

**Economic & Commercial Commission Meeting Minutes  
April 13, 2011**

**Members Present**

Frank Kurzawa, Chairman  
Jerry Meyer  
Marty Ward  
Dennis Reidy  
Chris Shoemaker  
Rebecca Palumbo  
Mohammed Nofal  
Jay Walsh

**Members Not Present**

Dick Post  
James Mohler  
Michael Leonard  
David Spedale  
Brian Hunter  
Brian Godlewski

**Staff Present**

Ivan Baker, Economic Development Director

Chairman Kurzawa called the April 13, 2011 Economic & Commercial Commission meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. There was a motion made by Marty Ward, seconded by Mohammed Nofal, to approve the minutes of the March ECC meeting. Vote by voice call: Chairman Kurzawa declared the motion carried.

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

**Chair Report** – Chairman Kurzawa reported that all commissioners have asked to be reappointed except for Bill Hanley who has resigned from the commission.

A discussion of subcommittees and mandatory notice and minutes occurred. *Rebecca Palumbo made a motion to dissolve all subcommittees of the Economic & Commercial Commission. Marty Ward seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.* Frank pointed out that commissioners may be asked to participate in workshops or review activities as a task force.

Frank mentioned that the marketing plan for downtown is being done by Findzall and that it will focus on how to help existing businesses improve their marketing strategy.

***Marketing Subcommittee*** – Rebecca Palumbo pointed out that the program for the Business Breakfast should include the phrase “From One to One Thousand – From Small to Large – Tinley Park is a Great Place for Business”. Ivan promised that the slogan would be in the printed materials for the Business Breakfast.

**Finance Subcommittee** – Mohammed Nofal pointed out that there was continuing support of utilizing Class 2 and Class 8 for incenting projects in the downtown core.

**Real Estate Subcommittee** – Dennis Reidy reported that this subcommittee continued to discuss the market for apartments and the need to ensure that apartments are of a high quality standard.

Ivan presented a request by Apple Chevrolet for an incentive to offset costs for unexpected, franchise-mandated improvements. The proposal would allow for no more than one-third of the capital investment for a period of ten years. The company would be required to increase sales by at least \$10 million. Discussion ensued. *Dennis Reidy made a motion for approval, seconded by Rebecca Palumbo. Vote by roll call. Ayes: 7, Nays: 1. Motion carried.*

**Staff Report** – Ivan Baker presented a staff report on current projects.

There was a motion made by Jerry Meyer, seconded by Marty Ward, to adjourn the meeting. Vote by voice call: Chairman Kurzawa declared the motion carried and adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

<p style="text-align:center"><b>Reminder</b> <b>Next ECC Meeting</b> <b>May 11, 2011</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Kallsen Conference Center</b></p>
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**Upcoming Events:**

- *OPAMA Meeting – Thurs., June 9<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m. – VFW Hall*
- *Chamber of Commerce Mtg. – Thurs, June 30<sup>th</sup> – 8:15 a.m.- Odyssey Country Club*
- *Benches on the Avenue “America the Beautiful” May 13<sup>th</sup>-Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>*
- *Farmers Market – Sat., June 4<sup>th</sup> - Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 7 a.m.-noon*
- *Cruise Nights on Oak Park Ave. – Tuesdays June 7<sup>th</sup>-Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> – 5-9 p.m.*
- *Corvette Show – Sun. afternoon – June 19<sup>th</sup> – Downtown Train Station*
- *Music in the Plaza – Sat., June 25<sup>th</sup> – 7-10 p.m.*