



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, November 12, 2012

7:00 PM

Village Hall - North Landing

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, Matthew Phillips, Jodee Baker, Brenda Gannon, Angel Camacho, and Jolie-Grace Wareham

Absent 2 - Garrick Nielsen, and Matthew Pike

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 Dan Whittington 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 Jodee Baker, seconded by Matthew Phillips, to approve the November 12, 2012 minutes. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

5.0 Unfinished Business

[120334](#)

Taxicabs and Liveries

Follow-up discussion as to the suggestions, comments and findings after meeting with taxi and livery business owners relative to the existing Village program as well as to the concepts introduced by the Committee in consideration of amending Section 121 of Village Code.

Mr. Heniff provided background on the item. He said at the July 31 and September 10, 2012 Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) meetings, discussion continued regarding the existing regulations that pertain to the operation of taxicabs and liveries within the community. This discussion included the review of the state and local regulations and statutes, flat rates versus metered rates, comparisons to other municipalities and general code amendments. At the September 10 meeting, staff presented the insights offered by existing businesses that may be affected by the code amendments. The ECDC also offered its comments and recommendation to provide the option of amending existing liveries to provide for a hybrid concept that would allow livery vehicles the opportunity to operate similarly to taxicabs in the Village. The ECDC reviewed the initial draft language and offered additional comments. Staff has incorporated the language into the attached text amendments for consideration.

Chairperson Breen suggested striking the added language to "Public Passenger Vehicle". Changes were also suggested the language for the method of rate calculation as it pertains to the registry period. Chairperson Breen also suggested changes to prorated licensing period for those licenses that are received after the renewal period. Chairperson Breen then asked staff about the provision related to the liquor restriction. Mr. Heniff provided background stating that this provision was similar to state law with regards to the operation of traditional taxicabs.

Ms. Baker questioned the added regulation expressing concerns about how it would be enforced. Chairperson Breen stated that the goal of the changes was not to add additional regulation. Consensus of the committee was to remove the liquor provision.

Chairperson Breen suggested changes to the rates of fare from \$0.20 for every one-tenth (1/10th) mile to \$2.00/mile. He also suggested striking the reference to contacting the Village Manger's office.

A motion was made by Jodee Baker, seconded by Angel Camacho, that this matter be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval with the revisions to the Taxicab and Liveries Ordinance. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

[120269](#)

Satellite Village Hall

Request to discuss possible sites for a Satellite Village Hall in the Downtown. (DISTRICTS #1 and #4)

Mr. Stilling provided background on the item. He said at the September 10, 2012 ECDC meeting, the committee reviewed and discussed the potential of a Satellite Village Hall office in downtown Lombard. Attached is the original staff memo along with a copy of the draft minutes of the discussion. The Committee continued this discussion to their November meeting to allow time for the LTC to determine if they will be relocating to a new first floor location. The ECDC felt that if the LTC relocated to a first floor location, there might be an opportunity for them to provide some of the basic functions contemplated through the satellite Village Hall concept (i.e., sell yard waste sticker, etc).

Mr. Stilling also said the LTC has provided staff with a status on their efforts to relocate to a new first floor tenant space. At this time, the LTC has not reached a deal with a landlord and may likely wait until after their funding request has been reviewed by both the ECDC and Village Board before proceeding with a new location. Mr. Stilling said staff is requesting that the ECDC make a recommendation to the Village Board relative to a downtown Satellite Village Hall location only. Pending the outcome of the Village Board's decision relative to this item, the Village and LTC can determine what other basic services may be offered in a new LTC office location. Staff recommends that the ECDC concur with the recommendation of the Finance Committee and not advance the downtown Village Hall concept.

Chairperson Breen questioned staff on the need for a recommendation now and suggested this item be continued. Mr. McNicholas agreed and recommended that this item be continued to the January, 2013 ECDC meeting. This was agreed to by all the members present.

6.0 New 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.

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 highlighted the several new businesses that have opened since the beginning of the year. He also highlighted the new WiFi, Design Committee chair and new ED.

Ms. Gannon commended the LTC for a well prepared report and really liked some of the new concepts and improvements they have made. Mr. Camacho suggested that the LTC continue to grow their outreach efforts to the residents and suggested that they also target the growing Hispanic community.

Ms. Iwinski provided some additional highlights and stated that she has had several showings with prospective businesses lately. Chairperson Breen suggested that the LTC provide a budget through the most current date for the December 10th meeting.

Ms. Baker stated that she felt the LTC was doing an excellent job and would recommend that the ED position be full time. 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 when the viaduct was constructed, it was hoped that it would solve many of the problems downtown and increase foot traffic. He said if the LTC provides essential services, then some level of funding should be provided. He said that there needs to be a long term solution to their funding. He suggested that the LTC start to explore the option of a future SSA. Mr. Heniff provided the committee with background on a SSA.

Mr. McNicholas stated that the TIF will expire and the LTC needs to think about when the money runs out. Ms. Baker suggested that the LTC needs to do more to highlight their revenue generation and donors. Ms. Iwinski said that seeking sponsorships and donors is a major goal for them.

Chairperson Breen directed them to start thinking about setting long range plans for revenue. He also suggested that the ECDC members email him if other ideas or questions come up between now and the next meeting.

The LTC funding discussion was continued to the December, 2012 ECDC meeting.

7.0 Other Business

8.0 Information Only

Development Update

Staff provided an update on recent development activity.

9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Dennis McNicholas, seconded by Jodee Baker, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.