



City of Prospect Heights

Economic/Business Development Committee

Joseph Schuerman, Chairman

February 5, 2013 - 6:30 PM

City Hall

8 North Elmhurst Road

Prospect Heights, IL

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Mr. Schuerman.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Joseph Schuerman, Chairman
Ms. Sharon Beyda
Mr. Charles Currie
Mr. Matt Domanico

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Ms. Anne Marrin - City Administrator
Mr. Ed Madden - Resident

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 8, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

IV. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. New/Closed Businesses in Prospect Heights

- La Shekina Mexican Restaurant opened at 5 S Wolf Rd.
- Ulta Foods had permits approved for Prospect Crossing
- Hawthorne Aviation to open at Executive Airport

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- Blackhawk Restaurant Group proposed Bistros are targeted to open soon in the following locations:
 - Camp McDonald and Elmhurst Rds.
 - Palwaukee Plaza

- Auto Alarm and Stereo Installation opened in Palwaukee Plaza

- PB Rehab on Palatine Rd closed.

B. Action Item List Review

Action items were reviewed and updated.

C. City Business Topics

Ms. Marrin reported that video gaming is regulated by the State. The liquor license that is required for video gaming is regulated by the City.

V. SCHEDULED BUSINESS

A. Business Owners Forum - January 23rd

a. Recap and Follow-Up

The speaker was informative, but the turnout was low. Some feedback indicated that it was held too early in the day. The lunch time venue had a larger attendance. No other comments were received.

b. April Agenda & Topic Discussion

Ms. Marrin suggested that we invite Rep. Elain Nekritz to speak on pension reform. She attended the last forum and agreed to participate in future forums as a guest speaker.

Another suggested topic was Healthcare Reform. Ms. Marrin suggested that we hold off on that topic until summer when there will be more information available. She will contact Blue Cross for a representative.

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Mr. Domanico suggested that we have local bankers speak at our next forum on lending and services for businesses. There are two banks located within the City of Prospect Heights. They are Bank Popular and Village Bank and Trust. It was also suggested that we include Chase as part of the forum as they are located on the border of Prospect Heights.

The committee decided on the business banking services as the topic for our next forum.

c. April Venue

The committee decided that the next forum will be a luncheon at Rob Roy.

B. Business Owner Contact and Communication

The Committee members indicated that there are issues contacting the business owners due to time available to initiate the contacts. It was suggested that the new committee members be assigned the task of contacting business owners that we have been unable to reach.

C. Daily Herald Program

Five advertisements have been published in the Daily Herald. Mr. Domanico indicated that there were three more that showed an interest in the program at the January Business Forum. The program information will be included in the New Business Packet.

D. New Business Welcome Package

Mr. Schuerman suggested adding coupons from local businesses in the New Business Welcome Package. It was also suggested that we include a summary of the most recent forum and follow-up in the packet.

E. Web Design

Mr. Schuerman presented his suggested additions to the EBDC web page design request that Ms. Beyda had distributed earlier. Ms. Marrin indicated that a business directory by type was the only request that would be included in the next version of the City's web site.

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F. New Appointments

Mr. Schuerman has no update. This will be added to the March agenda.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Currie, seconded by Mr. Domanico, and unanimously approved. Mr. Schuerman adjourned the meeting at 7:52 PM.

Submitted By:

Accepted By:



Sharon Beyda, Secretary



Joseph Schuerman, Chairman