

Westchester Economic Development Committee

EDC Meeting Minutes- November 18, 2024

Call to Order: 4:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Jeannie Helgesen, Chairman Pastor Joe Mills, Stacy Armstrong; Village Representation Director of Community Development Jim Novosel, Trustee Robert Morales

Updates from Director Community Development- Jim Novosel discussions included, LaLo's Mexican Restaurant update – owner passed away, business still moving forward with Westchester, Wing Snob is coming within a month or two as buildout finishes. Tasteful (Old Christopher's Speakeasy) owner was out of state, but is looking to open up in the near future. Owner is requesting a bar liquor license and has stated his main focus will be food. Owner is interested in ribbon cutting at some point, not necessarily on day one. Village has filed a formal complaint against property owner on Roosevelt Road with dilapidated buildings.

Trustee Morales discussed Enterprise properties to clarify that the Village was not in support of a trucking company purchasing the property. A suggestion was offered to the Board, but there was never intention to accept the offer.

Active Agenda-

Jeannie Helgesen motion to approve meeting minutes of the October 15th, second by Stacy Armstrong; all in favor. Minutes unanimously approved.

New Business-

Discussions were held regarding future Business Spotlight: Discussions were held regarding potential business to spotlight in future Village newsletters and who would reach out to discuss with the business. Pastor Joe Mills requested the Educational Events be placed on the next EDC agenda under new business.

Old Business-

Trustee Morales stated he heard the AMP Up Your Business event was successful and mentioned the EDC should lean into keeping the momentum of planning educational events. Discussion regarding businesses in two and having them be vendors for possible future Village events and also how the EDC can help businesses going forward.

District Updates: Pastor Joe Mills asked if anyone was aware of a business that may be closing, no one has heard of a business that is closing soon. Director Novosel mentioned that Berna Construction next to railroad has recently painted the exterior brick on their building. Discussion regarding highlighting business outside of just the Business Spotlight article.

Public Participation- Residents Leann Pettis stated it looks like the only scheduling conflict may be in October.

Meeting Adjourn 5:34 pm, by Jeannie Helgesen, second Stacy Armstrong; all in favor.