

Economic Development Meeting Minutes
Monday June 8, 2015

1. Meeting called to order at 7:46 a.m. by Chairperson Pastor Joe Mills.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call - Darlene Barber (absent), Lori-Jo Fergle, **Village Chamber of Commerce Liaison** Bruce Horek, Pastor Joe Mills, Allison Muzal, **Village Representatives Trustee** Frank Perry, **Director Community Development** Melissa Headley

4. Opening Public Participation and Comments- Donna S. Bast and Bob Jankowski were in attendance, no comments at this time.

5. Active Agenda

A. Approval of the following minutes-

Minutes of April 27th, 2015- A motion was made by Bruce Horek to approve the minutes of the May 11th 2015 meeting, second by Allison Muzal; the minutes were unanimously approved.

B. Swearing in of EDC committee by Village President, Sam Pulia of Pastor Joe Mills, Allison Muzal, Bruce Horek. Lori-Jo Fergle and Darlene Barber were sworn in by President Pulia at the May 26th Board meeting.

Terms will expire April 2017

C. Façade grant Application for 10439 & 10447 Cermak Road discussed. The EDC recommends approval fo the façade improvement grant application for these addresses for Dr. Kinnas with the following conditions:

1. The items noted in the inspection report dated May 14th, 2015 to be corrected.
2. If funding is requested for signage & landscaping, that plans be submitted for staff review prior to being placed on the Village board agenda for approval.

In recommending the application, the committee has determined that these improvements will support the goal of the program to encourage rehabilitation and preservation of commercial property; encourage new business; and retain, revitalize and expand existing business in Westchester.

The motion to approve was made by Lori-Jo Fergle, seconded by Bruce Horek. The vote was unanimous to approve.

D. Façade grant application for 10555 Cermak Road was waived until the next meeting of the EDC.

6. Updates from Village Management- Melissa Headley's report given, which included the Planning commission hearing for June 29th; the meeting of the Zoning committee on May 27th of the concepts report from the consulting company; and upcoming discussing with the Village Board of health requirements for outdoor food service of grilling, etc.

New businesses that opened include the Burger King on Mannheim and 290, and Casasil Realty at 9909 Roosevelt Road.

7. Updates from Village Chamber of Commerce- Bruce Horek advised that there has been an increase in membership to 118 members. The golf outing date is to be determined for the early fall.

8. Old Business (Discussion Only)

A. Review of Business Educational Gathering in March-how to follow up future gatherings- Discussions held, and it was agreed to move the next date to 9/15/15, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm regarding Code updates & Permit process. EDC members will work on a title for the event for the business community. Food, advertising, etc. to be determined.

B. Wayfaring signs updates: this year's signage is status quo

C. Village Pride/appearance: Discussions begun suggesting DISTRICT events to be coordinated with Village scheduled events. Examples: Sidewalk sale within the district by the businesses (this can be coordinated with the Chamber of Commerce); Garage Sales by the District residents; Banners for each district to be designed – schools, residents, etc. A contest can be held for this and awarded on that District event weekend. Future ideas and follow through will be headed by Lori-Jo Fergle and Darlene Barber.

D. Façade Grants Update – covered in the Active Agenda

E. Soliciting new members for the EDC- EDC members further interviewed candidates Donna S. Bast and Bob Jankowski to potentially fill the two available vacancies. Lori-Jo Fergle motioned to approve and recommend the appointments of both candidates to the Village Board, Allison Muzal seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved.

D. Wayfaring Sign updates- Plans for this year's signage- Discussions held.

9. New Business – none

Adjournment- Motion to adjourn made by Bruce Horek, Second by Lori-Jo Fergle; meeting adjourned 8:56 am.