

**Village of Algonquin
Economic Development Commission
Meeting
May 10, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

Agenda Item 1: Roll Call/Establish Quorum

PRESENT: Members: Chairperson Jerry Pinderski, Steve Karaba, Kurt Moders, Tom McCabe, Linda Laipert, and Rich Galati. Staff: Katie Parkhurst and Ben Mason. Absent: none.

Agenda Item 2: Approve Minutes from the January 30, 2012 special meeting

Chairperson Pinderski entertained a motion on the minutes from the January 30, 2012 meeting. Mr. Karaba made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 30, 2012 meeting and Mr. Moders seconded. A voice vote noted all ayes, motion passed.

Agenda Item 3: Downtown Revitalization Update

Mr. Ben Mason gave a PowerPoint presentation to the EDC on Downtown Algonquin. The main focus of the presentation was the Downtown Planning Study process, followed by an update on Riverside Square, Western Bypass project, Downtown Algonquin Partnership, Events and Activities in downtown, and the Historic Commission.

Chair Pinderski inquired how many people have taken the Downtown survey. Mr. Mason stated the number was approaching 500 and suggested that all EDC members complete the survey if they had not already done so.

Ms. Laipert inquired if the consultants are comparing Algonquin to other downtowns. There needs to be destination businesses and specialty shops.

Chair Pinderski inquired if the Village made the right decision with the consultant team selected. Mr. Mason stated the staff is pleased with the work the consultants have done so far.

Mr. Karaba asked if the Village uses a grant writer. Mrs. Parkhurst answered that staff does most of the grant writing now with some assistance from the Village Engineer if it is an infrastructure project.

Chair Pinderski stated Riverside Plaza looks much better with the exterior of the building complete. He inquired if any units have been sold. Mr. Mason stated only a few condos have been sold.

Mr. McCabe asked if all property has been acquired for the Western Bypass project and if trucks will be prohibited on Main Street. Mr. Mason stated all funding is secure and properties have been acquired. Mrs. Parkhurst said the bypass will be the official truck route. The Village has not discussed weight limits or restrictions yet for Main Street.

Ms. Laipert inquired about better signage for identifying parking areas in downtown. Mr. Mason stated this will be included in the Downtown Study.

Mr. Moders inquired how far south the widening of Route 31 will continue after the bypass. Mr. Mason stated only through the project limits will Route 31 be widened, he is not aware of plans to widen from Algonquin to Carpentersville.

Agenda Item 4: Other Business

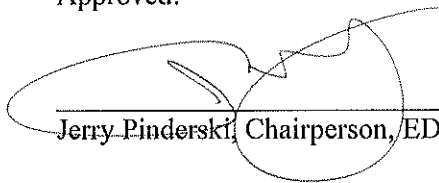
Mrs. Parkhurst thanked Steve Karaba for chairing the EDC meetings for the past several years. Chair Pinderski also thanked him for staying on the Commission.

Some general discussion was had regarding new developments in the Village.

Agenda Item 5: Adjournment

There was no further business to discuss; the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved:



Jerry Pinderski, Chairperson, EDC