



MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022 6:30 PM
Ganek Municipal Center, Village Board Room, 2200 Harnish Drive, Algonquin, IL

Call to Order: Chairman Pinderski called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

1. Roll Call: Established Quorum

Commissioners Present: Pinderski, Ward, Vachio, Menolascino, Hutchins, Moders
Commissioners Absent: Ritter,
Staff: Shallcross, Blanchard,

2. Minutes:

The motion was made by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Vachio to approve the minutes from October 14, 2021.

Ayes: Pinderski, Ward, Vachio, Menolascino, Moders, Hutchins

Nays: None

Absent: Ritter

Motion Passed

3. Public Comment:

No public comment

4. New Business:

Overview of ICSC Strategy:

Community Development Director Shallcross informed the commission that the Village would be attending the ICSC Las Vegas Retail Conference in May. The purpose of attending this event is to market available retail properties in the Village to retailers and developers. He informed the commission that economic development consultant, Peggy Blanchard will be receiving ICSC Distinguished Service Award. Village President Sosine will also be attending the event. Red Mountain Group, new owners of Algonquin Commons \ invited the Village to assist with meeting with prospective retailers for the center.

Community Development First Quarter Report

Community Development Director Shallcross presented the first quarter Community Development/Economic Development Newsletter. The question was raised on how the department plans to distribute this report. Shall reported that it will be sent out electronically to our developer broker mailing list, posted on the Village's social media pages and LinkedIn.

Business Visitation Program

Shallcross informed the commission that a goal of the community development department is to meet with local business owners on their issues or concerns for doing business in Algonquin. The first visit will take place in early May at Kenmode, Inc. Commissioner Pinderski agreed to represent the EDC on this visit.

5. Looking Ahead-2022 Programs and Events

Comprehensive Plan Update and EDC Involvement – The Community Development Department has budgeted funds to update the Algonquin Comprehensive plan. This will be a two year planning project. As the commercial and industrial sites are evaluated, the EDC will be asked to assist the planning staff with future land use opportunities.

Developer’s Breakfast- After the success for the developer breakfast in 2021, the Village will look to host this breakfast on a yearly basis, in October. This is an opportunity for the Village to showcase its success and to promote the positive attributes of the Village. A date is yet to be determined.

Business Breakfast Awards: The Community Development Department has budgeted funds to host a business owners’ breakfast in 2022/23. The plan will be to hold this event in the first quarter of 2023 so that we can recognize businesses in the community.

Art on the Fox: Blanchard reported that the Village retained Amdur Productions, Inc. to produce Art on the Fox for a second year. The event will be held on September 10 and 11, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

Northpoint Groundbreaking: Shallcross informed the commission that the Village Board approved the Northpoint development in the Corporate Campus. They have planned a ground breaking for June 9th, and the members of the EDC are invited to attend.

Community Development Update: Shallcross updated the Commission on current projects under review by the department and moving through the development Project. Rosen is moving forward with their expansion; former Stein Mart space has a prospective tenant (Kid City); Enclave (Kensington) moving forward with a commercial development on Randall Road to include Coopershawk, Raising Canes, B.J’s, and Belle Tire); Westview Crossing, Lennar residential development;

6. **Old Business:**
None

7. **Adjournment:**

The motion was made by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Hutchins to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Peggy Blanchard
Economic Development Specialist

Approved: _____

Jerome Pinderski, Chairman