

# Village of Lombard

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## **Minutes**

# **Economic & Community Development Committee**

Trustee Peter Breen, Chairperson
Trustee Keith Giagnorio, Alternate Chairperson
Dennis McNicholas, Matthew Phillips,
Garrick Nielsen, Jodee Baker, Matthew Pike,
Brenda Gannon and Angel Camacho
Student Member Jolie-Grace Wareham
Staff Liaison: William Heniff

Monday, December 10, 2012

7:00 PM

Village Hall - Community Room

## 1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Breen at 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson Breen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 2.0 Roll Call

**Present** 7 - Trustee Peter Breen, Dennis McNicholas, Garrick Nielsen, Jodee Baker, Matthew Pike, Angel Camacho, and Jolie-Grace Wareham

Absent 2 - Matthew Phillips, and Brenda Gannon

Also present: William Heniff, AICP, Director of Community Development; Christopher Stilling, AICP, Assistant Director of Community Development; Michelle Iwinski, Executive Director of the Lombard Town Centre and Walter Smith of the Lombard Town Centre Board.

# 3.0 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

## 4.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Matthew Pike, seconded by Jodee Baker, to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2012 meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### 5.0 Unfinished Business

120595

Lombard Town Centre Request for Funding - Calendar Year 2013 Request to review and discuss background information relative to Lombard Town Centre's request for funding for calendar year 2013.

Mr. Heniff stated that at the November 12, 2012 ECDC meeting, the LTC provided an overview of the 2013 funding request. As proposed, the LTC requested \$50,000 for the Village's fiscal year 2013. The ECDC continued the discussion to the December meeting to allow the LTC to finalize their budget to a current date. Furthermore, ECDC members were asked to email any additional comments or questions to Chairperson Breen. Staff did receive a few questions and did share them with Chairperson Breen.

Walter Smith, President of the Lombard Town Centre, referenced the packet of materials provided. Mr. Smith stated that they LTC is requesting \$50,000 for 2013. He said that \$42,500 would go towards the Executive Director's (ED) salary and employment taxes and the remaining \$7,500 would go towards administrative functions. Mr. Smith provided an overview of the packet of information that was provided to the committee. He also highlighted several recent accomplishments including; Jingle Bell jubilee, Vino Cellars and wine dinner. Michelle Iwinski also highlighted some future initiatives.

Mr. McNicholas also commended the LTC on their efforts. Mr. McNicholas went on to explain his role in the past Downtown Lombard United (DLU). He said DLU was all volunteers and that many of them got exhausted. He said that there needs to be a long term solution/direction to their funding, particularly from the Village. He said that the Village should also be prepared to explain why LTC is eligible for funding but not the Chamber.

Chairperson Breen provided the committee an update on the 2013 Budget. He also noted that the Hotel/Motel fund could be another long term option for the LTC. Chairperson Breen stated that when the Board begins to review Community Development's budget, they can also look at opportunities for the LTC.

Ms. Iwinski suggested that the LTC start to explore the option of a future SSA. Mr. Heniff provided the committee with background on a SSA.

Mr. Nielsen asked what the current reserve fund balance. Mr. Smith stated that they have approximately \$7,000 in their account; however their goal is to increase reserves in 2013 through fund raising events. Additional questions were raised regarding the budget. The LTC noted that the final year end totals have not included the wine dinner

revenue.

Mr. Nielsen asked about the status of the new Golf Store. Ms. Iwinski stated that they expect to be open the first part of 2013.

Ms. Wareham stated that she supports full funding for the LTC but also stressed the importance of a long term funding strategy. Ms. Iwinski said the LTC is exploring options for major sponsors. She also said that the LTC is meeting the small business development center to look at other funding options.

Ms. Baker stated that she also supports the full funding request and said that they requested amount is small in comparison to the overall Village budget.

Mr. McNicholas stated that if the ECDC was to support additional funding for the Lombard Town Centre organization, a long-term funding strategy should be undertaken. As such, he recommended that the organization should undertake such an effort with a three-month time period. Additionally, this strategy should also include a review and consideration as to whether a Special Service Area should be considered to provide for ongoing funding.

A motion was made by Garrick Nielsen, seconded by Matthew Pike, to recommend to the Board of Trustees to fund the Lombard Town Centre (LTC) in an amount of \$50,000 for 2013. It was also recommended as part of the funding request that the LTC, with the help of the Village, develop a long-term funding strategy. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Dennis McNicholas, Garrick Nielsen, Jodee Baker, Matthew Pike, and Angel Camacho

Absent: 2 - Matthew Phillips, and Brenda Gannon

#### 120123 Outdoor Cafes and Seating within the Public Right-of-Way

Discussion of follow-up report that identifies issues resulting from the changes that were adopted as part of Village Code, Section 119. (DISTRICTS #1 and #4)

Mr. Heniff provided background on the request. He stated that in May, 2012, the Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) completed its review of the provisions set forth within Section 119 of the Village Code as it pertains to outdoor seating and dining within public rights-of-way. Within the recommendations that were ultimately adopted by the Village Board, the ECDC also made a finding that staff shall prepare a report for the December 2012 ECDC meeting identifying any issues as result of the revised provisions. Staff notes that there were not any issues and in observation of the activities in

2012, staff does not have any recommendations to further amend the outdoor seating/dining regulations at this time. Staff will continue to monitor the operations of the outdoor seating elements accordingly.

Chairperson Breen directed staff to survey the businesses to determine if changes are required.

#### 6.0 New Business

#### 7.0 Other Business

## 8.0 Information Only

Staff provided an update on recent development activity.

## 9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Matthew Pike, seconded by Jodee Baker, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.