

**Economic & Commercial Commission Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2014**

**Members Present**

Marty Ward, Chairman  
James Mohler  
Dennis Reidy  
Rebecca Palumbo  
Mohammed Nofal  
Jay Walsh  
Curt Fiedler (via conference call)  
Kathy Mahoney  
Antonio Rubino

**Members Not Present**

Chris Verstrate  
Chris Shoemaker  
David Spedale  
Kevin Suggs  
Robert Workman

**Staff Present**

Ivan Baker, Economic Development Director  
Nancy Byrne, Secretary

Chairman Ward called the April 9, 2014 Economic & Commercial Commission meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. There was a motion made by Mohammed Nofal, seconded by Jim Mohler, to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2014 ECC meeting. Vote by voice call: Chairman Ward declared the motion carried.

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

**Accreditation Update & Discussion** – Ivan reviewed the schedule of events surrounding the visit by the Accreditation team on April 13<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>. He reminded the members about the breakfast with the team on Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. at Bananas. He stated that the accreditation will help promote Tinley Park. Trustee Seaman noted that this is an opportunity to grow and learn from what other communities are doing.

**Trustee Report** – Trustee Seaman updated the commissioners on current projects. He thanked the commissioners for their participation in the accreditation process.

**Discussion Group Updates** –

***Marketing Group*** – The Marketing Group met and reviewed the survey and recommended some revisions to staff.

***Finance*** – The Finance Group reported that Great Escape on 159<sup>th</sup> Street is looking to build a much larger redevelopment on LaGrange Road south of 171<sup>st</sup> Street. It falls into the criteria for tax incentives. ECC Finance made a recommendation on this. Trustee Seaman stated that it has been approved by the Committee and will move forward.

***Business Retention*** – No report.

***Real Estate*** – In regard to the proposed Text Amendment change to Commercial Indoor Recreation Use in the Duvan Drive Industrial Park, the ECC, at their March meeting, recommended that a Special Use be required rather than a classification of "Permitted Use". At the Public Hearing, the Plan Commission did

not agree with the ECC recommendation. It will now go to the Board for two meetings and the Board will have the final say.

Ivan indicated that a Special Use is normally required if the use may be detrimental, such as an environmental use that may affect others. Usually the choices are “Prohibited” or “Allowed”. The Real Estate Group is concerned that there is a limited amount of industrial property available in this town and with this classification all of Duvan Industrial Park could potentially become recreation-type facilities.

Dennis asked Marty to set up a meeting with Trustee Seaman on this matter. Marty asked for a report from the Planning Department and Trustee Hannon in regard to this.

**Staff Report** – Ivan reviewed the Strategic Plan and benchmarks. After input from the group, Ivan stated that a Comparable Cities Report of mirror cities to Tinley Park in Illinois will be done. Ivan thanked the ECC for their help.

There was a motion made by Jim Mohler, seconded by Kathy Mahoney, to adjourn the meeting. Vote by voice call: Chairman Ward declared the motion carried and adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reminder</i> <i>Next ECC Meeting</i> <i>May 14, 2014</i> <i>6:30 p.m.</i> <i>Fulton Conference Room</i></p>
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