

**Economic & Commercial Commission Meeting
November 9, 2015**

Members Present

Curt Fiedler, Chairman
James Mohler
Dennis Reidy
Chris Shoemaker
Jay Walsh
Maurice Moore
Dino Sanfilippo

Also Present

Brian Maher, Trustee Liaison

Members Not Present

David Spedale
Rebecca Palumbo
Kathy Mahoney
Kevin Suggs
Robert Workman

Staff Present

Ivan Baker, Economic Development Director
Nancy Byrne, Commission Secretary

Chairman Curt Fiedler called the November 9, 2015 Economic & Commercial Commission meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. There was a motion made by Dennis Reidy, seconded by Jay Walsh, to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2015 ECC meeting. Vote by voice call: Chairman Fiedler declared the motion carried.

There was a motion made by Jay Walsh, seconded by Chris Shoemaker, to approve the agenda with changes discussed. Vote by voice call: Chairman Fiedler declared the motion carried.

Chairman Report – Curt introduced Maurice (Mo) Moore, the most recently appointed ECC commissioner. Mo gave a brief outline of his background. Curt stated that last year he worked with Mayor Seaman, former Mayor Zabrocki and the administration to set up a meeting with Metra to bring an express train to Tinley Park. Three weeks ago Metra agreed to give Tinley Park their first express route starting November 29th – that being the 4:57 p.m. train from LaSalle Street to Tinley Park. Also, the trial run of the weekend express trains was successful, and therefore, these will also continue. Curt said that Mayor Seaman was very happy to here this news.

Curt stated that the small discussion groups will meet only to look at a particular issue on a per issue basis. Ivan mentioned that he, Trustee Maher and Curt should meet to discuss this and come up with a structure. Ivan said the issue is whether it is a standing meeting or a called task.

Trustee Report – Trustee Maher gave a report on current projects.

Staff Report – Ivan gave an update on real estate project activity. He indicated that the business retention effort has been kick started in a big way. Mary Havener has visited over 300 businesses since April. The vast majority are very happy. Some businesses have concerns, especially about the taxes. Many complain about landlord issues and our signage ordinance. We are looking at our Change of Use paperwork and seeing if we can be clearer. Ivan stated that Mary has done a great job for us.

Orientation – Ivan displayed a PowerPoint on the mission, goals and objectives and other important information relating to the Economic & Commercial Commission. He noted that recommendations that come out of this commission are turning into action. The IEDC reaccreditation will be in 2017. The

commission will begin reviewing our plan in late 2016. Ivan indicated that the Board needs and wants the ideas, input and creativity of the ECC. Trustee Maher stated that the Board relies on this commission to give the Board their expertise and advice. He said they appreciate everything they do and the time they spend.

Nancy reminded the commissioners that there will not be a December ECC meeting, but rather a Joint Commission Volunteer party at Parmesan's Restaurant on Wednesday, December 16th.

There was a motion made by Jim Mohler, seconded by Dennis Reidy, to adjourn the meeting. Vote by voice call: Chairman Fiedler 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>Monday, January 11, 2016</i> <i>6:30 p.m.</i> <i>Fulton Conference Room</i></p>
