

WESTCHESTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Approved EDC MEETING MINUTES- October 9, 2023

1. Call to Order- 7:35 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present: Darlene Barber, Pastor Joe Mills, Jeannie Helgesen, Village Representative Director of Community Development Jim Novosel, Trustee Gia Benline (via conference call)

4. Village Updates from New Community Development Director-Jim Novosel discussion held, which included, the Jungle Plate Restaurant all required permits and paperwork has been approved, no news of opening date as of yet; also, Village Management discussions are underway with a potential Economic Development Committee Consultant for hire; also, the new business Aviator Coffee located at 9916 S. Manheim, open is still underway, no date has been established.

5. Active Agenda-

A. Motion to approve meeting minutes of September 11, 2023, Jeannie Helgesen, second Darlene Barber, all in favor; minutes approved.

6. Old Business

A. Discussions held on next Education Event; the presenter local lawyer Maria Vasos did a great job with presentation; topics on the next educational event was briefly discussed; it was also mentioned for future events going forward to form collaborations with the Village Chamber of Commerce.

B. District Liaisons discussed status of the 7 Districts, some concerns raised about blighted areas specifically the Addison Creek, Fountain Districts; there are more businesses vacancy within all districts.

C. Deferred.

7. Opening Public Participation: Village resident and owner of Sha-Poppin Popcorn shop Mrs. Stacey Hawkins Armstrong and resident Mrs. Lean Pettis were in attendance.

8. New Business- Discussions held on recruiting new EDC members, village resident and owner of Sha-Poppin Popcorn shop Mrs. Stacey Hawkins Armstrong stated that she's interested in becoming a board member and will submit her resume to the EDC asap.

9. Motion to adjourn by Darlene Barber, second Jeannie Helgesen at 8:35 am, all in favor.