



Economic Development Meeting Minutes Monday August 26, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:32 a.m. by Chairperson Pastor Joe Mills.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call - Darlene Barber, Ron Brown, Lorijo Fergle, Bruce Horek **Village Chamber of Commerce Liaison**, Kandice Jacobs, Pastor Joe Mills, Allison Muzal, **Village Representatives- Director Community Development**-Melissa Headley, **Village Trustee** Frank Perry

Opening Public Participation and Comments- Mr. Timothy Hinsdale comments noted.

Due to minutes not being properly listed on the agenda for approval, no minutes will be approved this meeting. The minutes from the following meeting dates July 8th, July 22nd, August 12th, August 26th will be placed on the agenda for approval at the September 9th meeting,

Updates from Village Management- Melissa Headley report given. A mention of the October 5th Fall Fest will be held at the Village Fountain. The spelling of the name of Follet Headquarters was incorrect in the August 12th minutes, corrections were noted.

Updates from Village Chamber of Commerce- Bruce Horek discussed upcoming events; September 26th Divine Providence Church will host the Annual Business Expo; Chamber of Commerce's Golf outing is scheduled for September 10th at Fresh Meadows in Hillside Illinois, and the Chamber of Commerce website is now updated.

Old Business

Status report on Business Retention Survey- More discussions were held regarding the Economic Development Committee's approach to present to Village Board at the August 27th Village Board Meeting; Melissa Headley email agenda action items.

EDC initiatives

Signage RFP quotes: Melissa discussed the breakdown of each quote to submit to the Village Board.

Planning next Summit gathering: Chairman Mills will send a follow up email to all village leaders with a scheduled date of September 16th, for our next summit meeting, the time is 7:00 pm. Invite other key organizations within village to attend next summit.

3 key items to discuss at next Leadership Summit:

Communication

Business Retention

Pride Campaign

Codes for Building zoning issues will be omitted from the agenda.

Beautification Corridors: EDC will request village board to purchase trees to replace on main corridors near selected businesses.

Hotel/Motel Tax discussion: A request to obtain more information to understand how the EDC can assist in promoting.

New Business

A suggestion was made to use a stop watch for open public comment.

The issue of grand opening days and hours of new businesses within the village is a concern; noted for topic on the next meeting agenda.

Next meeting Monday, September 9th at 7:00am

Motion to adjourn meeting by Darlene Barber, second by Ron Brown, meeting ended at 8:55 am.