

Westchester Economic Development Committee

EDC Meeting Minutes- October 15, 2024

Call to Order: 5:03 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Darlene Barber, Jeannie Helgesen, Chairman Pastor Joe Mills, Stacy Hawkins-Armstrong (not present, absence excused); 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 owner passed, however his wife is proceeding with the opening, the date is tbd; Wing Snob Restaurant has placed "Coming Soon" and "Now Hiring" signs in the window, the location 10350; another new business Oxford Insurance will be opening at 10352 Roosevelt Road; also a Business License Renewal Form was submitted for the EDC to review and amend where needed; the owner of Tasteful Restaurant will proceed with original concept, focusing more on fast food/take out and a their Liquor License hearing is scheduled on October 28th, and occupancy inspections are underway; October 19th Westchester's Shred & Recycle Event held from 10:00am-noon at 2305 Enterprise Dr.; State of Westchester Luncheon with President Greg Hribal is October 24th, at the Alpine Banquet House 12:00noon, cost \$25; Italian-American Celebration is October 30th 6:30pm-8:00pm at the Village Hall Board Room(free event).

Active Agenda-

Motion to approve meeting minutes of the September 9, 2024 meeting by Jeannie Helgesen, second by Darlene Barber; all in favor, minutes unanimously approved.

New Business-

Discussions were held regarding future Business Spotlight: Chairman Mills did an outstanding job with the October article spotlighting the 7 Business Districts; the next business spotlight slated for November (Ashanti's Signs and Graphics), December (1-800 Palmer Florist), January (Minute Man Press), and February (Stacy Hawkins-Armstrong will select, Darlene Barber, will assist).

Old Business-

Next Educational Event: discussion held; Allison Muzal presenting "AMP UP YOUR BUSINESS" on Tuesday, October 22nd located at the Westchester Public Library's Community Room, lunch will be provided by Alpine's Banquet, several business owners have RSVPd; Committee will follow-up with businesses for a final count.

District Updates: Darlene Barber suggested banners for each, and will speak with Nicholas Poku of Ashanti Signs and Graphics, and Jeannie Helgesen will speak with Allisun Printing regarding pricing and weather resistant banners, and report back to the committee. Item will be added to New Business on Agenda.

Investigating Actual Owners of Physical Businesses- This remains an ongoing issue, as far as locating the property owners.

Public Participation- Residents Leann Pettis was in attendance.

Note: The next EDC meeting will be held November 18th, 2024 at 4:30pm.

Meeting Adjourn 5:55 pm, by Darlene Barber, second Jeannie Helgesen; all in favor.