

Village of La Grange

AGENDA

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
of the
VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
Village Hall Auditorium
53 S. La Grange Road, La Grange, IL



November 5, 2015 - 7:30 p.m.

- A. Orientation for New Members 7:00 p.m.**
1. Call to Order and Roll Call
 2. Approval of Minutes – June 4, 2015
 3. Old Business
 - Façade Loan Proposal – Patrick Benjamin
 - Update – Valet Parking, Accurate Valet
 - Update –Village Entryway and Trailblazing Signs – Angela Mesaros, Assistant Community Development Director
 4. New Business
 5. Adjournment

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MINUTES

Community and Economic Development Commission Village of La Grange

June 4, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

A meeting of the Community and Economic Development Commission was held on June 4, 2015 in the Auditorium of the Village Hall at 53 South La Grange Road, La Grange, IL and was convened at 7:08 p.m. by Chairman Russ Riberto.

Present: Commissioners Wimbush, Palmer, Tussing, Sher, Carlson and Chairman Riberto.

Absent: Commissioners Reich, Stiles and Williams.

Also Present: Village Clerk John Burns, Village Trustee Liaison Mark Kuchler, Patrick Benjamin, Community Development Director, Angela Mesaros, Assistant Community Development Director and Joyce Gomolinski, Community Development Clerk.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Wimbush, the Minutes of the April 16, 2015 Community and Economic Development Commission meeting were approved.

III. BUSINESS AT HAND – FAÇADE LOAN PROPOSAL

First National Bank of La Grange representatives Kevin McLaughlin and Joseph Kroc presented a proposal for façade loans for businesses located in the Village. A brief history was given on the old façade loan program which ran from 1990 through 2009. Approximately 40 loans were granted and none defaulted. The proposed program would have a funding allocation during Phase I in the amount of \$300,000 with a maximum loan amount of \$50,000 and terms up to five years. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, to present the façade loan program as described by First National Bank of La Grange to the Village Board for approval with the Village providing the guaranty of the loans as described in the attached paperwork.

Motion to APPROVE carried 6/0/3:

AYE: Wimbush, Palmer, Tussing Sher, Carlson and Chairman Riberto.

NAY: None.

ABSENT: Reich, Stiles and Williams.

VALET PARKING PROPOSAL

Zach Cooke and Jaime Navarro of Accurate Valet presented information on the current valet parking system in place in downtown La Grange as well as an experimental seasonal valet program implemented this past winter/spring. They also presented the attached proposal for free valet as requested by the Commission. It was agreed that moving forward with the free valet parking project would further economic development and stabilize the economy of the downtown area. With the recommendation that Staff become creative in establishing fund source for this project through different avenues, it was agreed that a trial of at least a two year period of the three station valet parking system would be beneficial to the economic development. A motion was made by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Tussing, to recommend the valet parking be approved by the Village Board of Trustees for a time of at least two years.

Motion to APPROVE carried 6/0/3:

AYE: Wimbush, Palmer, Tussing Sher, Carlson and Chairman Riberto.

NAY: None.

ABSENT: Reich, Stiles and Williams.

UPDATE – STATUS OF VILLAGE ENTRYWAY & TRAILBLAZING SIGNS

Community Development Assistant Director Angela Mesaros presented information to the Commission regarding entryway and trailblazing signs. Phase I included parking lot direction signs, Phase II included parking lot and pedestrian kiosks, both phases were completed in 2006. Phase III was to be funded at a later time and eventually, due to the Village's cost containment plan, no funding has been available to move forward with Phase III. This phase consists of gateway monuments at the West End and Central Business Districts. Commissioners discussed the possibility of a partnership with the Rotary Club as a funding source and Opus Development placing a sign at Ogden and La Grange Road. Commissioners requested Staff take pictures of current signs and focus on replacing entryway signs and reducing costs by using a sign company as the designer rather than the consultant used for the 3 phase project in 2006, whose costs are considerable.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

V. NEXT MEETING:

A brief discussion regarding setting a meeting schedule resulted in the recommendation to meet on the first Thursday of the month, however, a specific date will not be set until

Chairman Riberto and Community Development Director Benjamin can meet to determine an agenda for what is anticipated to be a larger fifteen member group with potentially a revised focus.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to come before the Community and Economic Development Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Wimbush and seconded by Commissioner Tussing that the meeting be adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patrick Benjamin
Community Development Director