

**Economic & Commercial Commission Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2015**

Members Present

Marty Ward, Chairman
James Mohler
David Spedale
Dennis Reidy
Jay Walsh
Curt Fiedler (via conference call)
Kathy Mahoney
Chris Verstrate

Members Not Present

Chris Shoemaker
Rebecca Palumbo
Mohammed Nofal
Kevin Suggs
Antonio Rubino
Robert Workman

Staff Present

Ivan Baker, Director of Economic Development
Nancy Byrne, Commission Secretary

Chairman Ward called the March 11, 2015 Economic & Commercial Commission meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. There was a motion made by Kathy Mahoney, seconded by Jim Mohler, to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2015 ECC meeting. Vote by voice call: Chairman Ward declared the motion carried.

There was a motion made by David Spedale, seconded by Jay Walsh, to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting as written. Vote by voice call: Chairman Ward declared the motion carried.

Strategic Plan Review – Ivan asked the commissioners to review the Goal #2 Priorities in the Strategic Plan.

Goal #2 - Priorities –

- 2.1 Delete the words “recognized as” so that this reads: “Be a community with outstanding public services, and a commitment to advance planning for the infrastructure needs of business and residents.”
- 2.2 Change this to read: “Stimulate communication and interaction between government, industry and education.
- 2.3 Move 2.7 to 2.3
- 2.4 (Former 2.3) Change to read: “Support the importance of local law enforcement.”.....
- 2.5 (Former 2.4) Change to read: “Provide the support and resources for quality transportation”.....
- 2.6 Change 2.5 to 2.6 – Eliminate all of former 2.6
- 2.7 Changed to 2.3

Discussion Group Updates –

Marketing Group – The group distributed a copy of the Business Breakfast invitation. Ivan reminded the commissioners about the breakfast on Wednesday, May 6th and asked them to arrive at 7 a.m. He noted that the “Save the Date” cards have gone out and that 20 anniversary awards will be given out.

Finance – Jim Mohler stated that they did not meet, but that their group is looking at ideas for Cook County businesses to be more competitive with Will County businesses. Ivan noted that the Village

Finance Committee tabled the Maher façade request. They Committee will meet next week and they will recommend that they should receive the incentive only after reaching the \$5 million mark.

Business Retention – Chris Verstrate reported that a conference call took place. Ivan stated that the Motivate Program is scheduled for March 31 and April 15th.

Real Estate – No meeting

Staff Report - Ivan Baker presented a report on existing projects and activities.

There was a motion made by Jay Walsh, seconded by Jim Mohler, to adjourn the meeting. Vote by voice call: Chairman Ward declared the motion carried and adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Reminder</i> <i>Next ECC Meeting</i> <i>April 8, 2015</i> <i>6:30 p.m.</i> <i>Fulton Conference Room</i></p>

Upcoming Events:

- **Annual Business Breakfast – Wed., May 6th, T. P. Convention Center – 7:00 a.m.**