

**Economic Development Meeting Minutes
Monday March 23, 2015**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:40 a.m. by Chairperson Pastor Joe Mills.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Opening Public Participation and Comments- none.

5. Active Agenda

A. Approval of the following minutes-

Minutes of February 23, 2015 EDC/March 3rd Business Luncheon Meetings-

A motion was made by Lori-Jo Fergle, second by Bruce Horek to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2015 meeting; the minutes were unanimously approved. The minutes of the March 3rd Business Luncheon meeting were not finalized and will be approved at the next meeting.

6. Updates from Village Management- Melissa Headley's report given; which included a Budget Hearing for \$2,000.00 for Education Seminars has been submitted to the Village Board. Also, Courtney Pogue from the Cook County Economic Development Committee is being invited to speak with EDC to discuss the various programs offered.

7. Updates from Village Chamber of Commerce- Bruce Horek report given; which included the Membership Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for March 24th; the Business Expo is scheduled for April 16th held at Divine Providence. The villages involved are Westchester, Berkeley, Hillside, La Grange Park.

8. Old Business (Discussion Only)

A. Review of Business Educational Gathering in March- Discussions held.

B. EDC Job Description Proposal- Discussions held, the committee will have further discussions and vote on results at the next EDC meeting.

C. Village Pride/Appearance- Clean Campaign updates/addressing Liability/Business adoption sections of Westchester-

Note: Darlene mentioned concerns about several Pace Bus pickup locations being excessively dark, obstructing the view of patrons, pedestrians and safety concerns.

D. Soliciting new members for the EDC- No discussions.

E. Wayfaring Sign updates- Plans for this year's signage- The budget cycle allows for 4 more signs.

F. Façade Grant Update- No discussions.

9. New Business – None.

Adjournment- Motion to adjourn made by Bruce Horek, second by Darlene Barber meeting adjourned 8:20 am.