

**Economic & Commercial Commission Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2014**

Members Present

James Mohler
David Spedale
Dennis Reidy
Rebecca Palumbo
Mohammed Nofal
Kathy Mahoney
Kevin Suggs
Antonio Rubino

Also Present

David Seaman, Liaison Trustee

Members Not Present

Marty Ward
Chris Shoemaker
Jay Walsh
Curt Fiedler
Chris Verstrate
Robert Workman

Staff Present

Len Wienczek, Economic Development Specialist
Nancy Byrne, Commission Secretary

Acting Chairman Mohler called the June 11, 2014 Economic & Commercial Commission meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There was a motion made by Kathy Mahoney, seconded by Dennis Reidy, to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2014 ECC meeting. Vote by voice call: Acting Chairman Mohler declared the motion carried.

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

Discussion Group Updates –

Finance Group – Jim Mohler reported that the Finance Group did not meet as there was not a need. Trustee Seaman stated that he wants Finance to talk about the financial policy. Home Rule Sales Tax begins on July 1st. That is excluded from incentives. If there are other elements that could be changed, the group should look at it. Jim stated that he will reach out to Ivan on this issue. The Home Rule Sales Tax funds the Pavement Management Program, Motor Fuel Tax and Emerald Ash Borer expenses.

Marketing – Rebecca reported that they did not meet last month. The Sox game is scheduled for next week.

Real Estate – Dennis reported that they did not meet last month. He stated that they did not receive any feedback from the professional or Planning staff on the Special Use/Permissible Use on Recreational facilities in Duvan Drive and questioned whether they should have received some feedback.

Business Retention – Kevin Suggs reported that they did not meet as there were no items for discussion.

Discussion Group Issues – Acting Chairman Mohler addressed the issue of poor attendance at the discussion group meetings and stated that telephone conferencing works best for the Finance Group. It is very productive and they meet as needed (usually at the end of the day). Rebecca indicated that Marketing meets on an as-needed basis and they would consider teleconferencing because of scheduling conflicts. Len will call Chris Shoemaker to discuss scheduling options for the Business Retention Group.

Dennis stated that Real Estate meets on an as-needed basis. He suggested that Antonio might want to switch groups because breakfast meetings do not work for him. Dennis does not want to meet via teleconference.

Overview of Business Breakfast – Rebecca and Kathy stated that they were pleased with the event and thought it went very well. They heard a lot of positive comments. The goal is to be finished by 9:00. A suggestion was made to present the awards at the Village Board meetings. Rebecca and Trustee Seaman felt that the businesses should have recognition at the Business Breakfast. Trustee Seaman likes the idea of a business owner giving the testimonial. The group felt that they should be limited to five minutes each. Trustee Seaman suggested giving the business owner the option of a three minute video.

On-Line Business Survey Review – Len asked if everyone had a chance to review the survey and asked for comments. Comments were:

- Question #6 is too long. It should pop. Also - there are too many questions.
- Could we do one per week for four weeks with six questions each time?
- Could we send a postcard with a few questions on it that they could send back to us? Small businesses may not take the time to fill out an on-line survey.
- Could we incent people for filling out the survey? It was suggested to raffle an I-Pad.
- Is there a cover page? Why all the white space under “Important Business Survey”? Include a picture of the I-Pad Mini in that space. Add the wording “You must be a licensed business owner within the Village limits of Tinley Park to participate.”

Trustee Report – Trustee Seaman updated the commissioners on current projects.

Staff Report – Len will revise the survey and send it back to Marty. It will then go back to the ECC for approval before it is sent out.

There was a motion made by Dennis Reidy, seconded by Mohammed Nofal, to adjourn the meeting. Vote by voice call: Acting Chairman Mohler declared the motion carried and adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reminder</i> <i>Next ECC Meeting</i> <i>July 9, 2014</i> <i>6:30 p.m.</i> <i>Fulton Conference Room</i></p>
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