

Approved Economic Development Committee Meeting

Monday, May 12, 2025, 4:44pm

1. **Call to order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Pastor Joe Mills, Jeannie Helgesen, Darlene Barber, Stacy Hawkins, Community Development Director Jim Novosel, Trustee- Elect Terrence Jones present
4. **Community Development Director/ Trustee Liaison Updates:** Jim Novosel reported, he spoke with Black Flames Restaurant Owner Precious Harris, all inspections are done, however she's in the process of seeking a Chef due to a family emergency. She's considering a Soft Opening soon and an official Ribbon Cutting sometime in June; also KFC on 31st lease will be ending in the summer of this year, and a new bank will be located at the site; Aviator Café is seeking to convert a portion of their parking lot into an outdoor seating area; Tasteful Restaurant is seeking to have a Ribbon Cutting in the near future; Lalo's Mexican Restaurant is still moving forward with the opening, but not sure of the date due to another family emergency; the new owners are also considering purchasing the entire strip mall at that location.
5. **Active Agenda:** Meeting minutes of March 10th, and April 14th, 2025, Jeannie Helgesen motion to approve, second by Stacy Armstrong; all in favor, minutes unanimously approved.
6. **New Business:** Discussion held of Business Spotlights for next few months; May- 7 Day Spa (Jeannie); June Rocky's Pizza (Stacy) July-Sullivan/Succi's (Pastor Joe-Jeannie); August- Keesha Hound Groom Room LLC (Darlene); Ideas also include Little Europe and Elements Nails; September- Tower Building Management (Pastor Joe- Jeannie),(possible) October- Angela Walker Realty Group.
7. **Old Business:**
 - 100th Anniversary Banners:** discussions are still ongoing; the EDC needs more clarification as to what the next steps are moving forward. Also, will the Village Chamber of Commerce contribute financially?
 - Status on New Member:** Discussions held.
 - Reports from Districts:** Nothing new.
 - Reports on investigating actual owners:** Deferred.
8. **Public Participation:** Trustee-Elect and resident Terrence Jones made mention of the West Regional Enterprise Zone (WREZ) opportunity and encourages the EDC to consider looking into the benefits of the program; Deanna and Tom Forney, were in attendance.
9. **Motion to adjourn:** Jeannie Helgesen, second Darlene Barber, all in favor; meeting unanimously adjourned at 5:36pm