

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Village Hall Auditorium
53 South La Grange Road
La Grange, IL 60525

Monday, June 14, 2010
(immediately following the regular Village Board meeting)

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. [ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP](#)
 - A. Overview
Liz Asperger, Village President
 - B. Policy Discussion – West End Business District Development Strategy
Robert Pilipiszyn, Village Manager
Patrick Benjamin, Community Development Director
Angela Mesaros, Assistant Community Development Director / Village Planner
 - C. Discussion
Village Board
 - D. Village Board Consensus and Direction to Village Staff
Liz Asperger, Village President
3. ADJOURNMENT

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VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
Administrative Offices

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: Village President, Village Clerk,
Board of Trustees, and Village Attorney

FROM: Robert J. Pilipiszyn, Village Manager

DATE: June 10, 2010

RE: **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP —
WEST END BUSINESS DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY**

In January 2010, the Village conducted a two-day strategic planning session, at which time the Village Board engaged in visioning, goal setting and prioritization of goals. One of the major areas of emphasis for the Village includes economic development. Two of the top three short-term routine priorities identified and ranked accordingly by the Village Board involve economic development policy discussions; one of those discussions concerns the Village's more general role in economic development on a forward-looking basis and the other concerns strategies for the development of the West End Business District.

In February, the Village Board conducted the first of these two policy discussions in a workshop setting. At the conclusion of the workshop, the consensus direction provided by the Village Board on general economic development policy questions/decision points which were the subject of the discussion was as follows:

1. Facade loans do not appear to be a Village Board priority for the time being.
2. The business district concept was discussed as an economic development tool (in the context of development/redevelopment opportunities).
3. The Village Board concurred with the existing development/redevelopment policy dated November 7, 2005.

4. Staff to continue with its current efforts (and tailor methods as determined to be the most effective) concerning business recruitment and retention.
5. Maintain, and perhaps enhance, the Village's support of the La Grange Business Association (LGBA).

We are now prepared to conduct the second workshop. As identified in our operations plan, we believe that the first step in creating a West End Business District Development Strategy is to provide the Village Board with a primer of the Village's Comprehensive Plan, and specifically as to how it relates to the West End. Since the composition of the Village Board has changed since the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan in May 2005, a refresher course on the guiding land use planning document and sub-area plan would be very appropriate and timely. To provide the Village Board with additional resources, we have extended an invitation to members of the Community Economic Development Commission, members of the Plan Commission, and business owners and property owners within the West End to attend, listen and participate in the discussion.

What we hope to achieve from this workshop is: (1) clarification from the Village Board as to individual and subsequently collective thoughts on a development strategy for the West End Business District, and (2) consensus direction from the Village Board, after a review of the Village's Comprehensive Plan. The operations plan, as well as the preceding economic development workshop, has identified the \$750,000 TIF surplus distribution as a potential funding source for any specific programming or projects which the Village Board may desire to undertake towards achieving this strategic priority.