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VILLAGE OF VILLA PARK
Village Hall, Committee of the Whole Room
20 S. Ardmore Avenue
Villa Park, IL 60181

Economic Development Commission

November 20, 2019

5:30 PM

Chairman: Tony Oddo

Commissioners: Ghada Abdelhafez-Fahmy, Larry Calvert, Patrick Grobe, JP Hochbaum and
Ethan Tutor Leon

- 1. Call to Order - Roll Call**
- 2. Public Comments on Agenda Items**
- 3. Amendments to the Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
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- 5. Business**

Review Yes Villa Park decals. Discussion regarding Business Forums. Village Updates.
- 6. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**
- 7. Commissioner Comments**
- 8. Chairman Comments**
- 9. Village Board Liaison Comments**
- 10. Village Staff Comments**
- 11. Adjournment**

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Economic Development Commission Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: November 20, 2019

Submitted by: Pat Boksha

Submitting Department: Economic Development

Item Type: Minutes

Agenda Section: Approval of Minutes

Subject:

Minutes

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[October Minutes.pdf](#)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

October 23, 2019

The meeting of the Economic Development Commission was called to order at 5:33 p.m. on August 21, 2019 by Commissioner Dave Casey.

PRESENT: Ghada Fahmy, Dave Casey, Tony Oddo and Patrick Grobe.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Economic Development Director Patrick Burke, Trustee Nick Cuzzone, Trustee Wagner and Trustee Christine Murphy.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes for the Economic Development Commission for August 21, 2019 were approved. Motion to accept the minutes made by Commissioner Tony Oddo and seconded by Commissioner Ghada Fahmy and passed with all ayes.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Discussion began with the "Yes Villa Park" web-site, the events tab continues to be updated. Commissioner Nat Rosasco is currently developing a new Feature Page. This page is designed to promote individual businesses. He currently has 2 samples and is looking for additional businesses. It was also noted that the numbers for visits to the website continue to increase. Samples for the decals are being developed and there may be a small budget for these. Will still need to devise a plan to distribute.

The meeting turned to Village Updates from Director Burke. He stated recent attendance at the ICSC Conference at Navy Pier had an increase in representation and made contact with different developers and retailers. Many agreed that the retail market is picking up. The village has received numerous calls regarding recreational marijuana and if the village allows it, and what locations. Currently the village is zoned for it, but only in C-3 areas with a Special Use. This means they will have to submit to the P&Z Commission for approval.

Edward Jones had a ribbon cutting and Bucky's is moving forward, requested a letter from the EPA stating no further remediation is required. Construction is begin in Spring. The Villa Park Library also had their grand reopening for the new addition.

All are welcome to the Board meeting on October 28 at Iowa Community Center for the recreational marijuana item and the final readings for 2 other P&Z petitions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Trustee Wagner informed the commission he attended a program recently in Bartlett on a new program for Economic Development Assistance Program, which is similar to our Façade Program. There program is referred to as "The BEDA Program" which will match business owners total project costs of up to 50% or \$50,000. This is on a first come first serve basis. Attached is the flyer for the program.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Dave Casey commented that the Villa Avenue Trick or Treat is schedule for this Saturday and he hopes to increase and the event continues to build. Last year they estimated 300-400 people participate.

Trustee Cuzzone also commented on the trick or treating and advised there were some issues that would need to be worked out. He stated that there is a lot of activity in the area and communication between all parties needs to improve.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Tony Oddo and seconded by Commissioner, Patrick Grobe. The motion passed with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Pat Boksha