

Westchester Economic Development Committee

EDC Meeting Minutes- April 8, 2024

Call to Order: 4:33pm Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Darlene Barber, Jeannie Helgesen, Chairman Pastor Joe Mills; Village Representation; Director of Community Development Jim Novosel, Trustee Robert Morales

Updates from Director Community Development- Jim Novosel discussions held which included the Aviator Cafe located at 1855 S. Mannheim Rd will have their official Ribbon Cutting on Thursday, April 11th at 12noon; also its possible a new barbeque restaurant will be coming to the Addison Creek District, more information coming at a later date; Cindy Klimer has finalized her interviews and a report will be forthcoming and presented to the Village Management and Board of Trustees; Chairman Pastor Joe is requesting the EDC members also get a copy for review; the Enterprise location has been sold, and more information coming at a later date.

Active Agenda-

Motion to approve meeting minutes of the February 12th meeting by Jeannie Helgesen, second by Darlene Barber; all in favor, minutes unanimously approved.

New Business-

Discussions were held regarding future Business Spotlights for June, July, and August and the focus was on businesses in the Tower and Prairie Districts.

New meeting time discussed, which included new time start time being 4:30pm every 2nd Monday of the month; members are in agreement, Darlene Barber requested to confirm her calendar first. Jim Novosel will confirm new time at the next meeting.

Old Business-

Next Educational Event: Item deferred.

District Updates which included, Darlene Barber is still concerned about the blight in the Addison Creek District; also, the fountain on the corner of Cermak/Mannheim in the Fountain District is currently not working, Jim Novosel mentioned discussions are being had about its future plans.

Items C. D. E.- discussions held.

Growing EDC Board and term limits were discussed; Jeannie Helgesen asked about the status of Stacy Hawkins-Armstrong's request to become a member, Jim Novosel said still waiting on a recommendation from the Village Board.

Public Participation- Resident Leann Pettis was in attendance and made mention that discussions regarding the fountain will be discussed at the next COWL Meeting.

Meeting Adjourn 5:33pm; all in favor, meeting adjourned.