

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

February 17, 2016

The meeting of the Economic Development Commission was called to order at 5:35 p.m. on February 17, 2016.

PRESENT: Nat Rosasco, Larry Calvert 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 January 20, 2016 were approved. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Commissioner Tony Oddo and seconded by Commissioner Nat Rosasco. The motion passed with all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Fiola advised the committee that a presentation from the Developer for the Garden Station area was given to the Village Board on February 8th. During this presentation it was noted that they would be looking for financial assistance from the village and they are applying for HUD financing. The development will consist of residential and commercial, with plenty of parking.

Harley Davidson is moving along with the construction of a new Event Center and in addition submitted plans for renovations and updates to the existing building.

North Park Plaza's construction of the new building is progressing. Tenants have and are submitting their build-out plans.

The Anona Center on Villa Avenue has completed their renovations and Director Fiola was pleased to present them with their Facade reimbursement check.

Bob's Discount Furniture at 102 W. Roosevelt Road had their Grand Opening on February 11th. Many attended the event, along with Village personnel.

Discussions turned to a joint venture with District 88 for a Realtor/Developers meeting. Date will need to be determined and topics finalized. Commissioners agreed that village leaders should be included in the agenda for a meet-and-greet session; highlight what's happening in and around the village; invite business owners to share their testimonials of Villa Park.

The Train Depot is being renovated for public rental space and a new picnic shelter was erected.

The VFW will be hosting the dedication and reopening of Cortesi Park on Memorial Day, and all are encouraged to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Calvert inquired about the Adopt-a-Park program on how people can get involved. Next meeting is scheduled for March. Discussion turned back to Cortesi Park and how the Village needs to have an event that will draw a larger crowd and continue year after year. Something that draws and keeps the interest of the public.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Nat Rosasco and seconded by Commissioner Larry Calvert. The motion passed with all ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Pat Boksha