

**Economic & Commercial Commission Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2012**

Members Present

Marty Ward, Chairman
Jerry Meyer
David Spedale
Dennis Reidy
Chris Shoemaker
Rebecca Palumbo
Brian Godlewski
Jay Walsh
Curt Fiedler
Cathy Mahoney
Chris Verstrate

Members Not Present

James Mohler
Michael Leonard
Mohammed Nofal
Brian Hunter
Kevin Suggs

Also Present

David Seaman, Liaison Trustee

Staff Present

Ivan Baker, Economic Development Director
Nancy Byrne, Secretary

Chairman Ward called the February 8, 2012 Economic & Commercial Commission meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. There was a motion made by Jerry Meyer, seconded by David Spedale, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2012 ECC meeting. Vote by voice call: Chairman Ward declared the motion carried.

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

Trustee Report – Trustee Seaman updated the group on current projects as well as the Village water supply.

Chairman Report – Chairman Ward informed the group of upcoming events.

Commissioner Reports –

Real Estate Report – Dennis Reidy reported that the group reviewed some of the inventory survey charts that staff put together and identified various cost of development rates, etc. They also looked at some of the pros and cons for the areas. Their meeting centered on the Rich Township area and the viability of development for the area.

Marketing Report – Rebecca reported that the first Small Business Toolbox was February 8th and they had 11 attendees. The topic was “Organizing Your Office for Better Workflow to Save Time”. The next Toolbox is March 21st (Providing Good Customer Service). Rebecca stated that they are in the process of collecting contact information for a meeting in regard to the Storefront Project. She stated that this project may be postponed to the fall. The Marketing Group talked

about a theme for the Business Breakfast. Ivan stated that this needs to be decided upon before the next ECC meeting. Ivan stated that the testimonials were well received last year.

Business Retention Report – Chris Shoemaker reported that their group discussed the motivational speaker project with the Math Department Chairs at the high schools and industry leaders on February 7th. The participants are very excited about this project. Ivan stated that this would basically be a speaker's bureau directed at 20 freshmen classes twice per year. The goal is to have a pilot of this program before the end of the school year and to get at least one session in before the end of the year. The speakers will be focusing on work ethic and job opportunities in the area. Kathy Mahoney suggested following the students through senior year and then determining how best to match the students with the employers.

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

There was a motion made by Jay Walsh, seconded by Kathy Mahoney, 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>March 14, 2012</i> <i>6:30 p.m.</i> <i>Kallsen Conference Center</i></p>

Upcoming Events:

- *Real Estate Group – Tues., March 20th – 6:45 a.m., Egg & I*
- *Marketing Group – Tues., March 27th – 8:00 a.m., Crossmark*
- *Business Retention – Tues., March 27th – 7:30 a.m., Eggheadz Café*
- *Finance Group – Tues., April 3rd – 6:30 p.m., Kallsen Conference Center*
- *ECC Small Toolbox – Wed., March 21st – 8:00 a.m., Moraine Valley CC, Tinley Park*
- *Chamber of Commerce Mtg. – Thurs., March 29th – 8:15 a.m., Odyssey Country Club*