

**Economic & Commercial Commission Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2012**

Members Present

Marty Ward, Chairman
Dennis Reidy
Chris Shoemaker
Mohammed Nofal
Jay Walsh
Curt Fiedler
Kathy Mahoney
Chris Verstrate
James Mohler
David Spedale
Rebecca Palumbo
Kevin Suggs

Members Not Present

Jerry Meyer
Michael Leonard
Brian Godlewski

Staff Present

Ivan Baker, Economic Development Director
Nancy Byrne, Commission Secretary

Also Present

David Seaman, Liaison Trustee
Tammy Shoemaker, Chamber Rep.

Chairman Ward called the October 10, 2012 Economic & Commercial Commission meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There was a motion made by Kathy Mahoney, seconded by David Spedale, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2012 ECC meeting. Vote by voice call: Chairman Ward declared the motion carried.

There was a motion made by Curt Fiedler, seconded by Jim Mohler, 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 their on-line Open Meetings Act training as soon as possible and send the certificate to the Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Reports –

Marketing – Rebecca stated that the Windows Project has kicked off. She reviewed which of the ten windows the various high schools will be decorating.

Business Retention – Curt reported that they discussed the Motivate Program at their meeting. Ivan stated that the first group of speakers has been contacted and are checking their schedules. They will speak over three days in November to a maximum of seven classes. He said they are trying to publicize the program to businesses to establish a list of speakers.

Finance – Jim Mohler stated that their group did not meet due to scheduling conflicts.

Trustee Report – Trustee Seaman updated the commissioners on current projects. He noted that a temporary vendor should be in place at the 80th Avenue train station within one week and that a storage building will be constructed.

Real Estate Subcommittee – Marty reported that the subcommittees will be reviewing the 700 acres of undeveloped vacant land in town in the four townships and presenting their findings to the Board. This will be on the ECC agenda every month. Marty said at the last subcommittee meeting they talked

about various properties they could start with and Dennis presented the group with an outline of discussion points based on the discussion by the Real Estate Subcommittee. Jim Mohler asked Ivan to prepare a spreadsheet of vacant properties starting with five column headings and send it to everyone to add columns. Ivan will put this together. Ivan suggested a bus tour on a Saturday. The commissioners preferred to drive by the properties on their own after receiving the spreadsheet.

Staff Report – Ivan stated that the “How to Start a Business” seminars had 79 attendees. Rebecca suggested including information in the Exchange on what percentage of tax dollars goes back to the schools, roads, parks, etc. when you shop in Tinley Park. Ivan presented a report on existing projects and activities.

There was a motion made by Curt Fiedler, seconded by Jim Mohler, 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>November 14, 2012</i> <i>6:30 p.m.</i> <i>Fulton Conference Room</i></p>

Upcoming Events:

- *Realtors Meeting – Wed., November 14th – 10 a.m. – Tinley Park Library*
- *Chamber of Commerce Mtg., Thurs., Nov. 15th – 8:15 a.m., Odyssey Country Club*
- *Real Estate Group – Wed., November 28th – 6:45 a.m., Egg & I*
- *Marketing Group – Tues., November 27th – 8:00 a.m., Crossmark*
- *Business Retention – Tues., November 27th – 7:30 a.m., Eggheadz Café*
- *Finance Group – Tues., Dec. 4th – 6:30 p.m., Kallsen Conference Center*