

**Winthrop Harbor Economic Development Commission**  
**March 12, 2008**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**I. Call Meeting to Order.**

Meeting called to order 7:00 P.M.

In Attendance: Pat DiPersio (Economic Development Director), Cy Race (Secretary), Members: Terry Issacs, Bob Long, Kurt Melander, Margo Nelson, Carl Simmons.

Not present: Jimmie Harris (Chairman), Julie Gonka (Vice-Chairman), Ken Jones, Harold Logaras (Member At Large), Gary Powell.

Guests: Terry Race.

**II. Approval of Minutes of February 13, 2008 meeting.**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Passed.

**III. Chairman's Report:** No report, as Jimmie was absent. There was discussion re the following items:

- i. School District Annexation-Harris Property. See Attachment A.** Village Attorney Bob Long reported that a recent article in the Z-B News presented a confusing picture of what's going on and delivered some misinformation. Bob researched the petition and has given clarity to the situation (see Attachment A for details).
- ii. 2008 EDC Goals** – have been placed on the agenda for the March 18, 2008 Village Board meeting.

**IV. Committee Reports:**

**1. Marina Relations:**

**i. DNR Land Development Update. See Attachment B.** Mayor Leech and Pat are meeting with the Governor's Chief of Staff on Friday, March 14, to present a plan for further development of North Point Marina, in line with the original plan when the marina was first conceived.

**ii. Business Directory for 2008 Boater Packets.** The Directory flyers were printed and will be included in the welcome packets for the boaters (1,200) to be delivered on April 1, 2008. The WH Chamber of Commerce agreed to donate \$500 toward the cost of the printing 3,000 booklets (\$3,000). However it was decided to hold off on printing the booklets until a later date. A small number of booklets will be printed in house and will be distributed to the marina Administration Building lobby, and other places.

## **2. Infrastructure.**

### **i. Spring Bluff Development-Response from Lake County Forest**

**Preserve. See Attachment C.** Thomas Hahn, Executive Director of the Lake County Forest Preserve, denied our request for development of a nature trail and other improvements in the Spring Bluff Forest Preserve, stating that there already are “a wide variety of public access options available to the residents of Winthrop Harbor”. There is hope that the Forest Preserve will “relook” at the situation if some of the other planned development projects for the marina come to fruition.

## **3. Marketing.**

**i. TIF – Proposal Still Being Reviewed.** Pat provided status on the TIF Triangle project. One developer has given the village a development proposal, which was reviewed by a committee of EDC, PZB, Trustees, and our Village Attorney. A list of questions was prepared for the developer, and they have responded with answers. The next step is to reconvene the committee, and, if approved, seek a recommendation from the Village Board to move ahead with this developer.

**ii. Conference – Midwest IDEX Feb. 21/22 Chicago Recap.** Pat attended the conference and said he was able to meet some developers, and attended interesting sessions on community development.

**iii. Harbor Shuttle – 2008 Budget. See Attachment D.** Pat presented a Budget for the Shuttle, and compared revenues from 2006 and 2007. Invoices have been sent to advertisers, with a due date of April 15. Ads on the vehicle will be removed for those who don’t pay for them. Any deficit will be financed from the tourism budget.

## **4. Financial.**

**i. ComEd 2008 Transformation Grant Program.** The following three projects will qualify for a ComEd Grant: 1) Traffic Light @ Sheridan and Russell Roads; 2) Lakefront Development; and 3) Engineering for the Streetscape project. There is a maximum grant of \$10,000, and matching funds are required from the village. No Federal money is involved. Discussion followed: are funds available from the village? Can TIF funds be used for the matching grant? Further research will be required.

## **5. Legal.**

No Report.

## **6. Political Liaison**

**i. Governor’s Chief of Staff Meeting – March 14, 2008** This was covered above.

**7. Other Business.** Carl Simmons gave the Commission an update on the development of Mangel Field.

**V. Notices/Handouts:**

Competing for Retail & Winning; Webcast Slides  
Winning the War on Talent- Workshop Notice  
Federal Immigration Crackdown- Workshop Notice  
Judith Wright – The One Decision; Presentation Notice

**VI. Adjournment** . Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Next EDC Meeting April 8, 2008.

Submitted by Cy Race, Secretary, Economic Development Commission