

**Economic & Commercial Commission Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2014**

Members Present

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

Members Not Present

James Mohler
Mohammed Nofal
Chris Verstrate
Antonio Rubino
Robert Workman

Staff Present

Ivan Baker, Economic Development Director

Also Present

David Seaman, Liaison Trustee

Chairman Ward called the August 13, 2014 Economic & Commercial Commission meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. There was a motion made by Jay Walsh, seconded by Kathy Mahoney, to approve the minutes of the July 9, 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. Vote by voice call: Chairman Ward declared the motion carried.

Chairman Report – Chairman Ward reiterated his commitment to assist and work with the ECC in any way possible. Discussion ensued regarding Disclosure Statements.

Discussion Group Updates –

Marketing Group – Rebecca led a discussion regarding the benefit and timing of the survey. Jay suggested the survey could follow a process recently conducted by the Park District. Marty asked Ivan to check with John Curran about that process. Trustee Seaman suggested that small group meetings might be as beneficial as a survey. The start of the survey will be delayed pending further information.

Real Estate – No report

Business Retention – No report. The group offered to help with the small group meetings.

Finance – Kathy Mahoney presented the request from Thrive Technology for Class 8 reclassification at 17112 S. Oak Park Avenue. Kathy stated that the property meets all requirements as set forth in the incentive policy and that the Finance Subcommittee was

recommending approval. Discussion ensued. The commissioners pointed out that the project does not meet the Legacy Code requirements for that site and does not produce significant retail sales revenue. The commissioners suggested that further investigation of development for the entire corner of 171st and Oak Park Avenue should proceed.

A motion was made by Dennis Reidy, seconded by Rebecca Palumbo, to deny the Class 8 Request from Thrive Technology because the project does not meet the Legacy Code development plan requirements. Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Report – Trustee Seaman gave an update. No action required.

Staff Report – Ivan Baker gave a project update. No action required. Ivan did ask the ECC to look at the timing for Strategic Plan review. The commission suggested waiting until next year for review.

There was a motion made by Chris Shoemaker, seconded by Dennis Reidy, to adjourn the meeting. Vote by voice call: Chairman Ward declared the motion carried and adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reminder</i> <i>Next ECC Meeting</i> <i>September 10, 2014</i> <i>6:30 p.m.</i> <i>Fulton Conference Room</i></p>
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