

Economic Development Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 24, 2014

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chairman Mills.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call:**

Present: Chairman Pastor Joe Mills, and Commissioners Kandice Jacobs, Darlene Barber, Allison Muzal, and Bruce Horek (Chamber of Commerce Liaison)

Also Present: Village President Pulia and Melissa Headley, Director of Community Development

Absent: Commissioner Lori-Jo Fergle and Trustee Frank Perry (Village Board Liaison)

4. **Opening Public Participation and Comments:** None

5. **Active Agenda**

A. **Minutes of the November 10, 2014 EDC Meeting:** Commissioner Horek moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner Barber seconded the motion; the minutes were unanimously approved.

B. **2015 Economic Development Committee Meeting Schedule:** Commissioner Horek moved to approve the schedule, Commissioner Barber seconded the motion; the schedule was unanimously approved.

6. **Updates from Village Management:** Melissa Headley's report given which included discussion on the public hearing for the special use for medical marijuana dispensary, public hearing for the billboard at Mannheim and I-290, and the permit information requested by the Committee at the November 11th meeting.

7. **Updates from Village Chamber of Commerce:** Bruce Horek report given which included a reminder about the Annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lunch at Maggiano's on December 2nd.

8. **Old Business**

A. **Review Business Summit Survey Results for future projects (and Leadership Summit)**
TABLED

B. **Other Ideas emerging from Business Summit**

- **Bus Transportation Issues in Westchester:** President Pulia updated the group on his discussions with PACE to extend service along Wolf Road from Cermak Road to 31st Street.

- **Education Topic Ideas:** Discussion on preparing a brief three question survey to be distributed at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Christmas Lunch and via email. The survey's purpose is to gather feedback on what educational seminar topics would be of interest to business owners. The Committee directed Chairman Mills and Melissa

Headley to prepare a draft of the survey and distribute by email to the commission for review.

-Next Summit Planning-TABLED

C. Village Pride/appearance – Clean Campaign updates/addressing Liability/Business adopting sections of Westchester-TABLED

D. Soliciting new members for the EDC: Discussed preparing a mission statement and identifying commissioner's responsibilities

E. Wayfinding Signs updates - Plans for next year's signage Melissa Headley reported that the applications have been submitted to IDOT for approval.

F. Façade Grants Update-No update

9. New Business: None.

Adjournment: Commissioner Horek moved to adjourn, Commissioner Muzal seconded the motion. By a voice vote, the motion carried. Chairman Mills declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Headley, AICP
Director of Community Development