

**Village of Justice
Economic Planning Board Meeting
7800 S. Archer Road, Justice, IL 60458
Minutes of Thursday, May 21, 2015**



The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM

ROLL CALL:

Economic Development Coordinator Brittany Abrams called the roll. Present are Chairman Matthew Zarebczan, Board Members: John Kapecki, Fran Mills, and Joseph Davern Jr. Not in attendance Wojciech Dziechciowski, Orley O. Betcher Jr., and Mariola Zygmunt. Mariola Zygmunt enters at 7:08PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 16, 2015 regular Economic Planning Board meeting as submitted or if necessary as corrected.

MOTION: Fran Mills. Moves: To approve the minutes as submitted.

SECOND: John Kapecki

VOTE: John Kapecki, Fran Mills, Joseph Davern Jr., and Mariola Zygmunt. All ayes. Motion passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Matthew Zarebczan announced the new Home Occupation of Bristles Biscuits, a dog-biscuit bakery and distributor in the Village of Justice. On Friday, May 15, 2015 a toll way kickoff meeting had taken place between the Village of Justice and Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. to discuss the Phase I Engineering and Environmental Studies for the I-294 Ramps at 88th Avenue and Archer Road and it went very well. The feasibility study is estimated to be completed by September 2017. The project is moving along and another meeting will follow shortly. Residents have been calling with questions concerning the Economic Development Signs on 88th Street. These signs are raising awareness and curiosity throughout the village.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report at this time

CORRESPONDANCE:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Retention & Expansion-

Joe Davern reported that while on his visits the small businesses were excited to see our effort in reaching out to them. Mariola Zygmunt said that the businesses she visited were satisfied with the license process. Fran Mills explained that while on her visits along Archer the main concern and complaint was about Semi Trucks using their parking lots as turn-a-rounds. There are no curbs along that street in

front of the business and therefore make it accessible for the trucks to pull in. This is causing parking issues with business customers. Trustee Melanie Kuban addressed the situation and said that when this happens the business should report this to the Police Department. John Kapecki mentioned that the businesses he visited were more concerned with marketing and promotion of their business. He made them aware of the Village Newsletter and webpage sources.

OLD BUSINESS:

37 Flower Pots were delivered this past week. The flowers look great and this is our first unified project for this Economic Planning Board. The Economic Planning Board decided to change the name of the Developer's Handbook to the Developer's Reference-Guide. The Developer Reference-Guide will be corrected with the suggestions provided by the Village Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

An ordinance authorizing the execution of an agreement providing for the settlement of litigation, and the acquisition and sale of real property subject thereto commonly known as 7887-7899 South Archer Road, Village of Justice, County of Cook, State of Illinois, which lies within the 79th Street and Cork Avenue TIF District should be passed at next week's Board Meeting. Buildings should be demolished within the upcoming months. The Barber Shop along Frontage Road will now be a legal assistance office for internationals. The building is being remodeled at this time. The Tobacco Mart along Roberts Road may become a Mediterranean Restaurant but is not finalized yet. Chairman Zarebczan attended a seminar downtown for the Regional Transportation Authority Community Planning Program and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Local Technical Assistance Grant Opportunity. This Grant can assist the Village with creating a planning guide for upcoming future plans. Focus on 79th Street Corridor, Archer Road, or Frontage Road should be considered. Trustee Small explained even things such as creating consistency within the village for signage or architecture structure. The idea of this is to bring focus and direction in the upcoming years with the assistance of professionals who are aware of the area and the capability said Trustee Kuban. Chairman Zarebczan asked the Economic Planning Board to share their ideas with him by Monday, June 1, 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion to Adjourn.

MOTION: Fran Mills

SECOND: Joe Davern Jr.

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Abrams

Economic Development