

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

January 20, 2016

The meeting of the Economic Development Commission was called to order at 5:32 p.m. on January 20, 2016.

PRESENT: Chair Joanne Marcotte, Ben Gulino, Dave Casey, Nat Rosasco and Tony Oddo.

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

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes for the Economic Development Commission for December 16, 2015 were approved. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Commissioner Nat Rosasco and seconded by Commissioner Tony Oddo. The motion passed with all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Construction along North Avenue is progressing and new national retailers will be moving in.

The Façade Assistance Program continues to support and encourage business owners along S. Villa Ave to improve the exterior of their buildings. The improvements along S. Villa Avenue are very noticeable and review comments are very positive.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Fiola advised the committee that the Developer for the Garden Station mixed use, multi-family development is presenting at the upcoming Village Board. Plans and financial assistance will be considered.

Individual corridor Business Owners' meetings do not seem a good use of time at this point. Consider one (1) meeting and topics of interest to draw the attention of the business owners. Possibility of including a meet and greet with the Village leaders. Further discussion and planning will be necessary.

With the renovations at Cortesi Park near completion, events are being planned to "showcase" the park. The Commission recommends that the upcoming activities and events need to be exciting and relevant to get business owners, residents and guests involved.

Director Fiola also advised the Commission that various areas within the village are being researched for future development. Bob's Discount Furniture grand opening is scheduled for February 11th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Ben Gulino and seconded by Commissioner Nat Rosasco. The motion passed with all ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Pat Boksha