



# *City of Prospect Heights*

## Economic/Business Development Committee

*Joseph Schuerman, Chairman*

**March 14, 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 6:40 PM by Mr. Schuerman.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

**Members Absent:** Mr. Chuck Currie

**Also Present:** Ms. Anne Marrin - City Administrator

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 5, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

**IV. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. New/Closed Businesses in Prospect Heights**

- Save-A-Lot – Palwaukee Plaza target opening 5/1
- Ultra Foods - Prospect Crossing construction beginning in April
- Thrumpi Indian Restaurant – Wildbrook – opening soon

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- Blackhawk Restaurant Group proposed Bistros are targeted to open soon in the following locations:
  - Prospect Crossing
  - Palwaukee Plaza
- Union Ale House – Wolf Rd. target opening in April (Replaces Runways)
- Runways on Wolf Rd – Closed
- Fairbridge Inn – Milwaukee Ave. – Closed
- Hangar 21 – Milwaukee Ave. - Closed

### **B. Action Item List Review**

Action items were reviewed and updated.

### **C. City Business Topics**

None

## **V. SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

### **A. Business Owners Forum**

#### **a. April Topic Discussion**

Mr. Domanico contacted Ms. Johnson from Popular Bank to present at our next forum. She would like to present, but is not available on the scheduled date. The committee voted to change the date of the next forum to May 1<sup>st</sup>. The time and location have not changed. Ms. Marrin will secure a speaker from Village Bank and Chase Bank.

#### **b. Communications and Promotion**

The forum information will be distributed via E-News, City Hall marquee, and flyers. Mr. Domanico suggested that we enlist volunteers to distribute the flyers as the committee members have found it challenging to meet with all the business leaders in their assigned area. It was also noted that

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the vacant seats should be filled in the near future and that will help with promoting the next forum.

**c. Future Topic List**

Ms. Marrin suggested that we have a summer business social in place of the forum. The Affordable Care Act is the selected topic for the fall forum. Public safety was also suggested as a topic for a future forum.

**B. Daily Herald Program**

Mr. Domanico reported that there have been no new advertisers since the last meeting.

**C. New Business Welcome Package**

Mr. Schuerman asked the committee to review the draft of the cover letter for the packet and e-mail comments to the committee members. It was suggested that we announce new businesses to neighboring businesses. The idea of inserting coupons from local businesses in the packet will be introduced at our forum. It was noted that we should include a cable channel template and a form to announce a new business on the City's electronic sign. It was determined that the welcome will be displayed for one month.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Domanico, seconded by Ms. Beyda, and unanimously approved. Mr. Schuerman adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Submitted By:

Accepted By:



Sharon Beyda, Secretary



Joseph Schuerman, Chairman