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Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2014 - 5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

EDC Chairman Marty Clinch called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

EDC Committee	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5
Jeff DeGroot-Village President	Present	Y	Y			
Marty Clinch-Chairman	Present	Y	Y			
John Ford	Present	Y	Y			
Paul Herzog	Absent	-	Y			
John Taylor	Absent	-	-			
Bob Sutton	Present	Y	Y			
Eric McAllister	Absent	-	Y			
Amy DeFreitas	Absent	-	-			
Tammy Heiden	Present	Y	Y			
Melissa Heil	Present	Y	Y			
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y			

Also in attendance:

Jim O’Laughlin, Village Trustee
Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works
Mike Hinrichsen, Woodford County Board Member

Paul Herzog arrived at 5:31 p.m.

2. Minutes Approval-July 10, 2014

A motion was made by Jeff DeGroot to approve the July 10, 2014 EDC minutes. The motion was seconded by John Ford. **Motion passed #1.**

3. Library District Update

Grant Fredericksen, Director of the Illinois Prairie District Public Library was in attendance to report on the Library District update. He discussed that the District is made up of 6 different locations.

Eric McAllister arrived at 5:32 p.m.

Grant indicated the Library District owns the property off of Woodland Knolls Road by the daycare in Germantown Hills. Their original idea was to move the District headquarters to this location in a new building. They have a consultant that has looked at the plan and there have been some modifications. They have estimated a population service area of 7,200 for the Germantown Hills facility. Grant explained they have applied for grants and they are proposing to build on the property a 10,000-13,000 square feet building but they can't do much until their plans are finalized.

Paul Herzog asked about the funding mechanism and he had heard they looked at Jubilee building as a possibility but the cost difference of remodeling the building versus building a new one was not justified. Grant stated when they looked at the Jubilee building possibility it didn't seem feasible for the Library District. Grant noted there were some reservations about the Jubilee building and that libraries make excellent support facilities but not usually as anchors of a shopping center.

The Clerk asked if they had looked at other available properties or buildings in the village and if the Library District would be ok with the EDC looking more closely at a proposal for the Library Board to consider. Grant noted the plans have not been finalized and there are still issues to be resolved before moving forward. Melissa felt it would be good to know if they are set on a definite plan or if they are still in a stage where there could be proposed modifications. This would be helpful in knowing what type of recommendation could be proposed to the Library District.

Paul Herzog thanked Grant for attending the meeting and noted the EDC group looks to get information from other groups in order to share ideas for the community.

Marty Clinch explained there have been past discussions about wanting a library to be a part of the community and possibly a combined community center. John Ford noted years ago the plan that was presented looked like a great concept for the community. Grant explained the holdup on moving forward is a collaboration of things.

The committee agreed to send a letter to the Library District offering to help and asked Grant if he could attend the meeting next month to give an update.

Tammy Heiden left at 6:00 p.m.

4. Discussion and Recommendation on next EDC project

The committee discussed some ideas for the next EDC project. Jeff DeGroot noted the traffic conditions and solutions around the shopping center are being initiated with the Village engineer doing a plan and study.

Melissa Heil recommended looking at putting together an EDC plan.

Mike Hinrichsen stated their Woodford County team is working on a plan for the county and they are looking for someone from Germantown Hills to be involved, which will be a great way to share with the other communities what Germantown Hills is doing.

Bob Sutton mentioned the Anker Lane connection to Rt. 116. Marty Clinch indicated the street committee is already working on that connection and the other intersections along Woodland Knolls Road. Todd Rice stated CMT will be doing a full analysis of the traffic situation by looking at the traffic counts and accident reports as a part of their study. Jeff DeGroot noted the Village is addressing the traffic issues and taking action so that our community can grow with the economic development. Paul Herzog asked about the funding and timing of the improvements. The Clerk noted we are looking at grant possibilities. John Ford stated depending on the costs and timing we will look at other possible financing opportunities.

Eric McAllister inquired about the right in/right out Route 116 connection. IDOT approved the connection years ago and CMT, village engineer is currently working on the design.

5. Round Table Updates

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6. Next Meeting- September 11, 2014 5:30 pm

The next meeting will be on September 11th at 5:30 p.m. Marty Clinch will not be available to attend so Jeff DeGroot will be chairing the meeting.

A motion was made by John Ford to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jeff DeGroot. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso
Village Clerk