

Winthrop Harbor Economic Development Commission
September 10th, 2008
Meeting Minutes

I. Call Meeting to Order.

Meeting called to order at 1802 by Jimmie Harris.

In Attendance:

Jimmie Harris (Chairman)

Julie Gonka (Vice-Chairman)

Terry Isaacs (Secretary)

Pat DiPersio (Economic Development Director)

Members: Margo Nelson, Bob Long, Carl Simmons, Ken Jones, Shelley Walker, Buddy Hargett, Gary Powell, Kurt Melander

Not present: Harold Logaras (Member At Large),
Cy Race (Member At Large)

II. Approval of Minutes of Aug 9th, 2008 meeting.

Motion was made by Margo Nelson and seconded by Kurt Melander to approve the minutes with one slight amendment to clarify a statement. **Motion Passed.**

III. Chairman's Report:

- i.** Jimmie opened discussion with statements indicating things are status quo with the EDC this month. Very little EDC activity due primarily to the worsening economy.
- ii.** Pat led a discussion on EDC goals and talked about Lake County Partners, experiencing a similar slowdown. Also discussed were the LCP shovel ready sites task force and the upcoming forum with a draft of the LCP meeting. Jimmie says that the EDC should stay focused on its current goals. Jimmie asked for suggestions to develop EDC ideas. Jimmie also wanted Pat to develop a list of parcels available in the village, and what can be done with them.

IV. Committee Reports:

1. **Marina Relations:** 2009 National Marina Day planning meeting October 9, 2008.

2. Infrastructure.

- i. **Pedestrian Bridge** – The Bridge has been inspected and painted.
- ii. **Metra.** Pat indicated that there is no word yet on the construction start for the expanded Metra station. He hopes that the village will be contacted soon. Regarding the recent Metra survey, Pat estimated about 80 responses with a great deal of input.

3. Marketing.

- i. **TIF – Update:** Negotiations continue with developer.
- ii. **Concerts in the Park** – Discussed possibility of local business sponsorship of series for 2009.
- iii. **ICSC Chicago Deal making.** Pat will be attending on October 23rd and 24th.

4. Financial.

- i. **Non-profit Development Corp.** was discussed and options reviewed. It was determined that it may be best to observe Beach Park and see where they go with the idea. It may not be a suitable option for the village at this time.

5. Legal.

- i. **Landscape Ordinance** – The update of the local landscaping ordinances will be reviewed by Kurt and Pat and then by Bob Long.

6. Political Liaison

- i. **Jimmie** indicated that there is not much to report.

7. Other Business

- i. Brochures** – Kurt Melander mentioned that he was at the Lake Forest toll way oasis and noticed that while many communities have brochures advertising their community; the village had no such brochure at that location and wondered what it would take to get brochures at that location. While there were no immediate answers, Pat indicated that the answer may be found with the LC visitor's bureau. Further discussion ensued regarding developing a map of the village designed with tourism in mind. Pat indicated he would look into what would have to be done to place a village brochure at the oasis.

V. Notices/Handouts:

Next EDC Meeting scheduled for 8 October 2008.
10 year anniversary of Stone Creek Grill.
Fire Department dedication ceremony on 9/11/08.
The Job Center of Lake County is having a workshop on 25 September 2008.

VI. Adjournment.

Motion made by Margo and seconded by Bob to adjourn. Motion Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2012.

Submitted by Terry Isaacs, Secretary, Economic Development Commission.