

**Village of Algonquin
Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2007
7:00 p.m.**

Agenda Item 1: Roll Call/Establish Quorum

PRESENT: Members: Chairperson Steve Karaba, Jerry Pinderski, Jacquie Kacena, Mike Reilly and Mike Agee. Staff: Katie Thornton, Ben Mason and Andrew Bogda
Absent: Tom McCabe and Carl Schnecke.

Agenda Item 2: Approve Minutes from the March 8, 2007 meeting.

Chairperson Karaba entertained a motion on the minutes from the March 8, 2007 meeting. Mr. Pinderski made a motion and Mr. Reilly seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2007 meeting. A voice vote noted all ayes, motion passed.

Agenda Item 3: Downtown Revitalization Update

Mr. Ben Mason presented a PowerPoint of the recent developments and updates in Downtown. The presentation covered: Cornish Park is open and well used, Main Street Commons site has been demolished, Riverside Square is under construction with the goal to have the outside of the building complete by the end of the year, Downtown Streetscape grant, Public Works Downtown maintenance employee, Prairie Path Trail information kiosk, Downtown Algonquin Partnership activities, Old Town Crier, and New Business Welcome packet.

Mr. Reilly asked for clarification as to the location of the Western Bypass project in relation to Main Street Commons. Mr. Mason showed the location on the site plan.

Mr. Pinderski inquired where the bike path will be located if the Western Bypass is constructed. Mr. Mason showed the location on the map.

Ms. Kacena inquired about the specifics of the grant from IDOT for the streetscape plan. She stated that the lighting should be in the first phase, as it is a life-safety issue. Mr. Mason stated that once a draft plan has been prepared the Village will hold a public open house for everyone to view the plan. Recommendations for phasing will be included in the draft plan for everyone to comment on.

Mr. Pinderski inquired if this plan will cover all of Downtown or just Route 31 since it is a state road. Mr. Mason explained the Plan will cover a larger portion of Downtown than just the state road.

Mr. Pinderski inquired how the Downtown businesses are doing. Mr. Mason stated that there is a mixed review depending on the type of business and the length of time they have been in business. Most are doing well and have repeat customers.

Chairperson Karaba inquired about the attitudes of Downtown business owners regarding the sign code. Ms. Thornton explained the challenges of the sign code, the direction set by the Village Board, and the need to be fair to the entire Village. A complete review of the Sign Code would be a huge undertaking.

Mr. Agee suggested doing a color coded map for the kiosk that would clearly show the dining establishments, the clothing stores, the offices, etc. This would be similar to the ones you see at malls.

Agenda Item 4: Downtown New Business Owner Packet

Mr. Mason walked the EDC through the packet created for new business owners in the Downtown.

Ms. Kacena suggested the sign code information in the packet to the new businesses be streamlined so that it is easier to understand and know quickly what is acceptable and what is not.

Mr. Agee complimented the thoroughness of the packet.

Agenda Item 5: Other Business

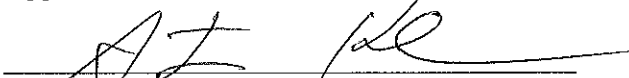
Chairperson Karaba inquired about a quick retail update. Ms. Thornton listed the highlights of new projects, the status of existing projects, and a brief update on the Algonquin Corporate Campus marketing. The focus of the September meeting will be the marketing efforts of the Algonquin Corporate Campus.

Ms. Thornton distributed the latest edition of the Business Connection newsletter to the EDC. She reminded the EDC that a business visitation is scheduled for next week with the owner of Curves. Ms. Thornton also invited all the EDC members to attend Conservation Community Day.

Agenda Item 6: Adjournment

There was no further business to discuss; the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Approved:


Steve Karaba, Chairperson, EDC