

Winthrop Harbor Economic Development Commission
August 12, 2009
Meeting Minutes

I. Call Meeting to Order.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Margo Nelson.

In Attendance:

Pat DiPersio, Economic Development Director

Members: Carl Simmons, Gary Powell, Margo Nelson, Shelley Walker, Cy Race, Kurt Melander, Buddy Hargett, and Julie Gonka

Not present (excused): Terry Isaacs, Bob Long, and Ken Jones

Guests present: Trustee Kimberly Braden, Terry Race

II. Approval of Minutes of July 8, 2009 meeting

MOTION was made to approve the minutes as presented by Buddy and seconded by Kurt. MOTION passed unanimously.

III. Chairperson Report: Margo Nelson

- i. Trustee Braden Comments** – Trustee Braden thanked everyone for their help with the summer concert series and congratulated on the number of attendees at each concert. Margo also thanked everyone for their help on the summer concert series. She also thanked everyone for their support with the Jimmie Harris bird sanctuary.

IV. Committee Reports:

1. Development Planning

i. Updates on Development Strategies for Key Parcels –

An extensive discussion was held on various land parcels regarding proposed use and zoning. Margo asked that each subcommittee continue to work on their respective parcels.

2. Marketing/Special Events:

- i. Summer Concert Series** – Pat thanked everyone for their help with respect to the summer concert series and shop local campaign. He reported that overall the project was a success and hopes to continue this in future years. A subcommittee for the summer concert series will meet to discuss future concerts. It was suggested that a survey could be added to the newsletter asking residents to specify which day of the week they prefer the concerts and what type of music they would like to hear.

- ii. **Lakefront Recreation** – Buddy reported that he and Margo drafted a letter to the Village Board outlining in detail the obstacles the EDC is facing moving forward with lake front development. A lengthy discussion was held between the EDC members on which direction we should move forward. MOTION was made to present the letter to the Village Board requesting action, presented by Cy and seconded by Gary. MOTION passed unanimously.

- 3. **ED Director Report:**
 - i. **Metra - Stormwater permit issued.**
Carl reported the parking lot is complete minus a few small tasks. A discussion was held on the maintenance, parking fees and how the plan will be administered.

- 5. **Unfinished Business:**
 - i. **North Beach/Seagulls** – Cy reported that he continues to work with State to find a solution for elimination of seagulls at the beach.

- V. **Notices/Handouts:**
 - i. Next EDC Meeting September 9, 2009

- VI. **Adjournment.**
Motion made by Gary and seconded by Cy to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Submitted by Shelley Walker, Secretary, Economic Development Commission.