

MINUTES

Village of Westmont
Regular Meeting
Economic Development Committee
November 2 , 2016, 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 - absent
Harold Barry, Trustee - absent
Bob Scott, Resident Representative - absent
Nancy Martens, Citizen Representative - absent
Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk - present
Corinne Beller, Citizen Representative - present
Kevin Carey, School Representative - present
Frank Brady, Business/Resident Representative - present
Larry Forssberg, Chamber Executive Director - absent
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, Director of Park District - present
Sgt. Patricia Smallwood, Police Department - present
Dave Weiss, Fire Chief- present
Jill Ziegler, Community Development Director - present
Larry McIntyre, Communications Director - absent
Steve Riley, Deputy Chief - absent
Mike Ramsey, Public Works Director - present
Jason Vitell, Building Division Manager - present
Joe Hennerfeind, Planner II - present
Rose Gross, Administrative Assistant -present

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Minutes

Motion was made by Committee Member Gregg Pill to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Frank Brady.

5. Old Business updates

A. Johnny's Blitz - 20 N. Cass Ave.

The owner is currently looking into the cost of a fire suppression system. The downtown grant program was briefly discussed, and the minimum square footage was questioned for a sprinkler system.

New Business

A. TCF Bank ATM - 4 E. Ogden Ave.

Mr. Ken Kahle, of Catalyst Exhibits, Inc. representing TCF Bank, gave a presentation on an ATM located in the parking lot of Jewel Foods, close to Ogden Avenue. The ATM will be full service, taking deposits and withdrawals. It will be an all aluminum structure with LED lighting. There will be a security camera located in the ATM as well as surrounding the ATM. The security cameras will be monitored by TCF and also an outside company. An armoured car company will handle the money. The cameras record all transactions, and all approaches. The location will utilize eighteen parking spots and this is where Jewel prefers the location. A traffic study was done on this location. Landscaping will be done to beautify the area around the ATM.

Committee Discussion: In regards to signage, a sixteen foot tower sign is proposed surrounded by LED lights. The location was discussed, this is a quiet area in the parking lot. A question was brought up about snow storage and equipment in winter. Various landscaping options were discussed such as bushes or plants around the ATM. Discussion ensued about detention on the premises. There is no underground storage on the premises. The outlot tends to have standing water towards the north section during heavy rains. This project will require a special use for an ATM, drive thru, sign and setback. The ATM will introduce a second drive thru to the property. Currently, in the Village's Comprehensive Plan, it is required that all drive thru areas be screened. In this situation screening would impede safety. This will go to the November 9th Planning & Zoning Commission meeting. The Village's maximum pole height is 16 feet and staff does not support the proposed sign.

Vote: Committee member Gregg Pill made a motion to approve, it was seconded by Village Clerk Virginia Szymiski, all in favor.

7. Other information

A. Special Projects: Work continues to be done on the Economic Development Strategic Plan.

B. Westmont Economic Development Partnership Update

The new restaurant review in last Wednesday's Suburban Life was on coffee. Twelve coffee shops in the Village were mentioned.

Next Monday, November 7th, Uncle Bubs will be celebrating nineteen years in business. It is rare these days that a restaurant makes it past three years, only a very low percentage make it to twenty years. For its twentieth year in business, Uncle Bubs will be running specials each month, and also will have two new BBQ sauces released.

C. Miscellaneous

Director Ziegler introduced Jason Vitell, the new Building Division Manager. Mr. Vitell comes to the Village with over fourteen years experience with various municipalities.

The State of the Village address was very successful. There will be a fundraising event at Potbelly restaurant on November 3rd from 4 pm until 7 pm benefiting Richmond Gardens & Apiary.

Update on the Natatorium project at the Hilton. There was a meeting yesterday and the project is moving forward.

Discussion on the alley project. Village Clerk Szymiski stated they look great. Public Works Director Ramsey explained that the north side of the tracks is the first phase of this project. The next alley to be done will be between Cass Avenue & Linden Avenue, from Chicago Avenue to Norfolk Street. Due to budget restraints and the cost of this program, it could be ten years before getting to the south side.

The Winter Ball is on November 18th.

Park District Director Fleck discussed a park that will be located at Wilmette & 59th St. A \$400,000 dollar grant has been acquired. Upon completion, this will be the biggest park in the Village. Some of its features will be: a wetland area, permeable paver parking lot, a walkway thru the wetland area, it will be able to be rented for picnics. At this time there is no news on the recreation building on the north side of the Village.

8. Adjourn -

Motion to adjourn was made by Village Clerk Szymiski and seconded by Committee member Kalafut at 10:00 am.