

Winthrop Harbor Economic Development Commission  
March 10, 2010  
Meeting Minutes

- I. Call Meeting to Order  
The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Margo Nelson.

Attendees

Pat DiPersio (EDC Director)  
Buddy Hargett  
Ken Jones  
Kurt Melander  
Margo Nelson (Chairman)  
Gary Powell  
Cy Race  
Carl Simmons

Excused

Julie Gonka  
Shelley Walker (Secretary)

Others

Trustee Kimberly Braden  
Resident - Terry Race  
Resident – Angela Terraciano

Ex-Officio

Terry Isaacs  
Bob Long

- II. Approval of Minutes – January 13, 2010  
Motion made by Member Simmons and Seconded by Member Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the minutes – February 10, 2010  
Motion made by Member Melander and Seconded by Member Race. Motion passed unanimously.

- III. Chairperson Report: Margo Nelson  
i. Trustee Braden – Village Board News  
Trustee Braden announced that the Village Board approved a line of credit to support the village's matching funds requirement for the streetscape project.

Trustee Braden stated that the Village is hoping to receive the tipping fees from Zion very soon.

- IV. Committee Reports:

1. Development Planning:

i. The Necessity for Change – Buddy Hargett  
Member Hargett reported that work was continuing on the report. He requested that any further input be provided to him within the next two weeks to give him time to prepare the final draft. The final draft could then be reviewed by the Commission at the April meeting with the hopes of submitting the completed document to the Village Board at the last meeting in April.

ii. Franchises – Where are they? Cy Race

Member Race reviewed information provided to the Commission outlining the number of franchises located in Zion. He questioned why franchises were not located in Winthrop Harbor given our close proximity to Zion. It was suggested that we take action to solicit franchises for location in the village.

2. Marketing/Special Events:

i. 2010 Summer Concert Series Update – Gary Powell

Member Powell and Director DiPersio reported that the concert line-up was still being formulated. Johnny Rocker was booked for the July 17<sup>th</sup> concert and a car show was expected to take place at the same time in the GMAC Cornerstone parking lot. The other 3 weeks are still up in the air.

A lengthy discussion took place with a variety of options for the other 3 weeks presented by the Members and guests. All of the input will be considered by the committee and it is hoped that the line-up will be finalized by next month's meeting.

3. Director Report:

i. Streetscape Pre-Con meeting March 23, 2010.

Director DiPersio reported that he, along with Member Simmons and Public Works Superintendent, John Hogan attended the pre-con meeting at the IDOT offices in Schaumburg. There are some details to be worked out but construction is expected to begin by the first week in April. Under the terms of the contract the project can take up to 6 months to complete.

ii. DNR Grant Application for beach clean-up.

Director DiPersio reported that he received verbal confirmation that the DNR was successful in a grant application for funds to address the clean up along the shoreline of Illinois Beach State Park, to include north beach. Specifics of how much funding will be available for north beach and when the clean up will begin were not available.

4. Unfinished Business:

i. None

5. Notice/Handouts

- i. Business News Articles: Commercial Prices Record Gain, Waiting List for SBA Loan Breaks & Blockbuster Closings
- ii. April 14, 2010 Next EDC Meeting

6. Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Melander and seconded by Member Powell to adjourn the meeting at 7:42p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Pat DiPersio, Acting Secretary, Economic Development Commission