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## **Economic Development Meeting Minutes Monday November 11, 2013**

- **1.** Meeting called to order at 7:41 a.m. by Chairperson Pastor Joe Mills.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Roll Call Darlene Barber (absent), Ron Brown (absent), Lori-Jo Fergle, Village Chamber Commerce Liaison Bruce Horek, Kandice Jacobs, Pastor Joe Mills, Allison Muzal, Village Representatives- Director Community Development-Melissa Headley, Village Trustee Frank Perry (absent)
- **4. Opening Public Participation and Comments-** No public present. After 8 am Adenike Natschke an English teacher at Proviso West came to observe our meeting
- 5. Active Agenda

#### A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September Summit were postponed for approval until 11/25/13 meeting. October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes approved by Kandice Jacobs and seconded by Bruce Horek. The October 28<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved by Kandice Jacobs and seconded by Bruce Horek after corrections of the spelling of Mannheim were duly noted and changed.

- **6. Updates from Village Management-** Melissa Headley's report given covering Follett's permits and intent for move-in date in 2014. Part time planner started in Melissa's dept. 5 new businesses were opened. A local technical assistant was awarded for zoning updates. Advised the number of permits and inspections done in the past month.
- 7. Updates from Village Chamber of Commerce- Next board meeting is 11/12/13
- 8. Old Business (Discussion Only)

Items D, E, & F are being deferred until our next meeting.

A. **Signage RFP update**: Discussions held on identifying approved signs for Roosevelt & Mannheim (NE & SE corners); Cermak & Mannheim (NW & SW corners); Wolf & 31<sup>st</sup> (NW & NE corners); Wolf & Cermak (SW corner) Continued discussion of possible district names (identifiable attributes – Prairie District, Fountain District, Municipal Center), as well as possible park districts with shopping: Gladstone, Community, Mayfair, High Ridge, Tower...etc.

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Village Attorney
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- **B. Beautification Issues** decided to work on a motion for the tree program first, and will table the planter concept for a later date starting with a replacement program of trees that were removed by the Village. Melissa will check with Public works and the Park District for current ongoing programs.
- C. Guidelines for Grand Openings/Re-Opening for Businesses, Ribbon Cuttings guidelines need to be established, role of Village, the chamber & EDC. EDC would like to make a recommendation of a plan.

#### 9. New Business- none cited

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting by Kandice Jacobs, second by Lori-Jo Fergle, meeting ended at 9:07 am.