

WESTCHESTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
DRAFT EDC MEETING MINUTES- February 13, 2023

1. Call to Order- 7:39a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present: Darlene Barber, Pastor Joe Mills, Jeannie Helgesen, Village Representatives Trustee Robert Morales, Community Development Director Jim Novosel.

4. Opening Public Participation: Village residents in attendance Nicole Molinaro, Ellen Brewin, Lee Kaufman.

* Lee Kaufman made inquiry about a job board within the village where business owners could post positions for hire to assist residents seeking employment; also, the ECO Committee is in the process of planning a bicycling event, possibly in May.

* Ellen Brewin inquiry about if there was any commercial real estate information in the village letting residents know of available property; she also had concerns about some of the EDC minutes from last year not being uploaded on village's website; the committee explained the various transitions that happened within the EDC committee and Village Management, and was assured that the matter would be resolved.

* Nicole Molinaro discussions held regarding a Community Heart and Soul Grant.

5. Village Updates from New Community Development Director-Jim Novosel provided feedback on plans for the New Village Hall location, discussions are being held with legal representatives, and Trustee Robert Morales mentioned he's hopeful concerning the redevelopment; also, there's no new information to report on the St. Joes property. A new business has opened in the village, Instant Urgent Care located in the Prairie District is interested in having a ribbon cutting. Discussions are currently being held with the owner and plans are in the process of being submitted for the former Le Petite Restaurant property on Manheim Road. The Addison Creek District will possibly have combination of business/ residential units coming in the future.

6. Active Agenda-

A. Discussions held on status of last year's EDC meeting minutes; Jim Novosel mentioned he's missing minutes from Dec 13, 2021/February 17, 2022/ and March 14, 2022.

7. Old Business

A. Discussions held about obtaining information on commercial property owners' actual whereabouts and if their business licenses are in compliance.

B. Discussions held on status of the 7 Districts and any current business updates.

8. New Business- None.

A. Discussions held on next steps for EDC Educational Events to promote businesses, possible topics going forward 1. Business Taxes 2. Business Marketing.

9. Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:43am, by Darlene Barber, second by Jeannie Helgesen, all in favor.