

Village of Germantown Hills
Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Marty Clinch called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also in attendance:

- Julia Miller, Village Trustee
- Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works
- Mike Hinrichsen, Woodford County Board Member
- Don Creemens, Woodford County Board Member

Ann Sasso was out of town for a conference so Julia Miller took the meeting minutes until she arrived at the meeting.

2. Approval of the September 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Melissa Heil to approve the September 10, 2015 EDC minutes. The motion was seconded by Amy DeFreitas. **Motion passed #1.**

3. EDC Chairman/Director Reports

Defer

4. Illinois Prairie District Public Library Update

Defer

5. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update

Veronica Axelson was not in attendance for the Chamber update.

6. Road Infrastructure Update

Rich Brecklin stated the MFT roadwork is done but we are waiting on the State to issue the allotments but until then the general fund will pay the expenses. Once the funds are disbursed the Village will reimburse the general account.

Rich Brecklin updated the committee on the Safe Routes to School project. The project should go out to bid in January with April or May construction.

Rich Brecklin updated the committee on the Anker Lane roadway extension. He noted there is a hold up with the break in access permit. The engineer's are working on this and we are waiting for a signature. Amy DeFreitas stated she would contact a legislator.

7. Discussion and Recommendation on Economic Development Incentives and Façade Improvement Programs and application process

The committee discussed the application and façade grant program information. Melissa recommended adding lighting and landscaping on the eligible improvement list. Eric recommended moving the professional design, engineering and architectural fees to the ineligible expenses. The mini and large façade grant amounts were discussed. It was discussed there might not be a need to have both amounts. Depending on the business interest and the allocated funds this would dictate what is available each year. The businesses would need to meet all requirements in order to be eligible for a grant.

Ann Sasso stated the committee will recommend the façade grant program and application but ultimately the Village board will need to approve the grant process and allocation of funds. The committee agreed to defer their recommendation until the next meeting once the changes on the application are made.

EDC Chairman/Director Reports

Ann Sasso reported GPEDC is building a web resource called StayGP.org in partnership with CareerLink to help individuals who are displaced find new opportunities to stay in Greater Peoria. The site will launch on October 19th and has 4 pathways for assistance:

-find a new job, go back to school, start your own business, support community efforts (early retirees)

The enterprise zone reps met to discuss the process and plan on meeting at least quarterly to make sure all reporting requirements are being met. Ann will be attending the enterprise zone conference so she should have more information to share on the process.

Ann talked with a broker looking for a 4 acre parcel in the area. Information about the parcel on the corner of Lourdes Road and Rt. 116 was passed along to the interested party. The price on this parcel has been reduced.

Ann updated the committee on the event she attended in Chicago and will be having some meetings with Cullinan on the vacant Germantown Crossing property. Ann talked with some retail establishments that might be a good fit for Germantown. She will follow up.

Ann stated she would not be able to attend the November 12th EDC meeting as she will be out of town.

Ann discussed with the committee the Christmas decorations and will check on putting four street pole banners up along Jubilee Lane.

Ann reminded the committee about the Christmas party on December 6th.

The cleaners has been sold and Arnie Edwards was given the Servant Leadership Award at the Community Prayer breakfast. Laura Edwards accepted the award on his behalf.

Illinois Prairie District Public Library Update

Ann Sasso reported the library has decided to transfer the name of the library to the new building. It will be the Marcella Schneider branch library. Ann will email the full library update to the committee.

8. Business Round Table Updates/Public Comments

Amy Pace asked about the health of the businesses. Ann Sasso noted one of the objectives is to perform business retention visits with the businesses to see how things are going and if there are any needs.

Eric McAllister stated the school is still pursuing the moving of the K-2 students to the Middle School. They are currently moving the playground equipment. Rich Brecklin stated he still needs to know the increased number of students and restrooms that will be added with the new addition. Rich explained the existing sewer and the possible need to upgrade the system in order to handle the additional capacity.

Julia Miller stated that once the Anker Lane extension is complete and the Cullinan property is developed she would like to see the addition of sidewalks, benches and lighting to add a more homey downtown feel to the shopping center.

Bob Sutton stated he would still like to see the diameter of the roundabout increased to allow for a second lane in order to plan for growth.

Bob noted the water company has received a good response with their survey's that were sent out as a part of a requirement from the EPA.

9. Next Meeting- November 12, 2015 5:00 p.m.-The next EDC meeting will be held at the Village hall at 5:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment-A motion was made by Marty Clinch to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. The motion was seconded by Eric McAllister. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk