

## MINUTES

### Community and Economic Development Commission Village of La Grange

April 16, 2015

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

A meeting of the Community and Economic Development Commission was held on April 16, 2015 in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Village Hall at 53 South La Grange Road, La Grange, IL and was convened at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Russ Riberto.

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

Absent: Commissioners Wimbush and Williams.

Also Present: Village Clerk John Burns, Village Trustee Liaison Mark Kuchler (7:32 p.m.), Patrick Benjamin, Community Development Director and Joyce Gomolinski, Community Development Clerk.

#### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On motion by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, the Minutes of the January 22, 2015 Community and Economic Development Commission meeting were approved.

#### **III. BUSINESS AT HAND – DISCUSSION OF REFERENDUM VOTE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Chairman Roberto discussed the need for a meeting with Village President Thomas Livingston to determine which economic development initiatives from the La Grange 2020 will be assigned to the CEDC as budgetary constraints allow. The three goals identified in earlier meetings which the CEDC would like to focus on are: 1. Village entrance and trailblazing signs, 2. Parking, specifically a valet initiative, and 3. Façade loans.

Patrick Benjamin summarized new businesses which have opened in the last few months in La Grange as well as comprehensive sign package information at business locations.

Commissioners discussed additional valet parking stations as well as providing easier access (handicapped ramps/curbs) to handicapped/elderly valet customers.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

Patrick Benjamin discussed the proposal by First National Bank of La Grange for a façade

loan program for businesses. It was determined that representatives would attend a meeting to present their program to the Commissioners.

**V. NEXT MEETING:**

A brief discussion regarding setting a meeting schedule resulted in the recommendation to meet on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being nothing further to come before the Community and Economic Development Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Reich that the meeting be adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Patrick Benjamin  
Community Development Director