

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
6101 CAPULINA AVENUE
FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

- I. Call to Order/Chairman's Report. Pursuant to proper notice in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the Economic Development Commission meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chairperson Wayne Youkhana.

Roll Call:

The following members were present:

Wayne Youkhana, Chairman

Chris Kintner

Sasha Carillo

The following members were absent:

Drew Massa

Daniel Metz

Oscar Chung

The following Village staff and elected officials were present:

Nancy Radzevich, Community and Economic Development Director

Mayor Dan DiMaria

Trustee John Pietron

The following individuals were present:

Eric Poders, Resident and Media Practitioner

Nancy Zabrin, Equipment International

Steve Zabrin, Equipment International

Matt Mitchell, Mitchell Insurance Agency, Inc.

- II. Review of Minutes – There was no quorum; therefore, no meeting minutes were approved.

- III. Chairperson's Report

A. Façade Improvement Program – Ms. Radzevich stated there were two successful Façade Improvement grants last year. On behalf of the Economic Development Commission, the Mayor presented Matt Mitchell, Mitchell Insurance Agency and Steve and Nancy Zabrin, Equipment International with their checks. Ms. Radzevich and Mayor Dan DiMaria thanked the businesses and commented on the looks of the businesses and presented Mr. Mitchell with \$4,600 towards his renovation and the Zabrin's with \$3,303.75 for their façade improvement on Equipment International.

Ms. Radzevich stated in order to have more businesses participate, with two current success stories, it will be easier to market the idea to businesses.

It was discussed that the Commissioners focus on block by block visits.

B. Business Visits

Chairperson Youkhana stated he has almost completed his business visits. Other Commissioners will continue with their visits.

A recommendation was given to have Morton Grove sponsor something or group so it can be placed on the radio. Radio is a great advertising tool and Morton Grove would benefit from it.

IV. Director of Community & Economic Development Report/Update

Ms. Radzevich stated that Moretti's Restaurant is coming into town and meetings are being formed to view plans and other ideas they have. Another big project is a mixed use project on Waukegan Road and Dempster Street. It is a 184 luxury unit apartment building with 14,000 square feet of commercial. It will be approximately a \$55 million project. That is huge for Morton Grove. Also, this will hopefully, help the owners of the southeast corner of Waukegan Road and Dempster Street to invest in their property.

The Chamber did offer a table at the Farmers' Indoor Market which will be held from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Saturday, February 6, 2016. The Commissioners, however, were not able to make this event. A discussion was held about placing flyers from the Economic Development Commission at the "Taste of Morton Grove" event which will be held on Thursday, March 3.

V. Chamber of Commerce Report/Updates – There were no updates.

VI. Public Comment –Eric Poders stated that he received a message to promote the Taste of Morton Grove.

VIII. Adjournment – The next meeting date will be held on May 2, 2016. There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm, via voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Youkhana, Chairman
Economic Development Commission

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