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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

June 19, 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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[April Minutes.pdf](#)
[May Minutes.pdf](#)
- 5. Business**

Meet and update new Economic Director on projects.
- 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: June 19, 2019

Submitted by: Pat Boksha

Submitting Department: Economic Development

Item Type: Minutes

Agenda Section: Approval of Minutes

Subject:

Mintues

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[April Minutes.pdf](#)

[May Minutes.pdf](#)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

April 17, 2019

The meeting of the Economic Development Commission called to order at 5:30 p.m. on April 17, 2019 by Commissioner Nat Rosasco.

PRESENT: Nat Rosasco, Ghada Fahmy and Tony Oddo.

OTHERS PRESENT: Economic Development Director Jan Fiola and Trustee Nick Cuzzone.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes for the Economic Development Commission for March 20, 2019 were approved. Motion to accept the minutes made by Commissioner Tony Oddo and seconded by Commissioner Ghada Fahmy. The motion passed with all ayes.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

New projects still include way to promote the new website "Yes Villa Park", as it continues to get visibility. The commission agrees a saying or a phrase would assist in drawing attention to the site. The possibility of advertising on a billboard does exist, however material needs to be designed for the advertisement. Suggested building a "questionnaire" format with the answers always being "Yes Villa Park". Also

With the assistance of Commissioners Fahmy and Rosasco, the Islamic Foundation School inserted an advertisement for the website on their flyer for their April fundraiser. This flyer was distributed to approximately 400 people.

Director Fiola updated the commission on various projects and new businesses. The two new businesses on Villa are slowly coming along; the beverage depot is expected to open in May and renovations are now moving at a faster pace. The Kenilworth Townhomes has been working with various entities to get construction underway. New developers continue to contact the village for the available property on North Avenue. Bulldogs is currently under renovations and the two new businesses in North Park Plaza, D-Bats and Kids Emporium are near completion.

She also informed the commission that DuPage County has verbally approved a walkway from the Prairie Path to Villa Ave.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Tony Oddo and seconded by Commissioner, Ghada Fahmy. The motion passed with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Pat Boksha

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

May 15, 2019

The meeting of the Economic Development Commission called to order at 5:30 p.m. on May 15, 2019 by Commissioner Dave Casey.

PRESENT: Ghada Fahmy, Dave Casey and Larry Calvert.

OTHERS PRESENT: Economic Development Director Jan Fiola.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes for the Economic Development Commission for April 17, 2019 were not approved. Commissioners present were not at the meeting. Minutes to be presented at the June meeting.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

With the retirement of Director Fiola, discussion surrounded past projects and ideas that were completed. Overall in the past 5 ½ years many great ideas have ended up being implemented. The one remaining project is the new web-site “Yes Villa Park”, which will need to be monitored.

Director Fiola recapped the continuing progress of the new businesses that are getting ready to open; D-Bats, Kids Empire, Mijhos Tacos, The Fry Guy, Bulldogs, the Curling Club, BioLife and the Beverage Center/Ice Cream Shop. These enterprises are close to opening. Offers for the Village owned property on North Avenue continue to come in for the Boards review and approval. The Kenilworth project is moving forward, the developer would like to break ground soon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

The commissioners present all agreed that Director Jan Fiola has done a great job and will be sorely missed and wishes her the best in her retirement.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Larry Calvert and seconded by Commissioner, Ghada Fahmy. The motion passed with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Pat Boksha