

**PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Melissa Schladt called the meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Commission to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Chairperson Melissa Schladt and Members Mike Fath, Ron Hameetman, John O'Meara and Patrick Wall. Also in attendance was Secretary Alison Dal Compo. Kevin Lentz and Chris Mattran were absent.

RESIDENT'S COMMENTS—none

BUSINESS RETENTION ACTIVITIES

Business Showcase—The Morning Grind: Chairperson Schladt welcomed Cheryl Murray, vendor for the Morning Grind coffee service. Mrs. Murray will be providing coffee service at the Fox River Grove train station. Administrator Warwick explained that Spic and Span Cleaning service will be cleaning the train station four days a week.

Mrs. Murray explained that she will likely start up her business in the Grove sometime in January. She plans to serve fresh Door County coffee, juices, muffins and other baked goods. She will find out exactly what the health department will allow, and then may also include soups and sandwiches if possible. Member Hameetman asked if the train itself has any exclusions for food; he was told no. Mrs. Murray said that she expects to have hours possibly as early as the first train at 4:18 a.m., then through about noon. Chairperson Schladt and Member Wall said that they were both very excited about her venture.

Member Hameetman asked if Mrs. Murray was currently vending at the Pingree Station; he was told yes. Chairperson Schladt suggested having information regarding her service on the newly updated Village website.

Member O'Meara asked if the part of the station Mrs. Murray's business is in closes and locks; he was told yes.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Member O'Meara to approve the September 17, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Member Hameetman. Motion Carried Unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2013 MEETING MINUTES--TABLED

Chairperson Schladt said that she heard the Bike Stop was moving. Member Hameetman said it was just moving to the old Dollar Store location.

Chairperson Schladt said that the closing date for Dominick's is December 28th. They are continuing to have sales.

Member Wall said that he will try to bring Nick from Nick's Barber Shop to the business showcase in January.

Chairperson Schladt said that there are a lot of transitions going on, and she would like the committee to determine some objectives for the new year. Member O'Meara said that the Village will miss having Administrator Warwick on staff, as he has resigned. Member Wall said that the position has been filled.

Special Events Committee: Member O'Meara asked for updates on this committee. Member Wall said that his wife, Kirsten, is the chairperson of that committee. Chairperson Schladt suggested that the SEC should do some kind of kick off for the Morning Grind.

Member O'Meara asked if anyone had thought of a new location for Starbucks since the one inside Dominick's is closing.

Member Fath reported that the tattoo business is not doing well enough. The best week that the business had was only about 15 customers.

Chairperson Schladt said she read an article about how gaming has been helping businesses in McHenry County. Tinman's, the bowling alley and Dead End all have video gaming. The Village gets a monetary percentage from them. Chairperson Schladt further noted that Snap Fitness seems to be a business that is doing well.

CGCC—Member O'Meara stated that the new chairperson for the chamber of commerce will be starting in January.

OTHER BUSINESS

Member Hameetman asked if the new business next to Lund has a liaison assigned. Chairperson Schladt suggested that more information be gathered about that business. Member Hameetman will follow up.

Three suggestions were made for next meeting:

- 1) Nick from the Barber Shop and Sam from the Bike Stop will be asked for January's business showcase.
- 2) Follow up on the train station coffee vendor
- 3) Discuss project objectives

VILLAGE UPDATES--none

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January, 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member O'Meara and seconded by Member Hameetman to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. All were in favor.

Melissa Schladt, Chairperson

Alison Dal Compo, Secretary

Date Approved