

**Economic & Commercial Commission Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2012**

Members Present

Marty Ward, Chairman
Jerry Meyer
Chris Shoemaker
Rebecca Palumbo
Brian Godlewski
Jay Walsh
Curt Fiedler
Kathy Mahoney
Mohammed Nofal

Members Not Present

James Mohler
Michael Leonard
David Spedale
Dennis Reidy
Chris Verstrate
Brian Hunter
Kevin Suggs

Also Present

David Seaman, Liaison Trustee
Tammy Shoemaker, Chamber Rep.

Staff Present

Ivan Baker, Economic Development Director
Nancy Byrne

Chairman Ward called the April 11, 2012 Economic & Commercial Commission meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. There was a motion made by Chris Shoemaker, seconded by Kathy Mahoney, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2012 ECC meeting. Vote by voice call: Chairman Ward declared the motion carried.

There was a motion made by Jay Walsh, seconded by Rebecca Palumbo, to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting as written. Vote by voice call: Chairman Ward declared the motion carried.

Chairman Report – Chairman Ward reminded the commissioners to complete the County Ethics Statement on-line. Marty raised the subject of the discussion groups and whether or not they need to meet every month. It may be that they only need to meet when requested by the board, staff or the commission. Ivan noted that Finance meets on call and that this may work for the other groups as well. Marty suggested that if there are items to discuss, then the groups should do an agenda and hold a meeting. If not, then he would like an email from the Chairman noting that a meeting will not be held. Ivan noted that the Motivate Program will need monitoring. Jerry asked that Ivan advise them on real estate issues that require discussion. Marty will email each group to come up with a plan for moving forward.

Commissioner Reports –

Marketing Report – Rebecca reported that the Business Toolbox scheduled for today was cancelled because of lack of attendance. There are two seminars remaining. The group will revisit the idea of the Toolbox in the future and will also look into webinars. Details of the Business Breakfast were discussed. In regard to the Storefront project, Rebecca indicated that

the spring semester does not work for the schools. Ivan suggested she contact the schools now to see if they are interested in doing this project earlier in the school year.

Business Retention – Regarding the Motivate Program, Ivan indicated that Tim Dalton was on spring break and has plans to meet with the other three teachers. The syllabus was approved and Mr. Dalton will get back to us with times when the speaker can come in May.

Staff Report – Ivan presented a report on existing projects and activities.

Chamber of Commerce Report – Tammy Shoemaker reported that the Brew & Vine Festival is April 21st. They have 50 vendors and three bands. Tickets are \$25 on-line and \$30 at the door.

Trustee Report – Trustee Seaman reported on the talks with Cook County to reduce the time requirement for the Class 8 tax reduction. He also updated the group on current projects.

There was a motion made by Jerry Meyer, seconded by Chris Shoemaker, to adjourn the meeting. Vote by voice call: Chairman Ward declared the motion carried and adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

<p style="text-align:center"><i>Reminder</i> <i>Next ECC Meeting</i> <i>May 9, 2012</i> <i>6:30 p.m.</i> <i>Kallsen Conference Center</i></p>
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Upcoming Events:

- *ECC Small Business Toolbox - May 9th & June 13th – 8 a.m., Moraine Valley Community College, Tinley Park*
- *Benches on the Avenue – Thurs., May 10th until Oct. 1st – Downtown Tinley*
- *Real Estate Group – Tues., May 15th – 6:45 a.m., Egg & I*
- *Marketing Group – Tues., May 22nd – 8:00 a.m., Crossmark*
- *Business Retention – Tues., May 29th – 7:30 a.m. Eggheadz Café*
- *Finance Group – Tues., June 5th – 6:30 p.m., Kallsen Conference Center*
- *Chamber of Commerce Mtg. – Thurs., May 31st – 8:15 a.m., Odyssey Country Club*