

MINUTES

Village of Westmont
Regular Meeting
Economic Development Committee
October 7, 2015, 9:00 am

Westmont Village Hall Executive Session Room
31 West Quincy Street, Westmont, IL

1. Call to Order

Chairman Addington called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

2. Roll Call

Jim Addington, Chairman- present
Ron Gunter, Mayor - absent
Bruce Barker, Trustee - present
Harold Barry, Trustee - absent
Bob Scott, Resident Representative - absent
Nancy Martens, Citizen Representative - present
Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk - present
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 - absent
Larry Kaufman, Director of Fire Prevention Bureau - absent
Steve May, Village Manager - present
Gregg Pill, Business/Resident Representative - present
Bob Fleck, Landscape Architect - present
Thomas Mulhearn, Police Chief - present
Dave Weiss, Fire Chief - absent
Jill Ziegler, Community Development Director - present
Larry McIntyre, Communications Director - absent
Steve Riley, Deputy Chief - present
Mike Ramsey, Acting Public Works Director - absent
Joe Hennerfeind, Building & Code Official - absent
Nick Weinert, Building Commissioner - absent
Ed Richard, P & Z Chairman - present
Rose Gross, Administrative Assistant - present

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Minutes

The Minutes from the September 2, 2015 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Greg Pill to accept the minutes and seconded by Corrine Beller to approve the minutes.

5. Old Business updates

Pompeii restaurant is in the process of obtaining liquor license, this was approved at the last Village Board Meeting. The restaurant owner is hoping to open this fall, possibly in late October.

6. New Business

A. Anna's Cafe Place -

Mr. Michael Manzo gave a presentation on opening a video gaming cafe called Anna's Cafe Place at 15 W. Ogden Ave. This is a family run business. Mr. Manzo currently has a location in Westchester on Roosevelt Rd., also with gambling at that location. The location in Westmont will be approximately twice the size of the Westchester location. The focus will be on serving food not on gambling. Mr. Manzo intends to request a full liquor license. Mr. Manzo has been working with the landlord of this mall, and the landlord has agreed to make improvements to the property, such as a new parking lot, new sidewalk. Type of food to be served will be deli options. Mr. Manzo will have 5-6 employees. Hours possible of 8:30 am - 10:00 pm.

Comments: The Committee had a discussion regarding food service, it was mentioned at a Board meeting that some video gaming cafes have stopped serving food. There was discussion on how many gaming places Westmont has in town, and if we want more.

Motion to recommend made by Ginny Szymiski, seconded by Corrine Beller. 2 abstained from the vote, all others opposed.

B. Maass Automotive -

Mr. Scott Krafthefer & Mr. Fred Maass gave a presentation on opening Maass Automotive. The location Mr. Maass is interested in is located at 6101 S. Cass Ave. Mr. Maass has been in Automotive repair for 20 years. The franchise agreement he has with Merlin's expires in September of 2016, and is currently located in Downers Grove. The facility Mr. Maass would like to open will be an upgraded facility, it will have a snack area, a waiting area. This will be strictly car repair & tire change, no bodywork of any kind will be done. The facility will consist of lifts, nothing below ground.

Comments: Discussion on this being in the TIF district and if Mr. Maass has looked at other locations. The committee also talked about the proposed landscaping.

Motion to approve made by Greg, seconded by Ginny. All opposed.

7. Other information

A. Special Projects:

- i. Permeable pavement grants for Downtown driveways/parking
Discussion on the possibility of grant money for permeable pavement in the downtown area. Also discussion on having permeable asphalt in the alleys. There is a special snow plow blade needed for this type of concrete. Salt can not be used on this. Westmont is the only Village in a 3 state radius that is using this type of concrete.
- ii. Downtown market analysis & Development Planning
Discussion on a company doing an analysis of the Village.
- iii. Economic Development listing sheets & GIS commercial maps
Map is complete. Went over map handout.
- iv. Downtown TIF study will begin shortly.
- v. Video gaming update

B. Project Updates

Potbelly - opened one week ago, October 3rd, 2015
Hinsdale Dance Academy - located on Blackhawk is now open
Salt Creek Ballet will have a 30 year Anniversary ribbon cutting
Bria Healthcare - to have a ribbon cutting around the end of the year
Woodgrain Pizzeria & Orange Theory both hope to open in late October
Westbrook Market is closing.

C. Next Tour: The next tour is October 14th, 2015. We will be taking a tour of local grocers. Jewel on the north side of town, and Aldi's on the south. Meet at Village Hall @ 8:45 am.

D. Miscellaneous

State of the Village will be at the Hilton, 7:30 am check in, 8 am start.
Jill Ziegler and Larry Forssberg are attending an ICSC event at Navy Pier today to recruit retailers.

8. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am

Future meeting date and time: November 4, 2015 @ 9:00 am