

Village of Lombard

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Minutes

Monday, January 10, 2022

7:00 PM

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Economic & Community Development Committee

*Anthony Puccio, Chairperson
Brian LaVaque, Alternate Chairperson
Dennis McNicholas, Garrick Nielsen, Matthew Pike,
Paula Dillon, Laine Vant Hoff, Gregory Ladle,
Alan Bennett and Patrick Kennedy
Staff Liaison: William Heniff*

NOTICE OF MEETING MODIFICATION DUE TO COVID-19

In light of Public Act 101-0640, which created new Section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act, and as a Disaster Declaration has been issued by the Governor of the State of Illinois relative to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chairperson of the Economic & Community Development Committee has determined that an in-person meeting of the Economic & Community Development Committee, or a meeting conducted under the Open Meetings Act requirements, relative to a quorum of the members of the Economic & Community Development Committee having to be physically present at a meeting when some members of the Economic & Community Development Committee are participating remotely, is not practical or prudent because of the disaster. In this regard, members of the Economic & Community Development Committee may be participating in the meeting through a virtual meeting platform.

While the public may attend the meeting, and provide comments, in person, residents are invited to view and participate remotely through the means offered below.

Public comments may be submitted in advance of the meeting, via email to CD@villageoflombard.org or by calling and leaving a voicemail at (630) 620-5929. The Village requests that written comments be submitted to the Village by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 10, 2022. Notwithstanding this request, all written comments received before the public comment portion of the agenda will be read into the public meeting record.

Individuals who wish to speak during the live meeting, other than in person, should contact the Village by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 10th by calling (630) 620-5929, or via email to CD@villageoflombard.org. Individuals who sign up to speak during the live meeting, other than in person, by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 10th will receive information about how to join the meeting by e-mail or phone, based upon their request, after the sign-up time ends.

The remote attendance options in place for this meeting have been adopted to comply with Governor Pritzker's Executive Orders regarding social distancing and to provide opportunities for self-isolation to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the greatest extent possible.

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Puccio at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2.0 Roll Call

Present 8 - Anthony Puccio, Dennis McNicholas, Garrick Nielsen, Matthew Pike, Laine Vant Hoff, Gregory Ladle, Alan Bennett, and Patrick Kennedy

Absent 1 - Paula Dillon

3.0 Public Participation

None

4.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Pike, and seconded by Mr. Kennedy, the minutes of the November 17, 2021 meeting were approved by the members present.

5.0 Unfinished Business

6.0 New Business

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Downtown Retail Business Grant; 5 S. Park Avenue Florence + Ice Cream (Time Extension Request)

The applicant is requesting a time extension due to construction delays of an additional six-month period (i.e., until July 13, 2022) for their previously approved grant.

Ms. Ganser reviewed the staff memo. She said Florence and Ice Cream is asking for a second time extension through July 13, 2022.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Nielsen, the ECDC approved the time extension.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Anthony Puccio, Dennis McNicholas, Garrick Nielsen, Matthew Pike, Laine Vant Hoff, Gregory Ladle, Alan Bennett, and Patrick Kennedy

Absent: 1 - Paula Dillon

7.0 Other Business

1. Village Board Strategic Plan - discussion and presentation regarding the recently adopted Plan and the forthcoming activities anticipated to be taken by Community Development staff to advance Economic Development and Operational Excellence Priorities

Mr. Heniff reviewed the Strategic Plan which was adopted by the Board in November 2021. He said this sets the priority items to staff and the ECDC. Mr. Heniff focused on economic development and operational excellence. He discussed the strategic initiatives, 2021 accomplishments, and 2022 goals.

Mr. McNicholas said he noticed the majority of permits are now online and said this may allow for staff to be more efficient. Mr. Heniff said yes, though there is still an administrative review of the permits. The main benefit is for the public who can apply at home or work and no longer needs to print large scale plans multiple times.

Mr. Bennett said he noticed the label for economic development didn't include redevelopment. He also noted the surplus of retail spaces. Trustee Puccio said that was part of the discussion. He mentioned the key sites like Dania which could develop in the future. Mr. Bennett said he was glad to hear that was considered.

Mr. Nielsen commented on the financial picture, bond rating, and stimulus money. Mr. Heniff said that is under the purview of the Finance Committee. Mr. Nielsen asked if the Village has any outstanding bonds and Mr. Heniff said he would check with the Finance Department.

Mr. Bennett asked if there were any considerations for home rule. Trustee Puccio said it was discussed and mentioned in the SWOT analysis, however the Board can't actively promote it.

Mr. Heniff said this topic is open and we will keep sharing updates. He said no vote or action is needed.

2. Presentation by Community Development staff pertaining to

Economic Development Strategic Planning

Mr. Heniff shared a PowerPoint from a conference by the International Economic Development Council from February 2020. He discussed items such as: business attraction and retention, zoning and building codes, priority items, barriers, partner organizations such as a bank or the Chamber, smart goals, and measuring those goals and targets. This item is for information only.

8.0 Information Only

Mr. Heniff reviewed past projects.

- Staff is working on a draft agreement with Heritage Cadillac.*
- The Hoffmann Group is doing demolition work and finalizing their financing.*
- Lilac Station is on target and staff is working with Prairie Food Co-op.*

Mr. Bennett asked about the approved office building at 136 E. St. Charles Road. Ms. Ganser said that is a project by Mesa Electronics is currently on hold. The zoning entitlements expire in the Spring 2022; however, they may ask the Board for a time extension

9.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Bennett and a second by Mr. Nielsen, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.