

MINUTES

Community and Economic Development Commission
Village of La Grange

May 5, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

A meeting of the Community and Economic Development Commission was held on May 5, 2016 in the Auditorium of the Village Hall at 53 South La Grange Road, La Grange, IL and was convened at 7:11 p.m. by Chairman Russ Riberto.

Present: Commissioners Gale, Sher, Arnold, Janevski, Carlson, and Chairman Riberto.

Absent: Commissioners Wimbush, Palmer, Tussing, Stiles, Dillon, Hall and Williams.

Also Present: Robert Pilipiszyn, Village Manager, Angela Mesaros, and Assistant Community Development Director.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Janevski, the Minutes of the March 3, 2016 Community and Economic Development Commission meeting were approved.

III. OLD BUSINESS – UPDATE – STATUS OF VILLAGE ENTRYWAY & TRAILBLAZING SIGNS

Community Development Assistant Director Angela Mesaros presented comments from the Design Review Commission regarding entryway and trailblazing signs. Commissioners asked staff to get mockup of vertical lettering for both options #6 and #10.

Next steps will be review with Infinity Signs on lighting options. Staff will report back to CEDC for final recommendation at the next meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

East End Community Development Opportunities Discussion

Commissioners discussed the option of holding a Village event on the east end of the community, defined as Ogden to Cossitt, east of the IHB Railroad. Ideas included movies in the park, 5K, block party, Taste of La Grange. Venues considered were the Community Center and Park District Recreation Center. Commissioners partnering with the Park District. This item was left for future discussion.

Village Update – Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn gave an update on Village items: the Village budget for the new Fiscal year begins on May 1; award was granted for 50th Street sewer to begin on July 1st; Country Club flood wall is under discussion; the Village Board will hold a workshop on communications and enhancing the Village website on May 23rd; update on the Community Development Director – 62 applications were submitted largely from the Chicago metro area and the quality was good which speaks to La Grange as a brand/community.

Community Development Updates – Assistant Community Development Director Angela Mesaros discussed Plan Commission action on text amendments for non-retail uses in the core retail district – including smart phone repair and union bank at La Grange Crossing; major development project updates – Opus Uptown La Grange, 40 Ashland and Pathway; marketing/promotions – West Suburban Living magazine, Prasino named to top 50 farm-to-table restaurants and girlfriends getaway; program updates – valet, façade loan and small cell sites.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to come before the Community and Economic Development Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Janevski and seconded by Commissioner Arnold that the meeting be adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Angela Mesaros
Assistant Community Development Director