

**Economic & Commercial Commission Meeting Minutes  
March 9, 2011**

**Members Present**

Mike Leonard  
Jerry Meyer  
Mohammed Nofal  
Brian Godlewski  
Marty Ward  
Dennis Reidy  
Jay Walsh  
Frank Kurzawa  
Chris Shoemaker

**Members Not Present**

Dick Post  
James Mohler  
William Hanley  
David Spedale  
Brian Hunter  
Rebecca Palumbo

**Also Present**

Kim Scalise, Chamber of Commerce

**Staff Present**

Ivan Baker, Economic Development Director  
Nancy Byrne, Secretary

Chairman Kurzawa called the March 9, 2011 Economic & Commercial Commission meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. There was a motion made by Marty Ward, seconded by Mike Leonard, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2011 ECC meeting. Vote by voice call: Chairman Kurzawa declared the motion carried.

There was a motion made by Mike Leonard, seconded by Mohammed Nofal, to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting as written. Vote by voice call: Chairman Kurzawa declared the motion carried.

**Chair Report** – Chairman Kurzawa mentioned that commissioners are reappointed on May 1<sup>st</sup>. He asked that the commissioners let Nancy know if they want to be reappointed for next year. He reminded the members that they should be attending at least 50 percent of the meetings for the year. Frank reviewed the following upcoming events:

Chamber of Commerce meeting - Thurs., March 31st - 8:15 a.m. - Odyssey CC  
Discover Tinley - Sat., April 2nd, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. - Convention Center  
Brew & Vine Fest - Sat., April 9th, 4-10 p.m. - Convention Center  
OPAMA meeting - Thurs., April 14th - 8:00 a.m. - VFW Hall  
Annual Business Breakfast - Wed., May 4th - 7:00 a.m. - Convention Center

**Subcommittee Reports** –

***Finance Subcommittee*** – Mohammed Nofal reported that they did not meet last month as they had nothing on the agenda.

**Marketing & Business Retention Subcommittee** – Jay Walsh reported that they discussed the Business Breakfast at their last meeting. Ivan indicated that the invitations will be sent out before the next commission meeting. He reviewed the speakers and their topics. There will be three testimonials. Awards will be given to 22 companies that have been in business longer than 20 years.

Jay stated that the Storefront Project reception was held at the former Bally's building. Ivan noted that there was quite a bit of good publicity on the project.

**Real Estate Maximization Subcommittee** – Dennis led a discussion that continued to encourage ORI zoning and development around the Panduit headquarters. This continues to be the greatest opportunity for employment-generating office park developers.

There was also a discussion of encouraging a quality development on South Street, including projects that incorporate quality rental units. Primary issues revolved around unit pricing, and market study analysis. The benefits to the TIF district were clarified.

Ivan suggested that the Real Estate subcommittee could review any potential problems between the downtown Mixed Use Project ordinance and the new Legacy Plan...in order to suggest how and where to best encourage Mixed Use development.

**Staff Report** – Ivan Baker gave a report on existing projects and activities.

There was a motion made by Mike Leonard, seconded by Dennis Reidy, to adjourn the meeting. Vote by voice call: Chairman Kurzawa declared the motion carried and adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reminder</b> <b>Next ECC Meeting</b> <b>Wednesday, April 13, 2011</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Kallsen Conference Center</b></p>
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**Upcoming Events:**

- *OPAMA Meeting – Thurs., April 14<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m., VFW Hall*
- *Chamber of Commerce Mtg., Thurs., April 28<sup>th</sup> – 8:15 a.m.-Odyssey CC*
- *Annual Business Breakfast – Wed., May 4<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 a.m. - Convention Center*
- *Benches on the Avenue – May 13<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 1st*