

**Economic & Commercial Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**August 14, 2013**

**Members Present**

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

**Members Not Present**

Kevin Suggs  
Antonio Rubino  
Robert Workman

**Staff Present**

Ivan Baker, Econ. Development Director

**Guests Present**

Dennis Sullivan, Trib Local

Chairman Ward called the August 14, 2013 Economic & Commercial Commission meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. There was a motion made by Curt Fiedler, seconded by Rebecca Palumbo, to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2013 ECC meeting. Vote by voice call: Chairman Ward declared the motion carried.

There was a motion made by Curt Fiedler, seconded by Kathy Mahoney, to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting as written. Vote by voice call: Chairman Ward declared the motion carried.

**Chairman Report** – Chairman Ward updated the group on the new ECC Ordinance, the reorganization of the commission and the two newly appointed commissioners.

**Discussion Group Updates** –

The Finance Group met and provided the following recommendation which was presented, discussed, voted on and approved.

A motion was made by Jim Mohler, seconded by Rebecca Palumbo, stating that the Economic & Commercial Commission supports the utilization of Cook County Class 8 in downtown Tinley Park to encourage business growth and economic development at all eligible properties. Specifically, when and if 17200 South Oak Park Avenue qualifies for the Class 8 program, we recommend support for the Class 8 classification status at this property. Such classification should help in encouraging business location and viability. Vote by voice call: Chairman Ward declared the motion carried.

**Review of Real Estate Property** – The discussion groups have been looking at highest and best use for the Hotchkin Property. Dennis Reidy suggested that this property be reviewed again at the next meeting.

**Strategic Planning Process** – Ivan Baker explained the benefit and necessity of updating our Strategic Plan in order to meet the requirements for economic development accreditation. To do

this, ECC is being asked to provide specific objectives and strategies for each of the four primary economic development goals here in Tinley Park. Ivan presented those four goals which were developed by the Mayor and Village Board 40 years ago:

1. Encourage development in the Village that will increase its tax base and reduce individual tax burdens
2. Foster a climate which is attractive to sound residential, commercial, and industrial development
3. Improve the aesthetic appearances of the Village; improve its "live-ability" for its citizens; and preserve the identity of Tinley Park within the region
4. Protect existing property values through the adoption and enforcement of sound, desirable, and realistic development standards that will insure quality development.

The ECC proceeded to brainstorm and suggest objectives for the first two goals. The next meeting we will go over objectives for Goals #3 & 4 and then Ivan will compile all these suggestions into a strategic plan for ECC to review and prioritize.

**Staff Report** - Ivan gave a staff report about upcoming marketing activities.

There was a motion made by Rebecca Palumbo, seconded by Mohammed Nofal, to adjourn the meeting. Vote by voice call: Chairman Ward declared the motion carried and adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

***Reminder  
Next ECC Meeting  
September 11, 2013  
6:30 p.m.  
Fulton Conference Room***

***Upcoming Events:***

- *Chamber of Commerce Mtg. – Thurs., Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> – 8:15 a.m. Odyssey Country Club*