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MINUTES

Village of Westmont

Regular Meeting

Economic Development Committee

May 6, 2015, 9:00 A.M.

Westmont Village Hall Executive Session Room

31 West Quincy Street, Westmont, IL

1. Call to Order

Chairman Addington called the meeting to order at 9:02 am

2. Roll Call

Jim Addington, Chairman- present
Ron Gunter, Mayor - present
Susann Senicka, Trustee - absent
Bruce Barker, Trustee - present
Harold Barry, Trustee - present
Bob Scott, Trustee- present
Nancy Martens, Citizen Representative - absent
Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk - absent
Corinne Beller, Citizen Representative - present
Jamie Reilly, School Representative - absent
Kevin Carey, School Representative - present
Frank Brady, Business/Resident Representative - present
Larry Forssberg, Chamber Executive Director - present
Bill Kalafut, Business/Resident Representative - present
Larry Kaufman, Director of Fire Prevention Bureau - absent
Steve May, Village Manager - present
Gregg Pill, Business/Resident Representative - present
Bob Fleck, Landscape Architect - absent
Thomas Mulhearn, Police Chief - present
Dave Weiss, Fire Chief - present
Jill Ziegler, Community Development Director - present
Rose Gross, Administrative Assistant - present

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Minutes

The Minutes from the April 1, 2015 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes and it was approved.

5. Old Business

Brief discussion regarding Citgo at Naperville Rd. & Cass Ave.

6. New Business

A. Expression Dance Studio

Amber Alonzo gave a presentation on relocating and expanding her dance studio, Expression Dance Studio. Expression opened in 2009, with 50 students. Currently they have 535 students in attendance. They are going out of there space. Currently to assist with the large amount of students, Amber currently rents space from the Westmont Park District, and also has another location in Lyons, IL. She would like to have everyone in one location, and here in Westmont. Information was presented on traffic flow, parents parking and walking their children inside, not dropping them off in a high traffic volume area. There will be 17 designated parking spots. Statistics were given on the amount of business the dance studio brings into Westmont. A special use ordinance would have to go in front of Planning & Zoning Commission. Currently Amber has twelve (12) employees, no more than six (6) on site at the same time. A brief discussion with Joe Chou the owner of the building, and the building next door, China Furniture, regarding commuter parking, and not allowing it any more. Amber has also spoken with both the owner of L & F Pizza, as well as the owner of Tasty Treat.

Comments:

The Economic Development Committee discussed semi-truck traffic and loading and unloading at the rear of China Furniture and its effect on the traffic flow from the proposed Expression Dance Studio location. The Committee also discussed safety concerns as well as the positive outcome from this expansion, Expression Dance Studio wanting to stay in the Village, as well as all of the information that was provided.

Motion to accept - passed.

7. Other Information

A. Westmont Economic Development Partnership Projects Update

Discussion on business owners along 63rd Street and cohesive landscape along 63rd St.

Grand Opening for PRC - 8 am May 15th

Hardee's - water main is in service. Coming soon, hopefully this summer.

Mariano's - no groundbreaking ceremony is planned but there will be a photo opportunity on site. They hope to open the first quarter of next year.

Hobby Lobby/Micro Center building - there is a contract on this property. Both businesses are staying.

B. Next Tour - June 10, 2015 @ 9 am - Kosart Effects Studio

C. Miscellaneous

Express Oil Exchange - Planning & Zoning will review next month, the applicants have concerns regarding fitting detention requirements on site.

Planning & Zoning next month - 6125 S. Cass - immediate care facility.

Taiwanese Dance troop performance

Upcoming event - Red, White and Blue BBQ Memorial Day Weekend

8. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 am