

**Economic Development Meeting Minutes
Monday August 25, 2014**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:34 a.m. by Co-Chair Lori-Jo Fergle, in the absence of Pastor Joe Mills.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call - Darlene Barber, Lori-Jo Fergle, **Village Chamber of Commerce Liaison** Bruce Horek, Kandice Jacobs, Pastor Joe Mills (not present), Allison Muzal, **Village Representatives Trustee** Frank Perry, **Director Community Development** Melissa Headley

4. Opening Public Participation and Comments- no public

5. Active Agenda

A. Approval of the following minutes:

- **Minutes of July 28, 2014 EDC Meeting:** A motion was made by Allison Muzal to approve the amended minutes of July 28th, 2014 meeting, second by Kandice Jacobs the minutes were unanimously approved. Corrections noted to remove the word Contractors from Superior One Electric, and omit the sentence (item being deferred until next EDC meeting) from item (C) under Wayfinding Sign Proposal.

B. Façade Grant Application for the Anthony DeVita Insurance Agency:

The application was reviewed and discussed, however some concerns were mentioned regarding improvements listed on the application, clarification needed on the guidelines of the Façade Grant Program. Melissa Headley will review the definition for updates and improvements on the Façade Grant and send email to the EDC members.

Kandice Jacobs motioned to recommend approval for the Façade Grant Application for Anthony DeVita Insurance Agency, pending information provided by Community Development Director Melissa Headley, Darlene Barber seconds the recommendation; all in favor.

Note: Trustee Frank Perry enters meeting at approximately 8:14am.

6. Updates from Village Management: Melissa Headley's report given. Mariano's and Sherwin Williams are both on target for opening. There were four new businesses that opened in the village; 203 permits were issued, 203 inspections were done, and \$2.5 million in construction projects were completed.

7. Updates from Village Chamber of Commerce: Bruce Horek report given, which also included, the Chamber of Commerce Golf outing is September 10th;

and the Christmas Party is scheduled for December 2nd at Maggiano's in Oakbrook.

8. Old Business (Discussion Only)

A. Wayfinding Sign updates-inc. Historical Marker for Franzosenbusch Home:

Village Board agreed to split the budget for the signs into the FY 2014-15 budgets.

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B. Façade Grant Updates: Uniformity and Codes to consider regarding design goals, Melissa emailed summary for EDC review.

C. Follow-up on Development of Programs from Business Summit:

-Business Transportation Issues in Westchester: Allison suggested contacting West Suburban Chamber to include Westchester in the discussions being held with RTA for potential west/southwest suburban line extensions.

-Walkways/Safe pedestrian avenues for shopping: Discussions held.

-Permitting Process: Nothing to discuss at this time.

(NOTE: EDC members agreed to strike this item from the agenda going forward.)

D. Other ideas emerging from the Summit: EDC members to provide educational ideas for businesses.

E. Village Pride/Appearance: Darlene suggested clean campaign, which would include high schools, businesses, organizations, churches, village committees, residents, and village management; also include police department enforcing no litter fines, and village management consider displaying signs throughout the village along the main corridors. The next meeting discussions will be held on an email blast campaign to residents informing them of the initiative, and presenting ideas generated from other sources.

9. New Business: Process on searching for new EDC member; and discussion EDC member appointments.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Kandice Jacobs, second by Bruce Horek, meeting adjourned 8:47 am.