

Westchester Economic Development Committee

Approved EDC Meeting Minutes- August 12, 2024

Call to Order: 4:35 pm

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 mentioned, LaLo's Mexican Restaurant will be coming on Roosevelt Road near Papa John's; also, the parking lot of the same area has been repaved; Wing Snob Restaurant has submitted permits and should be open in 4-6 months.

Active Agenda-

Motion to approve meeting minutes of the July 8, 2024 meeting by Jeannie Helgesen, second by Darlene Barber; all in favor, minutes unanimously approved.

New Business-

Discussions were held regarding future Business Spotlight: Next business spotlight is, Jay Wok for September, and Chairman Mills also mentioned, having an article done in the Village Newsletter spotlighting and notifying the residents/businesses of the 7 Districts for the October edition.

Old Business-

Update on Report from Trustees/Comm. Darlene Barber made a motion to recommend Stacy Armstrong the Village Board of Trustees/Management as a new member of the EDC, motion second by Jeannie Helgesen; all in favor. Recommendation to submit letter of intent, approved.

Next Educational Event: Allison Muzal presenting "AMP UP YOUR BUSINESS" on Tuesday, October 22nd located at the Westchester Public Library's Community Room, lunch will be provided by Alpine's Banquet.

District Updates: Jeannie Helgesen mentioned a consistent problem with refugees soliciting in the Prairie District near the Huntington Bank entrance; the Westchester Police have been notified and made aware of the business owners concerns. Darlene Barber mentioned her ongoing concerns about the blighted Addison Creek District, and suggested maybe the Village could consider enhancing the area by installing brighter street lights.

Investigating Actual Owners of Physical Businesses- This is remains and ongoing issue, as far as locating the property owners.

Business Cards: Jim Novosel working on obtaining cards for the EDC members.

Public Participation- Residents Leann Pettis, and Stacy Armstrong owner of Sha-Poppin Gourmet Popcorn, were all in attendance.

Meeting Adjourn 5:11 pm by, Darlene Barber, second Jeannie Helgesen; all in favor, meeting adjourned.